

**PRIVATE LOAN
AND
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

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This list of private loan and scholarship programs is for students and applicants of SIU School of Medicine. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list but to supplement other financial aid information available from this office. Web site: www.siumed.edu/studentaffairs/scholarships.html

PRIVATE LOAN PROGRAMS

American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) Medical Education Loans – Eligibility requirements: you must be a AMWA National student member; attend an accredited U.S. allopathic or osteopathic medical school; be in mid-first, second or third year; U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident. Loans ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,500 are granted per year, per. No interest accrues for this loan while the student is in medical school, and there is no penalty for repaying the loan prior to accrual of interest. Interest, at 7%, begins December 15th after graduation, and repayment begins January 15th after graduation with payment to be completed within three years. For additional information: Phone: 703-838-0500. E-mail: mglanz@amwa-doc.org

Den T. Bunting Memorial Student Loan Fund - This fund provides loans to medical students who agree to return to Wayne County, Illinois, to practice medicine. Fifty percent of the loan is forgiven at the completion of five years. The remaining 50% accrues interest of 6% and is due at the rate of 20% per year, starting one year after entering medical practice in Wayne County. For more information contact Chief Executive Officer, Fairfield Memorial Hospital. Phone: 618-842-2611.

Edward Arthur Mellinger Educational Foundation, Inc. - Students demonstrating financial need, academic achievement, good character, and general merit are considered for this loan program. No interest accrues while in school. Upon graduation, interest begins to accrue at 6% per annum, with ten years to repay. Application deadline is June 1st. Loans may be renewed each year. Write to: Edward Arthur Mellinger Educational Foundation, Inc., 1025 E. Broadway, Monmouth, IL 61462. Phone: 309-734-2419

Albert Strickler Memorial Fund - This fund distributes yearly loans of \$400 to \$1,000 to medical students, preferably of the Jewish faith, who demonstrate significant financial need. Loan recipients are asked to repay the loan within five years of graduation. Applications are available from April 1st to June 30th from the Springfield Financial Aid Office.

Southern Illinois Medical Association (SIMA) Student Loan - Loans are made to medical students, based on financial need, from the SIMA areas of Madison, Clinton, Marion, Clay, Richland, and Lawrence, Illinois, counties and all counties to the south. The amount of the loan will be \$1,000 per semester to sophomore, junior, and senior medical students in an approved medical school who will become practicing physicians, giving a total loan of \$6,000 to the student over a period of three years. Interest at one-half the prime rate will begin to accrue one year after graduation, for a total of four years, at which time the prime rate will prevail. For further information contact Dale Rosenberg, M.D., Executive Secretary-Treasurer, SIMA, 6401 W. Main, Belleville, IL 62223. Phone: 618-398-5600.

Hattie M. Strong Foundation Student Loans – Loans are made to students entering their final year of medical study. Loans are made solely on the basis of individual merit without regard to race, sex, or religion, are interest free and do not require collateral. The terms of repayment are based upon monthly income after graduation and are arranged with each individual so as to work out a minimum of hardship. Applicants apply in writing between January 1st and March 31st, giving a brief personal history and identification of the educational institution attended, subject studied, date expected to complete studies, and the amount of funds needed. For more information contact Hattie M. Strong Foundation, 735 Eye St. NW, Ste. 705, Washington, DC 20006. Phone: 202-331-1619.

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH HELPFUL HINTS - Numerous scholarships are available, but you must be willing to make the effort to search for them. Contact fraternal and/or service organizations. If you have ever volunteered at a hospital contact the hospital auxiliary. Also try contacting your high school guidance counselor and trust departments of your local banks. Perform free scholarship database searches via the Web by accessing the Financial Aid Information Page (www.finaid.org), Scholar Aid (www.scholaraid.com), Molis (for minority students) (www.content.sciencewise.com/molis) and www.Fastweb.com. Information is now available via a searchable database that provides detailed profiles of many of the state and federal loan forgiveness and repayment programs available to allopathic medicine and other health professions students at www.aamc.org/stloan.

American Association of University Women Educational Foundation Scholarship - Amount: \$5,000 to \$9,000 per year. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a minority female and must be in last year of medical school (must begin final year of degree program in September of the year following application). Application deadline: December 15th. To request further information and/or an application contact: AAUW Educational Foundation Programs, 1111 16th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Web site: www.aauw.com

American Indian Graduate Center Award - Amount: \$250 to \$10,000 for a nine-month academic program. (Awards are based on each applicant's unmet financial need as verified by the applicant's college financial aid office.) Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a Native American Indian (must be one-quarter or more of Indian blood from a federally recognized tribe), plan to enroll in or be engaged in graduate or professional study, have demonstrated the ability to pursue graduate study, and must need financial assistance after all other sources of funding have been explored. Application deadline: May 1st. To request further information and/or an application contact: Executive Director, American Indian Graduate Center, 4520 Montgomery Boulevard, NE, Ste. 1-B, Albuquerque, NM 87109-1291. Phone: 505-881-4584. Web site: www.aigc.com

