



COLORADO SPRINGS OSTEOPATHIC FOUNDATION

Improving the health and well-being of our community consistent with our Osteopathic heritage

How to Apply for a John H. Drabing, D.O., Osteopathic Medical Student Scholarship

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 GENERAL INFORMATION

- Up to five tuition scholarships are available to students entering their third year at an **AOA accredited** College of Osteopathic Medicine in the summer of 2024.
- Each scholarship is for \$10,000 per year, up to a total of \$20,000 for years III and IV of medical school as long as the student remains in good academic standing with their College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Scholarship tuition funds are credited to the student's medical school business office account.
- Applications will be reviewed primarily on merit.
- Applicants with the most potential to become good Osteopathic physicians based on their demonstration of academic achievement, leadership, motivation and service to their community will be selected.
- The Foundation anticipates that its scholarship recipients, upon completion of their medical education will return to practice in Colorado.

ELIGIBILITY

- Only second-year students are eligible to apply for the scholarships (scholarships are awarded to selected recipients for their third year and fourth year if the recipients maintain their eligibility).
- Students who have full tuition scholarships are ineligible (Indian Health Service, National Health Service Corp, Health Professions Scholarship Program – Army, Navy and Air Force, other sources).
- Applicants must be enrolled at an AOA accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine (Documentation of College of Osteopathic Medicine admission is required).
- Only residents of Colorado are eligible to apply, with preference given to residents of Southern Colorado.
- Students must be U.S. citizens.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants **MUST** have their medical school submit their quartile and transcripts and if available their class ranking and grade point average for the first three semesters.
- Applicants **MUST** submit a list of the clubs and organizations that they belong to during medical school and their community service.
- Applicants **MUST** submit an essay stating why they want to be an osteopathic physician, where they see themselves professionally 10 years from now, their intention to return to Colorado to practice medicine, their history of having lived in Colorado, and any significant life challenges.
- Applicants **MUST** submit a curriculum vitae including extra curricular activities in the interim time between undergraduate and medical school.
- The scholarship recipient **MUST** keep the Foundation informed of address changes and status while enrolled in school during the period of funding and throughout residency.
- Tuition Scholarship recipients **MUST** give the Foundation's Executive Director permission to contact their college of medicine to ensure that they are still in good standing prior to releasing funds for the fourth year.
- Application submissions **MUST** be single-sided. Do not staple or bind your application.



COLORADO SPRINGS OSTEOPATHIC FOUNDATION

Improving the health and well-being of our community consistent with our Osteopathic heritage

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Beginning November 10, 2023** the scholarship application material will be available from the Financial Aid Offices at all accredited Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **Beginning November 10, 2023** the scholarship application material will be available on the Foundation's website at www.csof.org; potential applicants may also call the Foundation office at 719-635-9057 or email the office at DRalston@csof.org to obtain a copy.
- Complete applications should be received by the Foundation **no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2024**.
- A selection committee composed of Osteopathic physicians will review all completed applications **after January 26, 2024**.

ZOOM Interviews

- > Will be conducted between select medical student applicants and the scholarship committee. No telephone only interviews will be granted.
 - > Selected applicants will be assigned a specific interview time.
 - > Students must use ZOOM for the interviews.
 - > The interviews should last approximately 15 minutes each
- Award recipients will be notified by phone and mail in May.
 - Tuition scholarship payments will be made in two increments per year. \$5000 will be sent to the school's business office in July and December.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

- If a scholarship recipient withdraws from school permanently, the scholarship converts to a five year loan at 5% interest per year. Scholarship recipients are responsible to repay the Colorado Springs Osteopathic Foundation under the terms defined by the Foundation. Exceptions to this policy may be granted at the discretion of the Foundation.
- If a scholarship recipient is granted a leave of absence from their school for medical or other reasons, the Foundation will hold the un-awarded balance of scholarship funds for up to one year from the date of the leave approval. The student must return to school within one year in order to retain the scholarship.
- Conditions of leave and withdrawal are subject to the individual school policy.

QUESTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions should be directed to the Foundation by email at DRalston@csof.org or phone at 719-635-9057.

Information and applications may be downloaded from our web site at www.csof.org.

Colorado Springs Osteopathic Foundation
P.O. Box 49577
Colorado Springs, CO 80949
DRalston@csof.org
(719) 635-9057
www.csof.org