

American Osteopathic Foundation's Sterling K. Welch, DO, Scholars Grants

Scholarship Nomination

The American Osteopathic Foundation's (AOF) Sterling K. Welch, DO, Fund was established in 1965 through a bequest from Dr. Welch. Annually, scholarships are given in honor of Dr. Welch's outstanding generosity to the AOF and his desire to support Osteopathic medical students and promote education, this grant was established to provide monetary aid to osteopathic medical students

Purpose

This educational scholarship is awarded annually to Osteopathic medical students with significant financial need (as identified by COMs/SOMs), as well as strong academic achievement, participation in volunteer service activities, and a strong commitment to Osteopathic medicine.

Scholarship

A scholarship award of \$2,000 will be presented to one (1) student with financial constraints from each qualifying COM/SOM, branch campus, and location to help offset expenses associated with Osteopathic medical school.

Eligibility

- OMS I, II or III enrolled at a College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM) during the spring of 2024.
- Demonstrated significant financial need, and exemplifies at least 2 of the following additional requirements:
 - Good academic standing (50th percentile) with strong academic achievements.
 - Volunteer community service activities outside of college requirements.
 - Strong and clearly noticeable affinity for Osteopathic medicine.
- Current AOA membership required to apply. (You may register for complimentary AOA student membership [here](#).)
- Prior Golden Ticket Scholarship finalists and recipients are ineligible for this award.

Nomination Requirements

- [Completed online nomination form](#) – student must be nominated by COM/SOM
- A Letter of Good Standing from the Dean or their designee, indicating for which of the following requirements the student was nominated: academic standing and achievements, community service activities outside of college requirements, and strong affinity for Osteopathic medicine. 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](#).
- A one (1) page personal statement from the nominee explaining how the educational grant will be used.
- Current curriculum vitae or resume (include memberships, Osteopathic or other), and a current photo
- Proof of AOA student membership

Review Process

Nominations are accepted through October 31, 2024. The student and their SOM/COM will be notified on a rolling basis as nominations are submitted, but no later than December 31, 2024.