American Medical Women's Association Foundation Wilhelm-Frankowski Scholarship - Amount: \$4,000. You must be an AMWA National student member; attend an accredited U.S. allopathic or osteopathic medical school; be in mid-first, second or third year. Criteria includes involvement in: community service; AMWA student activities; women in medicine groups or other medical student groups; work, research and participation in women's health issues. Application deadline: April 30th (all supporting documentation must be received by May 15th). To request further information and/or an application contact: Marie Glanz, 801 N. Fairfax St., Ste. 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-838-0500. FAX: 703-549-3864. E-mail: mglanz@amwa-doc.org. Web site: www.amwa-doc.org

Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarships - An eligible student applies to one of the three branches of the Armed Forces listed below. While in the program the student receives a monthly stipend, with the amount depending on the branch of service. The service also pays all tuition, mandatory fees, and related academic expenses. The student incurs an obligation of a minimum tour of duty of three years. Contact a recruiter:

Army Health Care Recruiting
Sergeant First Class
Mike Wilson
Phone: 314-739-5760

Navy Recruiting
1222 Spruce St., 10th Fl.
St. Louis, MO 63103-2815
Phone: 314-331-4334

Air Force Recruiting
2600 Forum Blvd. Ste. F
Columbia, MO 65203
Phone: 573-446-6750

Armenian Students' Association - Amount: Up to \$5,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be of Armenian ancestry, enrolled full time in a four-year accredited college in the U.S. be at least a sophomore, demonstrate financial need, have demonstrated good academic performance, show self help, and must participate in extracurricular activities. Application deadline: April 1st (deadline for requesting application is February 15th). To request further information and/or an application contact: R:A.S.A. Scholarship Committee, 333 Atlantic Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888. Phone: (401) 461-6114. Applications also available on their web site: www.asainc.org

Belleville Memorial Hospital Medical Student Grant Program – The goal of the Memorial Hospital Medical Student Grant Program is to increase the number of physicians practicing in St. Clair County, Illinois. The program targets students pursuing a medical degree in primary care, orthopedics and cardiology, but they haven't ruled out other specialties. Qualification or criteria for applying: a student must be accepted or enrolled in good standing in an allopathic or osteopathic medical school. Students waiting for confirmation of acceptance to medical school also may apply. Only students pursuing one of the designated specialties are eligible for grant funds. Grants for tuition, fees and living expenses are available to a limited number of eligible medical students. Grant recipients repay the awards by practicing medicine in the Belleville, Illinois area or a mutually agreed upon within Memorial Hospital's extended service area. Grant applications are available on their web site at www.memhosp.com/medgrant.html

Carroll L. Birch Research Award - Amount: \$1,000. To be eligible for this award, you must be: AMWA National student member and attend an accredited U.S. allopathic or osteopathic medical school. To enter you must prepare an original research manuscript that may have been published previously; provide all personal information on the title page: title, author(s), entrant's name, address, phone number, email, school name and your graduation date; include an abstract of 250 words or less; manuscript title must be on the top of the abstract as well as the manuscript itself. If the student is not the first author, a cover letter from the principle investigator must accompany the manuscript that describes the entrant's contribution to the work. What to send: 4 copies of the manuscript; a letter from your faculty research sponsor; a cover letter stating your medical school, graduation date and permanent mailing address. Application deadline: June 30th. To request further information contact: Marie Glanz, AMWA Glasgow Essay Award, 801 N. Fairfax St., Ste. 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-838-0500. FAX: 703-549-3864. E-mail: mglanz@amwa-doc.org. Web site: www.amwa-doc.org

E. Craig Brandenburg Graduate Awards - Amount: \$500 to \$2,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be full member of United Methodist Church, should be 35 years of age or older, desire to make a special contribution to society, and must have special needs due to a change of location, interrupted study, or continuing education. Awards are need based. Application deadline: March 1st. To request further information and/or an application contact: General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Office of Loans and Scholarships, P.O. Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203-0007. Phone: 615-340-7344. Fax: 615/340-7346. Web site: www.gbhem.org

Raena Brown Scholarship Trust - Funds from this trust are available partially as grants, gifts, and in the form of loans to be repaid after graduation from medical school. Loans are interest free while attending medical school full time. Upon graduation the loan interest will be due and payable quarterly during residency. Upon residency completion, the total loan amount will be amortized, principal and interest, over a five-year term. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be from the Illinois cities/villages of: Arlington, Sublette, Compton, Triumph, Earlville, Troy Grove, LaMoille, Van Orin, Mendota, W. Brooklyn, Paw Paw and farming areas surrounding these communities. To request further information and/or an application contact: Amcore Investment Group, N.A., 801 Washington St., Mendota, IL 61342. Phone: 815-539-9346.

