



## The American Osteopathic Foundation & the Advocates for the AOA's Holiday Hug Grant

### Grant Application

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**Open: Monday, September 9, 2024**

**Close: Friday, October 11, 2024**

#### Purpose

The Advocates for the AOA (AAOA), in partnership with the American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF), created the **Holiday Hug Grant** in 2020 to help medical students or residents with year-end expenses. Expenses relating to residency programs and/or medical school can be particularly challenging around year-end holidays for those who have children/families to support. Recognizing this, the AAOA have created a fund, managed by the AOF, to aid those truly in need. With the mission of supporting Osteopathic medicine, the AAOA hopes this grant can be of support to you and your family.

#### Award

Up to three (3) grants of \$500 each will be given annually to help defray year-end and/or personal expenses.

#### Eligibility

- Applicants must be one of the following, with a current AAOA membership in good standing:
  - Osteopathic medical student or resident
  - Spouse of a medical school student

#### Nomination Requirements

- A completed application – *self nominations are accepted*
- A personal statement (approximately 250 words) about you, your family, and your need for the grant
- Proof of current AAOA membership

#### Review Process

Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed. Recipients will be notified by AOF via email by November 30, 2024. Funds will be distributed by AOF upon completion of grantee's required paperwork.