

## Scholarship Information for VCOM Students

This is a partial list of scholarships available to medical students. Throughout the year, the Office of Financial Aid will provide updates to this information when they are available. While the Office of Financial Aid does provide resource information to you, you are encouraged to research scholarship opportunities on your own using the internet and other sources to find scholarships that meet your needs, qualifications, and interests, as scholarships are unique to individual interests and groups with which they are affiliated. The processes for applications, qualifications for acceptances, and deadlines vary widely, including in some cases arrangements for service work after graduation. The Office of Financial Aid will be glad to assist you if you have questions or need assistance in obtaining or completing an application.

### VCOM Scholarships

Applications for all of our VCOM scholarships are typically available from the Office of Financial Aid in the fall of each year.

#### **Appalachian Virginia Service Scholarship**

**\$2,500; non-renewable**

This scholarship was established to facilitate recruitment, training, and retention of students in the rural and underserved areas of Appalachian Virginia. Appalachian Virginia includes the counties of Alleghany, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Highland, Lee, Montgomery, Pulaski, Rockbridge, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise/Norton, and Wythe, and the independent cities of Bristol, Buena Vista, Covington, Galax, Lexington, Norton, and Radford. This one-time scholarship is awarded to an incoming first-year student whose career plan is to practice medicine in Appalachian Virginia. Recipients must be residents of Appalachian Virginia or have obtained an undergraduate degree from a four-year college or university in Appalachian Virginia.

#### **Cornwell Bireley Scholarship Fund**

**\$10,000; renewable**

This scholarship is awarded to one first-year student who plans to practice in rural Virginia or West Virginia in the service area region of Bluefield Regional Hospital.

#### **Friends to Optometrists Scholarship Fund**

**\$1,000; non-renewable**

This scholarship, founded by Gene Bane, O.D., was established in recognition of the positive relationship between the Osteopathic Physician and the Profession of Optometry. Recipients must have successfully completed the first six curricular blocks at VCOM, commit to practice in the state of Virginia in the Southwest Region, fall within the upper 50 percentile in GPA within the class, and demonstrate a financial need.

#### **Margaret Palmieri Rural Health Scholarship**

**\$1,500; non-renewable**

This scholarship was established by the friends and family of Margaret Palmieri for second year medical students whose career plan is to practice medicine in a town with a population under 15,000 in rural Virginia or Appalachia. The recipient must have successfully completed six curricular blocks within the VCOM curriculum and have been promoted to second year status. Only one scholarship will be awarded annually and can only be received once.

**North Carolina Service Scholarship**

**\$2,500; non-renewable**

This scholarship was established to facilitate recruitment, training, and retention of students in the rural and underserved areas of North Carolina. This one-time scholarship is awarded to an incoming first-year student whose career plan is to practice medicine in North Carolina. Recipients must be residents of North Carolina or have obtained an undergraduate degree from a four-year college or university in North Carolina.

**Rural or Underserved Virginia Service Scholarship**

**\$2,500; non-renewable**

This scholarship was established to facilitate recruitment, training, and retention of students in the rural and underserved areas of Virginia. Rural and underserved areas of Virginia include the Virginia Department of Health's Virginia Medically Underserved Areas (VMUAs) and the Virginia Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). This one-time scholarship is awarded to an incoming first-year student whose career plan is to practice medicine in a rural or underserved area of Virginia. Recipients must be residents of a rural or underserved area of Virginia or have obtained an undergraduate degree from a four-year college or university in a rural or underserved area of Virginia.

## **Outside Agency Scholarships**

**Alabama Osteopathic Medical Association**

**\$5,000; non-renewable**

The Alabama Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) awards this scholarship to two students in good academic standing who have completed the first year of training in a college of osteopathic medicine and who agree to return to the state of Alabama after residency to practice medicine.

Contact: E. Jason Hatfield, D.O., Secretary-Treasurer  
Alabama Osteopathic Medical Association  
P.O. Box 1857; (200 Carraway Drive, Suite 1)  
Winfield AL 35594  
<http://www.aloma.org>, then choose Scholarships on the left

**American Medical Women's Association**

**amounts vary**

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) awards several scholarships to medical students who are currently attending an accredited U.S. medical or osteopathic school. Applicants must be an AMWA student member.