Business and Professional Women's Career Advancement Scholarship - Career Advancement Scholarship Program awards financial assistance to disadvantaged women who want to further their education. Amount: \$500 to \$1,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a female who is 25 years of age or older, be a U.S. citizen, demonstrate financial assistance, have clear career plans, be accepted into a program or course of study in an accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, and must graduate within 12 to 24 months from the date of grant. Application deadline: April 15th. To request information and/or an application contact: Business and Professional Women's Fdn. Educ. Programs, 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: 202-293-1200. Web site: www.bpwusa.org/content/BPWFoundation/Scholarships/scholarships_introtex.htm

Carbondale Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship - Amount: \$1,500 per year, up to four years. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a Carbondale-area applicant or currently enrolled student who is pursuing a health careers program. Award is based upon interest, scholarship, and financial need. To request further information and/or an application contact: Memorial Hospital-Carbondale, Auxiliary Scholarship, Director of Volunteer Services, 404 W. Main, Carbondale, IL 62901. Phone: 618-549-0721.

Dr. Leonard J. Cerullo Medical Scholarship - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be an Italian American (one parent must be of Italian descent), be planning a career in a medical field, have knowledge of the Italian language, hold an acceptance or be presently enrolled in medical school, submit two letters of recommendation from instructors, and must submit a black and white photograph. Application deadline: May 15th. Applications are available in the Springfield Financial Aid Office. Mail application to: Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, 500 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 536, Chicago, IL 60611. Phone: 312-942-6644.

Chinese American Physician's Society Scholarships (CAPS) - Amount: \$2,000 to \$3,000. **Dr. Lester Chen Scholarship** - qualifications or criteria for applying: must be of Asian descent, and must be from the San Francisco Bay, California, area. **Other CAPS Scholarship for All Medical Students** - qualifications or criteria for applying: these scholarships are awarded to medical students in need of financial aid regardless of their hometown, sex, race, or color. Applicants are judged according to academic achievements, financial need, community service records, and essays. Special credit is also given to those willing to serve a Chinese community after graduation. Application deadline: First Friday of October (due to large number of application requests, a self-addressed, stamped envelope is to be enclosed with the application request). To request further information and/or an application, visit their web site: www.caps-ca.org Phone: 510-895-5539.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) - The CHCI Scholarship Connection (CSC) is a service designed to help Hispanic students access scholarships and other sources of financial assistance free of charge. In partnership with Fastweb.com, the service provides Hispanic students with substantial financial aid information by connecting you to a personal scholarship search engine that will provide you with specific scholarships to apply. In order for CSC to conduct a personal scholarship search, each student must register by clicking on the Fastweb.com link. Please note that you do not necessarily have to have a high grade point average to qualify for awards. You never know what you are eligible for until you apply. Hispanic high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students are eligible to apply. Web site: www.chci.org

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship Program - The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will award scholarships to seniors and recent graduates planning to attend graduate school for the first time starting this fall. Each award covers a portion of educational expenses, including tuition, living

expenses, required fees, and books for the graduate degree chosen. The amount and duration of awards vary by student based on the cost of attendance and the length of the graduate program as well as other scholarships or grants received. The maximum available per student per year of study is \$50,000 and the maximum length is six years. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Faculty Representative at their institution must nominate students interested in this scholarship. Please see the list of designated faculty representatives on their web site. Students may not apply directly to the Foundation for this program. For application guidelines and materials, call 1-800-498-6478 or email jkc-g@act.org. Web Site: www.jackkentcookefoundation.org

Crusade Scholarship Program - Amount: Based on the amount of funding available each year, for up to three years. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a full-time graduate student from one of the U.S. ethnic or racial minorities (African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans) OR may be international person who is an active member of the United Methodist Church or those churches where the United Methodist Church has a relationship. Preference is given to persons seeking their first professional degree. Application deadline: February 1st. To request further information and/or an application contact: General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115. Phone: 800-862-4246. Email: websysop@gbgm-um. Web site: <http://gbgm-umc.org>

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation Scholarships - The ESA Foundation awards numerous scholarships annually. Scholarship applications are submitted to the Foundation's state counselor of the applicant's state of residence or directly to the scholarship director if there is no state counselor for that state. When the application has been determined to meet the Foundation's criteria, it is forwarded to a member of the regional scholarship committee who double checks to see that the applicant meets the necessary criteria. The application is then sent to the scholarship coordinator responsible for the judging of the particular scholarship for which the student is applying. See their web site for more details on scholarships available. Web site: www.esaintl.com

Rubin-Glasgow Essay Award - Amount: \$1,000. To be eligible for this award, you must be: AMWA National student member; attend an accredited U.S. allopathic or osteopathic medical school; have a personal, professional relationship with woman physician mentor; and must compose an essay of approximately 1,000 words about a woman physician mentor or role model of publishable quality, and be in typed, double-spaced format. The title page of the essay must include the title of the essay, your name, address and phone number, email address and the name of your medical school you attend. Application deadline: May 31st. To request further information and/or an application contact: Marie Glanz, AMWA Glasgow Essay Award, 801 N. Fairfax St., Ste. 400, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-838-0500. FAX: 703-549-3864. E-mail: mglanz@amwa-doc.org. Web site: www.amwa-doc.org

