



2022 FALL NOMINATION-BASED AWARDS

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The American Osteopathic Foundation's 2022 WELCH SCHOLARS GRANT

Named in honor of Sterling Welch, DO, for his 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. Each qualifying College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM) and branch campus may nominate one student who is in significant financial need to receive a \$1,250 grant to offset the costs of attending Osteopathic medical school.

ELIGIBILITY

- OMS II or OMS III enrolled at a COCA-accredited College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM)* during the fall of 2022.
- Student has demonstrated significant financial need and exemplifies the following additional requirements:
 - In good academic standing and has strong academic achievement
 - Participates in volunteer and community service activities outside of school requirements; may include participation in academically related organizations or clinics while in Osteopathic medical school
 - Strong and clearly noticeable affinity for Osteopathic medicine

Note: Prior Golden Ticket Scholarship finalists and winners are ineligible for this award.

**Colleges/Schools of Osteopathic Medicine with pre-accredited or fully accredited status.*

Nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning in August, with awardees announced at the end of each month, through December 2022.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – NOMINATIONS OPEN AUGUST 1 - DECEMBER 15, 2022

- Completed nomination form from Dean-appointed COM/SOM representative- *self-nominations are not accepted*
- One (1) letter from the Dean or their designee as an official document indicating the student:
 - Is in good academic standing and has strong academic achievement
 - Participates in volunteer and community service activities outside of school requirements (may include participation in academically related organizations or clinics while in Osteopathic medical school)
 - Has a strong and clearly noticeable affinity for Osteopathic medicine
- One (1) letter from the Director of Financial Aid verifying the student's financial need
- One (1) personal statement (no more than 1 page in length) from the student with an explanation of how the grant will be used to advance their Osteopathic medical education
- Curriculum vitae or resume (*include memberships, Osteopathic or other*) and a recent photo



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The American Osteopathic Foundation's 2022 COVID-19 OSTEOPATHIC HERO AWARDS

Up to twenty (20) financial awards of up to \$1,000 each will be given by the end of December 2022 to honor healthcare professionals including practicing DOs, residents, Osteopathic medical students, nurses, MDs, teachers, pharmacists, and office staff who proved invaluable during these trying and unprecedented times. Osteopathic Heroes have gone above and beyond to provide exceptional pandemic-related patient care and/or addressed COVID-19 related medical necessities within their communities. Nominated by peers, colleagues or patients, Osteopathic Heroes will be recognized for the crucial role and vital care these individuals provided during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligible nominees include all healthcare workers; those affiliates with Osteopathic medicine preferred
- COVID related, hands-on, patient related, pandemic relief
- Patient-centered care will be prioritized
- Nominations for service to the community must include activities above and beyond classwork or job requirements
- The work or service for which the individual is being nominated must have occurred between the 2020-2022 calendar years

Nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning in August, with awardees announced at the end of each month, through December 2022.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS – OPEN AUGUST 1 – DECEMBER 15, 2022

- Completed nomination form – *organizational accounts must be used to nominate on behalf of the individual; self-nominations will not be accepted*
- One (1) letter of recommendation from the nominator that highlights:
 - The patient-centered care displayed; outline what specific actions from the nominee were above and beyond those around them
 - Service(s) to the community to bring medical relief for which the individual is being nominated (volunteerism, leadership, and/or contributions outside of job or classwork requirements)
 - How the individual embodies Osteopathic principles; how this work benefitted disadvantaged communities, provided exceptional patient care, or addressed health disparities
 - The name of a verifying source, such as a peer, colleague, supervisor, etc.
- A recent headshot or photo of the nominee
- Optional: supporting documentation, such as a CV or resume, articles, social media posts, awards, or formal commendations. These items shall serve as evidence to support the nomination, but are not required for consideration