Contact: American Medical Women's Association  
100 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
<http://www.amwa-doc.org>, then choose Students ► Awards & Scholarship

**Motyka Dannin Osteopathic Educational Foundation**

**amounts vary**

These loans are open to students who are Indiana residents in the first or second year in an osteopathic medical school accredited by the AOA and who intend to return to Indiana to practice osteopathic medicine. Applicants must be of good moral character, demonstrate financial need and be available for a personal interview if requested. The application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Mr. Michael Claphan  
The Motyka Dannin Foundation  
3520 Guion Road, Suite 202  
Indianapolis, IN 46222-1672  
Ph.: (800) 942-0501 or (317) 926-3009

**Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Steury Medical Student  
Scholarship Fund**

**\$25,000; renewable**

Administered by the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), this scholarship is open to students beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year toward an M.D. or D.O. degree. Recipients must be committed to foreign or domestic medical missions, be U.S. citizens, and be current CMDA members. Personal interviews are required with up to \$500 travel reimbursement. The application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Debra Deyton  
Steury Medical Scholarship  
PO Box 7500  
Bristol, TN 37621  
[http://www.cmda.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Steury\\_Mission\\_Scholarship](http://www.cmda.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Steury_Mission_Scholarship)  
Email: [debra@cmda.org](mailto:debra@cmda.org)

**Frank and Louise Groff Foundation**

**amounts vary; renewable**

The Frank and Louise Groff Foundation offers scholarships for students pursuing a career in medicine. Recipients must have graduated from a public high school in Monmouth County, New Jersey. Other criteria include financial need, academic accomplishment, and involvement in school and community activities. The application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Mrs. Susan Rechel  
Attn: Groff Foundation  
15 Floyd Wycoff Road  
Morganville, NJ 07751  
[http://www.geocities.com/groff\\_scholarship/](http://www.geocities.com/groff_scholarship/)  
Email: [srechel@verizon.net](mailto:srechel@verizon.net)  
Ph.: (732) 842-8000, ext. 213

**Health Focus of Southwest Virginia**

**amounts vary**

The Lewis Gale Foundation provides scholarships for students in all levels of medical training. Recipients must have already been accepted into a medical program. Preference is given to residents of Virginia with financial need. The application deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Health Focus of Southwest Virginia  
<http://www.healthfocusswva.org/>  
Email: [channah@healthfocusswva.org](mailto:channah@healthfocusswva.org)  
Ph.: (540) 774-4022, ext. 202

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation National Graduate Scholarship up to \$50,000; renewable**

This is a merit award for exceptional students who have received an undergraduate degree within the past 5 years with a 3.5 minimum undergraduate GPA and who demonstrate financial need. Students cannot apply directly to the foundation, but must be nominated by an authorized faculty representative at their undergraduate institution.

Contact: <http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org>

Ph.: (800) 498-6478

**Japanese Medical Society of America**

**up to \$5,000; non-renewable**

The Japanese Medical Society of America (JMSA) awards scholarships to students who demonstrate academic excellence and show a strong interest in JMSA and its goals. Members of JMSA consist of medical professionals as well as non-medical professionals concerned with medical issues. JMSA is dedicated to promoting the exchange of medical and educational information between the U.S. and Japan, as well as disseminating it to the lay audience. The application deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: JMSA, Yuzuru Anzai, MD

<http://www.jmsa.org/>, then choose Scholarships

Email: [yuzuru.anzai@med.nyu.edu](mailto:yuzuru.anzai@med.nyu.edu)

**Kenneth and Bessie Ladeau Trust**

**\$500**

The Kenneth and Bessie Ladeau Trust awards scholarships to medical students who have completed their first year of medical school, are in good academic standing, demonstrate financial need, and are of high moral character. Preference is given to New Hampshire and Vermont residents with interests in heart ailments or cancer. The application deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: L. Raymond Massucco, Esq., Trustee  
Kenneth & Bessie Ladeau Trust  
c/o Kissell & Massucco & Marchica, P.C.  
90 Westminster Street  
Bellows Falls, VT 05101  
Ph.: (802) 463-3303  
Fax: (802) 463-2222

**Lancaster City and County Medical Society**

**\$6,000; renewable**

The Lancaster City and County Medical Society offers one scholarship each year to a first year medical student. The scholarship continues for four years of study and is based on merit and need. The recipient must be a resident of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The award is based on scholarship and need.