Arnold P. Gold Foundation – The Gold Foundation only provides financial support to programs and projects which encourage more compassionate and relationship-centered healthcare. In order to become complete doctors, physicians must be able to understand the human condition. The Gold Foundation partners with medical schools and teaching hospitals to infuse humanism into medical training from the first day of medical school to the last day of residency. We believe that scientific knowledge and technology are critical to medicine, but do not represent the full scope of competencies necessary for effective doctoring. The Gold Foundation creates and supports national programs for which schools, teaching hospitals and other appropriate institutions may apply. We also provide funding for innovative projects proposed by students, residents and faculty. For more information visit their web site: <http://humanism-in-medicine.org>

Hellenic Medical Societies - Hellenic Medical Society of Chicago - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be of Hellenic descent and demonstrate academic achievement. Application deadline: January 15th. Contact Springfield Financial Aid Office for an application. The **Hellenic Medical Society of New York** - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be of Hellenic descent and have completed first year of medical school, demonstrate high academic achievement, and must demonstrate financial need. Application deadline: June 1st. To request further information and/or an application contact: Hellenic Medical Society of New York, 401 E. 34th St., New York, NY 10016. Phone: 212-683-4447.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund - Amount: \$1,000 to \$3,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be of Hispanic heritage (one parent must be fully Hispanic or both parents must be half Hispanic), and be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (with permanent resident card). Applicants must have earned minimum grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (3.7 on a 5 point scale), be attending an accredited U.S. college full-time from Fall through Spring (graduate students must carry at least 6 credits each term), academic achievement (including GPA, and past academic performance) at least 15 undergraduate college credits in the U.S. or Puerto Rico with a letter of recommendation (from college professor or advisor on official school letterhead). A personal statement must be provided, and the applicant must demonstrate financial need (for educational purposes). The selection criteria may also vary according to donor's requirements. Application deadline: October 15th (applications are available August 1st - October 15th). To request further information phone: 877-473-4636. Web site: www.hsf.net

Marla Jean Hunter Scholarship - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must live in central Illinois area and hold an acceptance or currently attend a college or university. To request further information and/or an application contact: Eve M. Blackwell, 1514 S. 10-1/2 St., Springfield, IL 62703. Phone: 217-528-8153.

Illinois Army National Guard - This scholarship pays all tuition costs after one year of membership in the Army National Guard. The student will receive a direct commission as a second lieutenant and earn income each year from weekend drills and annual training. The two-week annual training may be arranged to conform to the School of Medicine's curriculum requirements. Clerkships are available during the junior and senior years. In addition, with the Montgomery G.I. Bill, you will be eligible to receive CASH to help with your education expenses while attending college full-time or part-time. This money is paid directly to you in monthly increments while you are attending school. To qualify for the Montgomery G.I. Bill, you must have completed the Officer Basic Course (OBC). For more information contact: AMEDD Recruiting, 1301 North MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62702-2399. Telephone: 217-761-3724. Website: www.il.ngb.army.mil/ Use the following links after accessing the website: Illinois Army Guard, Recruiting, Army Medical Department, Medical Students

Illinois Department of Public Health Medical Student Scholarship Program - This scholarship pays tuition, mandatory fees, and a \$950 monthly living stipend. Recipients repay scholarships by practicing full time, one year for each year of scholarship received as primary care physician in underserved areas of Illinois that have been determined by the Illinois Department of Public Health. A two-year minimum commitment is required. Time spent in residency or fellowship does not repay any part of the service obligation. If the service obligation is not met, the scholarship will convert to a loan, with the loan value being three times the amount of scholarship dollars received. As required by federal law, recipients of service-based scholarships are required to pay taxes on the entire amount of scholarship proceeds each year. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be an Illinois resident, demonstrate financial need, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an Illinois allopathic or osteopathic medical school, and must demonstrate a commitment to practice in the primary care specialties of family practice, general internal medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine/pediatrics, or obstetrics/gynecology. Preference is also shown to

applicants with the greatest financial need and with prior experience with medically underserved populations. Application deadline: May 15. Application available at web site: www.idph.state.il.us/about/rural_health/rural_scholarship.htm To view the list of current Illinois underserved areas visit the web site: www.illinoishealthpro.org.

Illinois Department of Public Health Loan Repayment Program - Physicians in primary care specialties who agree to practice for a minimum of two years in an underserved area (including state and federally designated areas, facilities and population groups) would be eligible for repayment of student loans of up to \$25,000 per year for the first two years of commitment. If the physician elects to remain in the program, this amount will increase in the third and fourth years. To request further information contact: Illinois Department of Public Health, Center for Rural Health, 525 W. Jefferson St., 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62761. Phone: 217-782-1624. To view the list of Illinois underserved areas visit the web site: www.illinoishealthpro.org.

