

The American Osteopathic Foundation & American Osteopathic Association's Presidential Memorial Leadership Award

Scholarship Nomination

The **Presidential Memorial Leadership Award** was established in 2001 in honor of the leadership, commitment, and philanthropic endeavors of Past Presidents of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) who proudly served the profession over the years. This annual scholarship recognizes one Osteopathic medical student annually who embodies Osteopathic tenets through their outstanding character, service, and leadership.

Purpose

This scholarship was created to recognize Osteopathic medical students, actively involved in the AOA, who are committed to the principles of Osteopathic medicine and who have taken great strides toward becoming top student leaders. These individuals have been instrumental in motivating people, and they take conscious, well-calculated steps to develop themselves and their followers.

Award

One (1) educational scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to a student who exemplifies Osteopathic principles and best aligns with the scholarship purpose.

Eligibility

- Current OMS II, III, or IV in good standing at a COCA-Accredited College/School of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Current AOA membership required for nomination. (Students may register for complimentary AOA student membership [here](#).)
- Demonstrated commitment to the Osteopathic profession through word and deed. Participation in an AOA committee, workgroup or State Association is preferred.
- Strong leadership skills and demonstrated use of these skills.
- Noteworthy accomplishments, awards and honors, special projects and extracurricular activities that demonstrate the nominee's leadership abilities

Application Requirements

- [Completed online nomination](#) – COM/SOM nominations only
- A Letter of Good Standing from the Dean or their designee as an official document confirming the student's class ranking/GPA or that they are in the top quartile of their class. The letter should also confirm that, if received, this scholarship will not render the student ineligible for other financial aid opportunities or reduce the total aid for which they are eligible through the COM/SOM. An optional template is located [here](#).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from the following list: academic medical instructor, Osteopathic physician, professional mentor, or similar professional within the Osteopathic profession, detailing the nominee's leadership qualities, their commitment to Osteopathic principles, and what unique characteristics qualify them for this award.
- A one (1) page personal statement from the nominee that outlines their exemplary leadership, service and character, as well as their commitment to Osteopathic medicine.
- An unofficial copy of the student's COM/SOM transcript.

- Nominee's current curriculum vitae or resume (*include all current memberships, Osteopathic or other*); and a personal photo.
- Proof of current AOA membership.

Review Process

Applications close May 13, 2024. The selected student and their SOM/COM will be notified by July 31, 2024. The recipient will receive one (1) complimentary ticket to AOF's Honors Gala, on Friday, September 20, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas, and is invited to present at the AOF Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, September 21. The scholarship recipient will receive a stipend to defray travel and hotel expenses associated with attending the Honors Gala and AOF Board of Directors meeting.