Contact: Beverly Shank, Executive Director  
Lancaster City and County Medical Society  
135 E. Walnut Street  
Lancaster, PA 17602  
Ph.: (717) 393-9588

**Marius “Gabe” DeGabriele Scholarship**

**\$500 - non-renewable**

This scholarship is awarded by the Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE). You must be a member of ANTSHE to apply and have a GPA of at least 3.5. Two letters of recommendation are also required. The application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: ANTSHE, Stephanie Sirovatka-Marshall  
<http://www.antshe.org/Scholarships/Scholarships.htm>  
Email: [scholarshipofficer@antshe.org](mailto:scholarshipofficer@antshe.org)

**Mid-Tidewater Medical Society**

**\$500 - renewable**

This scholarship is awarded to a medical student who attends a Virginia medical school and is a resident of the counties of Gloucester, Mathews, Middlesex, Essex, King, or Queen. Application deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Karen A. Ransone, M.D.  
P.O. Box 916  
Deltaville, VA 23043  
804-776-8000  
[karen.ransone@rivhs.com](mailto:karen.ransone@rivhs.com)

**National Medical Fellowships, Inc.**

**\$500 - \$10,000**

National Medical Fellowships, Inc. awards are offered primarily to first and second year medical students, although a few selected programs are open to third year students. A rigorous application process ensures that assistance is provided to students with the greatest documented need.

Contact: <http://www.nmfonline.org/programs.html>

**Nevada State Medical Association Scholarship**

**\$500 - \$3,000**

The Nevada State Medical Association offers grants to students who are legal Nevada residents attending out-of-state medical schools. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

Contact: Nevada State Medical Association  
Amy Paris  
Grants-In-Aid Program  
3660 Baker Lane #101  
Reno, NV 89509  
Email: [aparis@nsmadocs.org](mailto:aparis@nsmadocs.org)  
Ph.: (775) 825-6788  
Fax: (775) 825-3202

**New Jersey Osteopathic Education Foundation**

**amounts vary**

Approximately five scholarships are awarded each year by the New Jersey Osteopathic Education Foundation (NJOEF) to deserving students entering their first year in an osteopathic college. Recipients must be residents of New Jersey and have completed four years of pre-medical education. Requirements also include a minimum 3.0 GPA, financial need, motivation, and professional promise. The application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: New Jersey Osteopathic Education Foundation  
One Distribution Way, Suite 201  
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852  
<http://www.njosteo.com/aboutnjaops/awards.asp>  
Email: [njaops@njosteo.com](mailto:njaops@njosteo.com)  
Ph.: (732) 940-9000  
Fax: (732) 940-8899

**Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation**

**amounts vary**

The Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation awards scholarships to second, third, and fourth year medical students who are residents of the Pacific Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington State) and to those who have lived, worked, or attended institutions of higher education in the Pacific Northwest. The application deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation  
Dennis Lavery  
1410 SW Morrison Street, Suite 700  
Portland, OR 97205  
<http://www.nwesteo.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=9>  
Email: [lavery@nwesteo.org](mailto:lavery@nwesteo.org)  
Ph.: (888) 696-7836 or (503) 222-7161  
Fax: (503) 222-2841

**Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine**

**amounts vary**

The Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine (OEFOM) awards scholarships to Oklahoma residents currently enrolled in a college of osteopathic medicine. Major criteria include class standing and cumulative GPA with preference given to students who have already completed their first two years and indicate a desire to practice in Oklahoma. The application deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Oklahoma Educational Foundation for Osteopathic Medicine  
4848 North Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3335  
[http://www.okosteo.org/oefom\\_contributing](http://www.okosteo.org/oefom_contributing)  
Email: [oefom@okosteo.org](mailto:oefom@okosteo.org)  
Ph.: (800) 522-8379 or (405) 528-4848  
Fax: (405) 528-6102



**Oliver Goldsmith, M.D., Scholarship**

**\$5,000; non-renewable**

This scholarship is offered by Kaiser Permanente honoring medical/osteopathic students entering their third or fourth year of medical school who intend to practice in Southern California. Recipients must have demonstrated their commitment to diversity through community service, clinical volunteering, or research. This scholarship program also includes a Kaiser Permanente physician mentor and a rotation at a Kaiser Permanente facility. The application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Oliver Goldsmith, M.D. Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Vanessa Hernandez  
Resident Recruitment and Outreach  
94 S. Los Robles  
Pasadena, CA 91101  
<http://residency.kp.org/scal/scholarship.html>  
Fax: (626) 564-5822

**Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association Foundation    amounts vary**

The Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association Foundation (POMAF) has two scholarship programs (the A. Archie Feinstein, D.O. Scholarship and the District 8 Scholarship) and one loan program (the Alfred A. Grilli, D.O. Student Loan). The A. Archie Feinstein, D.O. Scholarship is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students who are Pennsylvania residents or those who were residents just prior to entering medical school. The District 8 Scholarship is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students who are Pennsylvania residents from only District 8 counties. The Alfred A. Grilli, D.O. Student Loan program is open to 4<sup>th</sup> year students who are Western Pennsylvania residents. Applications are available through the Office of Financial Aid in the spring of each year. The application deadline for all three programs is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association Foundation  
1330 Eisenhower Blvd.  
Harrisburg, PA 17111-2395  
Ph.: (800) 544-7662 or (717) 939-9318  
Fax: (717) 939-7255

**Pisacano Scholars Leadership Program**

**\$7,000; renewable**

The Pisacano Scholars Leadership Program provides educational programs, leadership training, and funding for outstanding fourth year medical students who make a commitment to the specialty of family medicine. The program is designed to reimburse a portion of medical school debt incurred by the student by the conclusion of residency in family medicine. A portion of the funds will be distributed to the student during their fourth year of medical school and the remaining funds will be distributed over the required three-year residency. The maximum scholarship award is \$28,000; recipients are awarded up to \$7,000 per year for up to four years. In addition, each applicant must show demonstrable leadership skills, superior academic achievement, strong communication skills, identifiable character and integrity, and a noteworthy level of community service. The application deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Pisacano Leadership Foundation  
2228 Young Drive  
Lexington, KY 40505-4294  
<http://www.fpleaders.org/>  
Ph.: (859) 269-5626 or (888) 995-5700  
Fax: (859) 335-7501

**Roanoke Valley Academy of Medicine Alliance**

**amounts vary**

The Roanoke Valley Academy of Medical Alliance (RAMA) awards multiple scholarships each year to students who attended a high school in the Roanoke Valley or who have lived and worked in the Roanoke Valley for at least one year. This includes Roanoke City and County (including Vinton), Salem, Botetourt County, Franklin County, Craig County, and additional regional areas at the discretion of the RAMA Foundation board. Applications are available through the Office of Financial Aid in the spring of each year and awards are made in May. The application deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Contact: Roanoke Valley Academy of Medicine Alliance Foundation  
Marlo Pearson  
P.O. Box 8602  
Roanoke, VA 24014  
Ph.: (540) 342-2736

**Sherry R. Arnstein Minority Student Scholarships**

**\$1,000; non-renewable**

This award, named after former American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) Executive Director Sherry R. Arnstein, recognizes newly entering students from underrepresented minorities at AACOM's member colleges of osteopathic medicine. Applications must be postmarked by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: AACOM – Arnstein New Student Minority Student Scholarship  
Office of Government Relations  
5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 310  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7231  
<http://www.aacom.org/InfoFor/students/Pages/default.aspx>  
Ph.: (301) 968-4151



**Student Osteopathic Medical Association**

**amounts vary**

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) offers several different scholarships to its members. The application deadlines vary depending on the scholarship.

Contact: John Litchfield, Associate Director of Scholarships

<http://www.studentdo.com/scholarships.htm>

Email: [jlitchfield@vwsom.edu](mailto:jlitchfield@vwsom.edu)

**Thomas Jefferson Mensa of Central Virginia**

**amounts vary**

The Mensa Education and Research Foundation awards various scholarships each year to students from areas in specific chapter regions. VCOM is in the Thomas Jefferson Chapter region. The only other eligibility requirement is that the applicant must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident. The general awards are unrestricted as to age, race, gender, level of education, academic grade point average, and financial need. The special awards are made for additional specific criteria. Membership in Mensa is **NOT** required. Applications must be postmarked by January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Thomas Jefferson Mensa Scholarship Committee, Andres Howell

2645 Blossom Trail East

Blacksburg, VA 24060

<http://www.mensafoundation.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Scholarships1>

**Tylenol Scholarship Fund**

**\$5,000 - \$10,000**

These scholarships are open to students enrolled in a health-related field. There are 30 \$5,000 awards and 10 \$10,000 awards being offered for 2009-2010. Applications are published on-line each year in February.