Illinois General Assembly Scholarship - This is a tuition waiver granted by your state senator or state representative. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be an Illinois resident, hold an acceptance or be attending a public university in Illinois, and must be registered to vote. Length of Funding: One year (must reapply each year). Application deadline: varies – contact your legislator. To apply you must contact your state senator's or state representative's office. To identify your state senator and state representative, visit this Web site: www.ilga.gov and click on Legislator Lookup.

Illinois Hospital Association Grant - Amount: \$500. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be an Illinois student enrolled in the clinical sequence of a health curriculum, submit letters of recommendation, demonstrate financial need, and must be in good academic standing. Application deadline: April 15th. To request further information and/or an application contact: Illinois Hospital Association Headquarters, 1151 E. Warrenville Rd., P. O. Box 3015, Naperville, IL 60566. Phone: 630-505-7777. Springfield Office, 700 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62704. Phone: 217-789-7272. Southern Regional Office, 1405 W. Main St., Ste. 2, P.O. Box 938, Carbondale, IL 62903-0938. Phone: 618-549-3335. Web site: www.ihatoday.org

Indian Fellowship Program - Amount: Average award in excess of \$8,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be an American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaskan native, and must demonstrate financial need. Awards are based on merit and likelihood that the applicant will serve the Indian population. To request further information and/or an application contact: Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Room 2177, Washington, DC 20202. Phone: 202-401-1877. Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/oie/

International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons Health Career Scholarship - Amount: \$1,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen and be at least in their sophomore year of medical school. Application deadline: April 1st. To request an application send a letter and self-addressed envelope to: Health Careers Director, 6024 E. Chicago Rd., Jonesville, MI 49250.

Iroquois County Scholarship - The Iroquois County Medical Society, Iroquois County March of Dimes, and the Watseka Kiwanis Club make awards to residents of Iroquois County. Amount: \$250 to \$500 per year. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a resident of Iroquois County. To request further information and/or an application contact: Iroquois County Medical Society, Director of Volunteer Services, Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka, IL 60970. Phone: 815-432-7712.

Jackson County Medical Society Scholarship - Amount: \$1,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a medical student from Jackson County, Illinois, demonstrate financial need, submit letters of recommendation, and must hold an acceptance or be enrolled at a U.S. medical school. Preference is given to medical students beginning their first year of medical school. Application deadline: March 1st. To request further information and/or an application contact: Jackson County Medical Society, c/o Kim Balsano, 115 Steven Drive, Murphysboro, IL 62966. Phone: 618-457-0404, ext. 231.

Japanese Medical Society Scholarship - Amount: \$1,000 to \$2,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be of Japanese ancestry, demonstrate financial need, and must hold an acceptance or be enrolled at a U.S. medical school. Application deadline: February 28th. To request further information and/or an application contact: Shunichi Homma, M.D., Chair, Scholarship Committee, 17 E. 89th St., New York, NY 10128. Phone: 212-305-3068

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago Academic Scholarship - Scholarship funds are available for Jewish students in need of financial assistance. To complete an application, access their web site and click on Scholarship Services. To request further information and an application visit their web site: www.jvschicago.org

Stephen Knezevich Trust - Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be of Serbian descent. To request an application send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Stanley F. Hack, S.C., 161 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Kosciuszko Foundation Domestic Scholarships and Grants - Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of Polish descent, strongly identify with Polish American community or of non-Polish origin studying Polish subjects, and must be enrolled as a full-time graduate or postgraduate student. Application deadline: January 15th. To request further information and/or an application contact: Kosciuszko Foundation, 15 E. 65th St., New York, NY 10021-6595. Phone: 212-734-2130

Patti LaBelle Medical Student Scholarship – The Patti LaBelle Medical Student scholarship is available to African-American medical students attending an accredited American medical school. You must demonstrate financial need and academic achievement to be eligible for this award. Amount: \$5,000. Application Deadline: June 20th Web Site: www.nmanet.org/

LaSalle County Medical Society Special Education Fund - This award is not need based and no restrictions on its use are stipulated. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a Junior medical student who is, or was at the time of admission, a resident of LaSalle County, Illinois. Application deadline: January 1st. To request further information and/or an application contact: Janet Beck Jakupcak, M.D., ABFP, 151 Washington St., Marseilles, IL 61341. Phone: 815-795-2171. Email: docbeck523@hotmail.com

Latino Scholarship Fund - Amount: \$750. The National Image Inc., Central Illinois Chapter, will award three scholarships each year. Qualifications or Criteria for Applying: Applicants must be of Latino background (one parent must be full Latino or both parents must be at least half Latino), currently reside in central Illinois, have a minimum un-weighted grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale, currently be enrolled in or accepted to an accredited university, college or post-secondary school. All application materials must be typed and written in English. Each applicant may only receive one scholarship. Mail applications to: National Image Latino Scholarship Fund, 6101 Willow Springs Road, Springfield, IL 62712.

