

# American **Osteopathic** Foundation

**May 2023**



Friends and Colleagues,

As President-Elect and Chair of the Programs, Scholarships, and Awards Committee, I am excited to assume the role of Editor of Dean's Digest and commend our President, and past editor, Dr. Dawn Tartaglione for broadening the scope and reach of this publication.

**We are one week out from the deadline for several of our scholarships and awards.** I invite you to learn more about these opportunities for your students, as well as a special award for the spouse of a graduating student - that you help select.

Of special note, we've increased the award amounts and the number of awards available for several programs, sharing our commitment, and that of our donors, to the profession to lead by example and invest more in the future of Osteopathic medicine. In addition, as a result of your thoughtful feedback, we shifted the Sterling Welch, DO, Scholars Grants program to our Spring Cycle. *(all COMs/SOMs*

that nominated a student for a Welch Scholars Grant in fall 2022 are eligible to nominate a student in this cycle.)

Finally, I would also like to encourage you to submit nominations for our Educator of the Year and Physician of the Year Awards. Help us identify the incredible individuals that embody the excellence of the Osteopathic profession!

My best,



Joseph Zammuto, DO  
President-Elect

## FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OMS I, II OR III ONE PER COM/SOM

All COCA-accredited colleges and schools of Osteopathic Medicine and branch campuses may **nominate** one OMS I, OMS II or OMS III student who displays significant financial need, for a **Sterling Welch, DO Scholars Grant** to offset the costs of attending Osteopathic medical school.

### Enhancements in 2023

- Welch Scholars Grants will now be awarded during our Spring Grants Cycle. All schools that nominated a student for a Welch Scholars Grant in fall 2022 are eligible to nominate a student in this new cycle.
- Individual financial scholarships are now \$2,000. This is an increase from \$1,250!
- OMS I students are now eligible to be nominated (previously only OMS II and III were eligible)

Additional information, eligibility requirements, and access to the nomination portal can be found on [our website](#).

Nominations will be accepted through May 31, 2023.

## OMS IV SPOUSE RECOGNITION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT ABOVE & BEYOND



Established in 1993, this award was created to honor the memory of Donna Jones Moritsugu, wife of Dr. Kenneth P. Moritsugu, Former Deputy Surgeon General of the United States. The award honors the spouses of graduating OMS IV who best exemplify the type of immeasurable support and personal sacrifice that is crucial to their partner's success, leading to the betterment of their future and of society.

In partnership with the [Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association](#) (AAOA), the [American Osteopathic Foundation](#) (AOF) extends this prestigious

award to one spouse per campus that is officially nominated by Osteopathic Colleges/Schools of Osteopathic Medicine across the country.

Learn more about the award and nomination requirements on the Foundation [website](#).

**Nominations from schools will be accepted through Monday, May 15, 2023.**

## **AOF/AOA \$10,000 PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD**

For nearly twenty years, the [AOF/AOA's Presidential Memorial Leadership Award](#) has honored and recognized Osteopathic medical students who are deeply committed to the principles of Osteopathic medicine and who have taken great strides toward becoming top student leaders.

**One scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to an Osteopathic medical student in 2023.**

Learn more about the award and nomination requirements on the Foundation's [website](#).

**Nominations from schools will be accepted through Monday, May 8, 2023.**

## **NOMINATE A STUDENT FOR GOLDEN TICKET SCHOLARSHIP BY MAY 8**

**Golden Ticket Scholarships** recognize individuals who despite significant financial obstacles continue to achieve academic excellence, display calm and consistent leadership skills, make a commitment to giving back to their communities through volunteer outreach and embody Osteopathic tenants and philosophy.

Financial scholarship awards will be presented to four individuals in 2023 ranging from \$5K to \$20K.

Eligibility details and nomination requirements are located on our [website](#).

Nominations will be accepted through May 8, 2023.

## PHYSICIAN AND EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

## ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS



AOF Immediate Past-President, Barbara Ross-Lee, DO (L) and 2022 W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year Award recipient, Natasha Bray, DO, MSED, Dean OSUCOM-CN (R)

We believe success and hard work should be celebrated so we endeavor to honor excellence, inspiration, and influential contributions throughout the profession by presenting distinctive annual recognition awards. **We encourage you to nominate individuals for these awards!**

### PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

The **Physician of the Year Award** is presented to an individual whose extraordinary accomplishments and service bring a sense of pride to the profession, and whose actions promote the science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

### EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The **Educator of the Year Award** is presented to an individual who emulates the Osteopathic profession's highest standards of excellence in teaching, has made a significant impact on the academic advancement of Osteopathic medical students, and has made long-standing contributions to the profession in the academic

arena.

**Deadline for both awards: May 15, 2023**

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS

## OPENING SOON

Do you have students traveling internationally this summer to participate in DO-led humanitarian outreach?

Beginning this May, Osteopathic students and residents participating in international medical service trips will be able to apply for an AOF International Humanitarian Grant to help cover the costs associated with travel to underserved, underdeveloped, or disaster-stricken areas.

More information, including eligibility requirements and deadlines will be posted to [our website](#) soon.

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

## SPRING CYCLE AT-A-GLANCE

Below is the full, linked list of all Spring Grants, Scholarships, and Awards programs with deadlines.

### Self-apply awards - deadline May 8, 2023

[William G. Anderson, DO, Minority Scholarships](#)

[Jeffrey Grove, DO, LGBTQ+ Pride Scholarship](#)

[Levine Osteopathic Family Medicine Resident Scholarship](#) (NEW!)

[Karen J. Nichols, DO, LEAD Scholar](#)

### Nomination awards - deadline May 15, 2023

[Physician of the Year Award](#)

[W. Douglas Ward, PhD, Educator of the Year Award](#)

### COM/SOM Nomination awards - various deadlines

[Golden Ticket Scholarships](#) (5/8)

[AOF/AOA Presidential Memorial Leadership Award](#) (5/8)

[Sterling Welch, DO Scholars Grants](#) (5/31)

[AOF/AAOA Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Awards](#) (5/15)

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about each scholarship, grant, award, and criteria.

Please get in touch with [Tiffanie Tabrizi](#), Director of Programs, Scholarships, and Awards, if you have any questions, and thank you in advance to all of the nominators and individuals providing references for this year's applicants and nominees.



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