

The American Osteopathic Foundation's Prairie State Scholarship

Scholarship Application

July 1 – August 12, 2024

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Purpose

The AOF Prairie State Scholarship was established in 2015 through a gift from the Illinois Osteopathic Educational Foundation to provide financial assistance to an Osteopathic medical student who graduated from an Illinois high school to help reduce the cost of education.

Scholarship Award

One (1) annual educational scholarship award in the amount of \$5,000 will be presented to one (1) Osteopathic medical student who exemplifies the ideals of the Osteopathic profession, is an exemplary student and serves as an ambassador for the profession while completing their Osteopathic education.

Eligibility

- OMS II, OMS III, or OMS IV currently enrolled at College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM) **who graduated from an Illinois high school.**
- Applicants must be in good academic standing and in the top 50% of their class.
- Has significantly dedicated time to volunteer work in their community.
- Demonstrated commitment to their Osteopathic education and the profession.
- Participates in extracurricular activities that promote Osteopathic medicine to the public.
- [Complimentary student membership](#) in the AOA required to apply.

Requirements

- A completed online application form - *self-nominations are accepted.*
- A Letter of Good Standing from the Dean or their representative confirming a strong (top 50%) academic standing and verification that, if received, this award will not render the student illegible for other grants/scholarship opportunities within the school. A template can be found
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from the following list: academic medical instructor, Osteopathic physician, professional mentor, or similar professional within the Osteopathic profession that describe how the applicant exemplifies the purpose of the award. NOTE: one letter must be from an Osteopathic physician.
- Brief (one page) personal statement addressing eligibility criteria specific to the award.
- Official confirmation of graduation from an Illinois High School (diploma, etc.)
- Curriculum vitae or resume (*include all memberships, Osteopathic or other*); and a recent photo
- Official medical school academic transcript (*if Dean's letter unavailable*).

Review Process

Applications close August 12, 2024. Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed. Applicants will be notified in October and approved grants will be disbursed prior to December 31, 2024 upon completion of the required paperwork.