Marlene Rotbart Matten Academic Excellence for Nurses Endowed Award - Amount: \$1,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: Among the award requirements is the female applicant has a valid R.N. degree, and be enrolled in an approved master's or doctorate program at SIU Carbondale. The four screenings the administering committee looks at are: the applicant is married, and with children, the significance of the research project and the overall scholarship. For more information, contact the Women's Studies program at: 618-453-5141. Fax: 618-453-3263. Email: women@siu.edu.

William E. McElroy Charitable Foundation - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be male, have graduated from a high school in Sangamon County, Illinois, and must be pursuing research careers in the fields of heart disease and cancer. GPA must be at least 3.4 on 4.0 scale. Application deadline: not applicable. To request further information and/or an application contact: Mary Jo Janssen, Trust Officer, US Bank, P.O. Box 19264, Springfield, IL 62794-9264. Phone: 217-753-7362. Fax: 217-753-7406.

McFarland Medical Trust Grant - This grant is in the form of a service-obligated commitment. The grant pays room and board, tuition, books and supplies, equipment, and other living expenses to medical students who agree to practice as a primary care physician in Havana, Illinois. For each year of funding the student is required to work for two years in Havana. For further information contact: Linda Butler, Havana National Bank, 112 S. Orange, Havana, IL, 62644. Phone: 309-543-3361, ext. 215.

National Federation of the Blind (NFB) – Each year at its national convention in July, the NFB gives a broad array of thirty scholarships to recognize achievement by blind scholars. All applicants for these scholarships: must be [legally blind](#), and must be pursuing or planning to pursue a full-time, postsecondary course of study in a degree program at a United States' institution, except that one scholarship may be given to a person employed full-time while attending school part-time, and must participate in the entire NFB national convention and in all scheduled scholarship program activities. In addition to a scholarship, each winner will be brought to the National Federation of the Blind Annual Convention in July at Federation expense, providing an excellent opportunity for high level networking with active blind persons in many, many different professions and occupations. To apply go to www.nfb.org/scholarships. Deadline: All documentation must be received by March 31st. For further information email scholarships@nfb.org.

National Health Service Corps Scholarship (NHSC) - The NHSC offers a competitive scholarship program designed for students committed to providing primary health care in communities of greatest need. Scholarship recipients serve where they are most needed upon completion of their training. The program offers the following benefits for up to 4 years of education: Payment of tuition and fees; twelve monthly stipend payments per year of scholarship support; payment of other reasonable educational expenses, such as books, supplies, and equipment. Note: Starting January 1, 2002, NHSC scholarship awards for tuition, fees, and other reasonable expenses will be exempt from Federal tax. The stipend portion remains taxable. To be eligible for the NHSC Scholarship Program, you must be a U.S. citizen enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in a fully accredited U.S.: Allopathic or osteopathic medical school, Family nurse practitioner program (master's degree in nursing, post-master's or post-baccalaureate certificate), Nurse-midwifery program (master's degree in nursing, post-master's or post-baccalaureate certificate), Physician assistant program (certificate, associate, baccalaureate, or master's program), Dental school. Scholars attending medical school are expected to complete residency programs in one of the following specialties: family medicine, general pediatrics, general internal medicine obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry, rotating internship (D.O.s only) with a request to complete one of the above specialties. Dental Scholars may do residencies in general practice or pediatric dentistry. Directly upon completion of your training, you will choose a practice site in a federally designated health

professional shortage area identified as having the greatest need. Period of service is 1 year for each year of support you receive, with a 2-year minimum commitment. To request an application, call 1-800-221-9393. Web site: www.bphc.hrsa.gov/nhsc/

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP) - The purpose of the LRP is to ensure an adequate supply of health professionals to provide primary health services (through a culturally competent, interdisciplinary team of clinicians) to populations located in selected health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) identified by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. HPSAs can be found in rural and urban communities across the Nation. The LRP recruits fully trained health professionals who agree to provide primary health services in NHSC community sites. In return, the LRP assists clinicians in their repayment of qualifying educational loans that are still owed. The NHSC is seeking clinicians that demonstrate the characteristics for and interest in serving the Nation's medically underserved populations and remaining in HPSAs beyond their service commitment. It is important to remember that service to medically underserved populations is the primary purpose of the LRP and not the repayment of educational loans. For more information: Phone: 800-221-9393. Web site: www.bphc.hrsa.gov/nhsc/

Nesbit Medical Student Foundation Scholarship - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a medical student who is a resident of Illinois and demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to women and residents or former residents of DeKalb County, Illinois, especially those who intend to enter family practice in either DeKalb County or any other county in Illinois with a population less than 50,000. Application deadline: April 1st. To request further information and/or an application contact: The Nesbit Medical Student Foundation, c/o Trust Department, National Bank and Trust Co. of Sycamore, 230 W. State St., Sycamore, IL 60178.