Contact: [www.tylenolscholarship.com](http://www.tylenolscholarship.com)

800-962-5357

**Virginia Farm Bureau Rural Health Essay Contest**

**\$1,000; non-renewable**

The Virginia Farm Bureau Rural Health Essay Contest is open to college students who are interested in health-related careers in rural areas and who are from Virginia Farm Bureau member families. Entries can be submitted electronically. The submission deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Contact: Virginia Farm Bureau

[http://www.vafb.com/programs/contests/rural\\_health.htm](http://www.vafb.com/programs/contests/rural_health.htm)

**William G. Anderson Fund**

**\$5,000; non-renewable**

This scholarship fund, named for William G. Anderson, D.O., Past President of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), was established to help minority students overcome financial barriers to attending medical school and to encourage students to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine. The application deadline is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Contact: American Osteopathic Foundation

<http://www.aof-foundation.org/index.cfm?fa=grants.detail&gid=33>

### **Worcester, MA District Medical Society**

**amounts vary**

The Worcester District Medical Society awards scholarships to currently enrolled second, third, and fourth year medical students who are legal residents of Central Massachusetts. A list of qualifying cities and towns is provided on their website. Recipients are selected based on academic performance, financial need, and community service activities. The application deadline is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Contact: Worcester, MA District Medical Society  
321 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
[http://www.wdms.org/scholarship\\_fund.htm](http://www.wdms.org/scholarship_fund.htm)  
Email: [wordmsa@massmed.org](mailto:wordmsa@massmed.org)  
Ph.: (508) 753-1579  
Fax: (508) 754-6246

## **Scholarship Lists From Other Agencies**

AACOM

<http://www.aacom.org/InfoFor/students/finaid/Pages/default.aspx>

FastWeb.com

<http://www.fastweb.com>

College Board

[http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)

Scholarships.com

<http://www.scholarships.com/>

## **National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program**

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) offers a competitive scholarship program designed for students committed to providing primary health care in communities of greatest need. This scholarship will pay for tuition, fees, books, supplies, some equipment, and health insurance. It also provides a living stipend. Recipients must complete their residencies in one of the following specialties: family medicine, general pediatrics, general internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry, or a rotating internship with a request to complete one of the above specialties. Directly upon completion of residency, recipients will be placed at a practice site in a federally designated health professional shortage area identified as having the greatest need. The period of service is one year for each year of support you receive, with a 2-year minimum commitment.

To sign up to receive an email when the new application is released, go to the NHSC website at <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/applications/scholarship/> or call NHSC directly at 1-800-638-0824. VCOM's identifying school code for these applications is 3448. The application deadline for the 2009-2010 aid year is April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

## Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program

A number of our students participate in the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). This scholarship will pay for tuition, fees, books, health insurance, and some equipment. It also provides a living stipend. In return for the scholarship, recipients must serve a minimum of one year for each year the scholarship is received. The Army National Guard also has additional stipend and loan repayment programs. For more information, please contact:

### Army Health Care Recruitment

Captain Brett M. Phillips  
1102 Third Avenue, Suite 107  
Huntington, WV 25701  
Ph.: (304) 697-7338 or  
Cell: (877) 454-7036  
Email:  
[BRETT.PHILLIPS@USAREC.ARMY.MIL](mailto:BRETT.PHILLIPS@USAREC.ARMY.MIL)  
<http://www.goarmy.com>

### Air Force Health Care Recruitment

Brandon K. Cleveland, TSgt USAF  
360<sup>th</sup> Recruiting Group  
5211 Auth Road, Suite 202B  
Suitland, MD 20746  
Ph.: 301-394-0903  
Fax: 301-394-0906  
Email: [Brandon.Cleveland@rs.af.mil](mailto:Brandon.Cleveland@rs.af.mil)  
Website: [www.hp.airforce.com](http://www.hp.airforce.com)

### Army Reserves Recruitment

Staff Sergeant Carol Bankston  
1102 Third Avenue, Suite 107  
Huntington, WV 25701  
Ph.: (877) 336-8276  
Email: [Carol.Bankston@usarec.army.mil](mailto:Carol.Bankston@usarec.army.mil)

### Navy Health Care Recruitment

Isaac Jenkins, HM1(FMF)  
Navy Recruiting Station Christiansburg  
2045 North Franklin Street  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
Ph.: (540) 589-4419  
Cell: (540) 421-3218  
Email: [isaac.jenkins@navy.mil](mailto:isaac.jenkins@navy.mil)  
<http://www.navy.com>

### Virginia Army National Guard

Phyllis R. Sykes, Cpt, AN  
5901 Beulah Road  
Sandston, VA 23150  
Ph.: (804) 328-3079  
Cell: (804) 314-3670  
Email: [phyllis.sykes@va.ngh.army.mil](mailto:phyllis.sykes@va.ngh.army.mil)