

The American Osteopathic Foundation's Golden Ticket Scholarships

Scholarship Application

The American Osteopathic Foundation's (AOF) Golden Ticket Scholarships were established in 2017 by the Board of Directors to provide financial grants in recognition of exceptional Osteopathic medical students who carry a disproportionate financial burden during medical school.

Purpose

Golden Ticket Scholarships recognize those who, despite financial obstacles, have achieved academic excellence, display exemplary leadership, give of themselves through volunteer/community activities, and embody Osteopathic tenants and philosophy.

Scholarship

Up to five (5) educational scholarships will be awarded to medical students from Osteopathic medical schools across the country. Up to five (5) students will be selected as finalists and will each receive a \$5,000 educational scholarship. One (1) of the finalists will be selected to receive AOF's annual Golden Ticket and awarded an additional \$15,000 educational scholarship.

Eligibility

- OMS II, III, or IV enrolled at a College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM).
- Significant financial need affecting completion of education.
- In the top 25% of their class (outstanding academic achievement while in medical school).
- Demonstrated participation in school/community activities outside of any college requirements; may include leadership in professionally related organizations and activities while enrolled in Osteopathic medical school.
- Prior Golden Ticket award winners are not eligible.
- Current AOA membership required to apply. (Register for complimentary AOA student membership [here](#).)

Application Requirements

- [Completed online nomination form](#) – student must be nominated by COM/SOM
- A Letter of Good Standing from the Dean or their designee, confirming a strong (top quartile) academic standing and verification from the COM 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. An optional template is located [here](#).
- A Letter of Financial Need from the Director of Financial Aid or their representative confirming that the student qualifies for financial aid and verification 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. 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 contributions to the Osteopathic profession and/or their community service .
- A one (1) page personal statement from the nominee explaining why financial need is negatively impacting their education.
- Current curriculum vitae or resume (include memberships, Osteopathic or other), and a current photo
- Proof of AOA student membership.

Review Process

Applications close May 13, 2024. The selected student and their SOM/COM will be notified by July 31, 2024.