P.E.O. Scholar Awards - Established in 1991, the P.E.O. Scholars Awards program provides a one-time only educational award for women of the United States and Canada who are either pursuing a graduate degree or are engaged in advanced study and research at an accredited university or college. Criteria for Applying: A nominee is required to be nominated by a local P.E.O. Chapter and to be a citizen of the United States or Canada at the time of nomination. Following nomination, each nominee will be sent an application package. At the time the first award payment is made (August 1st), the recipient must be within two years of completing her academic program and must have at least one full academic year of work remaining. In selecting recipients, the following criteria will be used: scholarly excellence, academic achievements, academic and career goals, recommendations and potential or recipient to make a significant contribution to her field. For additional information, access P.E.O.'s website. www.peointernational.org

Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship - Established in 1932, the Fellowship Program awards annually fifty-two Fellowships of \$8,000 each and thirty Awards of Excellence of \$1,500 each for post-graduate study at accredited institutions of higher learning. The eighty-two scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis for first-year graduate or professional study. Each chapter may nominate one student for the national competition. All national nominees receive a five-year active membership in Phi Kappa Phi. For more information visit their web site. Criteria for applying include undergraduate academics, undergraduate campus and community activities, graduate study prospects, personal statement and letters of recommendation. Web site: www.phikappaphi.org

Pisacano Scholars Program Scholarship - Amount: \$28,000 maximum. The Pisacano Scholars Leadership Program provides educational programs, leadership training, and funding for outstanding fourth-year medical students for a four-year period. Students must make a commitment to the specialty of Family Practice. The funding program is designed to reimburse a portion of medical school debt incurred

by the student by the conclusion of the required three-year residency. The Foundation is especially interested in students who exhibit the highest levels of skill, compassion, and leadership. A firm and continuing commitment to the specialty of Family Practice is an essential precedent for any applicant to receive a Pisacano Scholarship. Although the scholarships are intended to reduce the level of medical-school-related debt, financial need is not a consideration. The maximum scholarship award is \$28,000. The scholarship award for each year will be paid in August. Funds will be distributed during the remainder of medical school and during the three-year residency. In the event any recipient of a Pisacano Scholarship voluntarily fails to enter a residency in Family Practice upon completion of medical school or, having entered such residency, voluntarily withdraws from it in order to enter the residency of another medical specialty, the Foundation reserves the right to require repayment, in whole or part, of any monies it has paid to such recipient. **Qualifications or Criteria for Applying:** only applicants who will be entering their fourth year (full-time) in a U.S. medical school will be considered. Applicants must have declared Family Practice as their specialty. Applicants will be judged on commitment to Family Practice, leadership qualities, ability, academic performance, character, interpersonal skills, integrity, communication skills, and involvement in serving others. Applications are not accepted from students attending osteopathic schools. Application deadline: March 1st. For further information or to request an application visit their website: www.fpleaders.org

Skelton Scholarship Fund - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a resident of Sangamon County, Illinois, and must demonstrate financial need. Awards are based primarily on hardship. Application deadline: March 15th. To request further information and/or an application contact: Bank One, Springfield, Trustee Department, Attn: Lin Jones, P.O. Box 19266, Springfield, IL 62794-9266, Phone: 217-525-9600.

Rock Sleyster Memorial Scholarship - Southern Illinois University School of Medicine may nominate one student annually for this scholarship award. Amount: \$2,500. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be senior medical student, demonstrate an interest in psychiatry, and must demonstrate financial need. Application deadline: Contact the \ Director of Financial Aid before May 1st at financialaid@siumed.edu. To request further information contact: Rock Sleyster Memorial Scholarship, Harry S. Jonas, M.D., American Medical Association, 515 N. State St., Chicago, IL 60610.

Springfield Noon Lions Club Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded annually to assist students in pursuing post-secondary academic education. Amount: \$1,000. **Qualifications or Criteria for Applying:** Must be currently attending an accredited college or university; Must be considered a full-time student by the standards set by the institution in which the applicant is, or will be, enrolled; Must have an interest in pursuing an education in the field of health care (the highest consideration will be given to sight and hearing oriented programs); Must have attained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (based on A = 4.0) during the last two or three years of education; Must complete all three pages of the application by typing or printing legibly; Must submit two letters of recommendation from educators, school administrators, church leaders, and/or leaders of community organizations in which the applicant is involved which discuss the applicant's character and potential for success in achieving his/her educational and career goals (it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the letters of recommendation are received by the application deadline); and Must submit a copy of the applicant's most recent academic transcript (it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the letters of recommendation are received by the application deadline). An applicant or the applicant's parents or guardian must be a permanent resident of Sangamon County, Illinois. Notwithstanding the above, students that are directly related to a member of the Springfield Noon Lions Club are not eligible. Application Deadline: April 1st. An application is available from the Student Affairs Office.

Tylenol Scholarship – Training qualified people to work in health-related fields is critical to achieving American's high standards of healthcare. However, education costs are rising steeply, making it increasingly difficult for students to keep up. This scholarship will be awarding a total of \$250,000 to outstanding students who are pursuing health-related studies. Apply online at www.tylenol.com/scholarship (use access key TYNL).

USA Funds® Access to Education Scholarships - Amount: \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must demonstrate financial need, incoming college student or currently enrolled college student who plans to enroll or is enrolled in full-time undergraduate or graduate coursework at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or graduate school. Applicants must also be enrolled for the entire academic year, beginning fall term and continuing through February 1st of the upcoming academic year, have an annual adjusted gross family income of \$35,000 or less, be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and must not be currently in default on any student loans. Up to 50% of the scholarship awards will be targeted to applicants who are members of an ethnic minority group or have a documented physical disability. Applicants are also judged on past academic performance and future potential, leadership, and participation in school and community activities, work experience, and career and educational aspirations and goals. Application deadline: April 15th. Applications and other required documents must be mailed to: USA Funds Access to Education Scholarships, Scholarship Management Services, CSFA 1505 Riverview Rd., PO Box 297, Saint Peter, MN 56082. Phone: 800-537-4180. E-mail: scholarship@usafunds.org. Web site: www.usafunds.org

Vietnamese Medical Association - Amount: \$1,000. The Vietnamese Medical Association established the scholarship program with the following objectives: 1) to provide financial assistance to needy medical students; 2) to foster medical students' interest in serving the Vietnamese American community; 3) to promote scholastic achievement; and 4) to encourage participation and leadership in the Association. The program is open to all third-year medical students who are in good standing at an accredited U.S. medical school. The scholarship was specified to be in the amount of \$1,000. Prospective applicants for the scholarship program need to be enrolled as a third-year medical student at an accredited U.S.; to have financial aid offered by the school s/he is attending; and to demonstrate a strong interest in serving the Vietnamese communities in the U.S. when s/he completed training. The following documents are required in order to complete the application: 1) the application form; 2) a letter from the financial aid office of the medical school stating the amount of the scholarship, grant and loan the applicant receives for the academic year; 3) an essay limited to 600 words stating the reason why the applicant wishes to serve Vietnamese communities in the U.S. (the future practice locality should be specified); 4) a letter of recommendation from a faculty of the medical school s/he is attending; and 5) a medical school transcript. For further information contact: Vietnamese American Medical Association, 4221 Greenway, Baltimore, MD 21218, Phone: 410-502-5383. Web Site: www.vmausa.com

James Walker Graduate Scholarship – The James Walker Graduate Scholarship is designed to increase the number of individuals receiving advanced or professional (law and medicine) degrees in the United States from families which have traditionally not had access to the opportunities of higher education and who, through his or her life, and/or cultural experiences, have unique and potentially positive contributions to make to the program, the discipline, and in the larger academic community. The James Walker Graduate Scholarship is a one-year award, for up to three terms - Fall 2006, Spring 2007, and Summer 2007 for continuing or new students. The monthly stipend has a range of \$1,200 to \$1,500 for graduate and professional students. A full tuition scholarship will be provided to graduate students; professional students are not eligible for a tuition scholarship. Preference will be given to: established Illinois residents; first-year medical students on Carbondale campus. Recipients are responsible for fees, based on full-time enrollment of 9 to 15 hours per term. Applicants must meet the following criteria: A

citizen, immigrant, or permanent resident of the United States; Fully admitted to a graduate or professional degree program, preferably in the latter stages; Have at least a grade point average of 2.7 (A=4.0) in all undergraduate work or a 3.25 (A=4.0) in prior graduate work. Submit application, essay, autobiographical statement and letter from department, if an advanced student. Web site: www.siu.edu/gradschl/underserved_fellowships.htm

Dr. Richard Allen Williams - Amount: \$1,000. Qualifications or criteria for applying: demonstrated ability, interest and participation in the promotion of health for the African American community; participation in research or other extracurricular activities and demonstrated academic pursuits and clinical acumen; proven leadership during academic pursuits. The Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC) recognizes that professional and financial support are essential for African Americans entering the field of medicine. ABC takes pride in its mentoring of medical students and their success. Therefore, scholarship recipients must identify a mentor within the ABC membership to work with and be in contact with on a regular basis for at least one year. To apply you must submit a statement of interest, official medical school transcript, two letters of recommendation from a professor at your medical school and a recent curriculum vitae and photograph to the ABC Office in early May. To request further information, contact: Ms. LaTrese Coty, Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc., 6849-B2 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30328. Phone: 678-302-4222. FAX: 678-302-4242. Email: lcoty@abcardio.org. Web site: www.abcardio.org

Zonta Club of Lincoln, Illinois - Amount: Varies. Qualifications or criteria for applying: must be a resident of Logan County, Illinois, and must be interested in a health career. Application deadline: March 15th. To request further information and/or an application contact: Phyllis Brant, R.R. 3, Lincoln, IL 62656.