The CU School of Medicine Scholarship Program exists to honor students with outstanding promise and to help students pay for medical school. There are a number of programs to help meet the needs of the medical students, including various general and specific scholarships.

Scholarships form the basis for declaring to our community the values, characteristics, and ideals that we want in our medical students and graduating physicians. Scholarships will be used to recruit and reward students who exemplify these values and characteristics.

By accepting a scholarship, recipients agree to provide a brief biosketch and photograph. This information may be used to promote and publicize our scholarship programs to other students as well as the general public. Distinguished Scholars will act as student ambassadors to the community; talking with community and student groups and serving as representatives of the University.

All Scholarships consider financial need in final awards.

**Distinguished Student Scholarship Program**

**Available for Students entering the Class of 2016**

Distinguished Student Scholarships will be awarded to incoming medical students for demonstrating commitment to a specific ideal, value, or characteristic. These scholarships are described below with specific scholarship requirements.

There are currently five Distinguished Student Scholarships available:

- Florence Sabin Scholarship for Commitment to Community Health
- Justina Ford Scholarship for Commitment to the Underserved.
- National Western Stock Show Foundation Scholarship for Rural Health
- COPIC Scholarship for Diversity
- Eleanor Diss Sabin Scholarship
The Distinguished Scholarships are up to $10,000 per year and are renewable for 4 years. Each scholarship honors and promotes a specific characteristic, ideal, or value. Applicants will be chosen based on their medical school application and a one page scholarship specific essay.

There is also an opportunity to apply for a Colorado Medical Society Student Scholarship, which is a non-renewable, one time award. The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year and is determined by the CMS Scholarship Committee.

Please review the details on the following pages for information on each scholarship. You can apply for one or any number of these scholarships. You will need to submit a separate application for each scholarship. The application deadline is March 23, 2012.

If you have questions regarding the application process please contact Ms. Terri Wood at 303.724.6405 or terri.wood@ucdenver.edu

Sincerely,

Alan R. Seay, MD
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Chair, SOM Scholarship Committee
**Florence Sabin Scholarship for Commitment to Community Health**

This scholarship honors the famous Colorado public health pioneer Florence Sabin. In 1946, Colorado Governor John Vivian asked her to head the state health committee. Dr. Sabin found that Colorado was one of America’s sickest states. She toured all 63 Colorado counties and presented eight health reform bills to the State Legislature. After statewide success, Dr. Sabin was appointed Denver’s Manager of Health and Charities. She began a program that cut the tuberculosis rate in half and launched numerous important programs to teach and support community health.

**Information and Requirements:**

- Up to $10,000 per year, renewable for 4 years
- The Florence Sabin Scholar serves as an Ambassador for the School of Medicine
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about your commitment to community health, experiences in community health, and future plans related to community health.

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**Justina Ford Scholarship for Commitment to the Underserved**

Dr. Justina Ford graduated from Hering Medical College in Chicago in 1899. Dr. Ford was the first African American woman physician in Colorado and faced many obstacles in her professional career. Dr. Ford served the disadvantaged and under-privileged of all races. She delivered more than 7,000 babies, many at homes throughout the Five-Points region of Denver. Dr Ford was eventually allowed to practice at Denver General Hospital and was admitted to the Colorado Medical Society in 1950.

**Information and Requirements:**

- Up to $10,000 per year, renewable for 4 years
- The Ford Scholar serves as an Ambassador for the School of Medicine
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about your commitment to the medically underserved, your experiences in working with underserved populations, and your future plans related to care of the underserved.
National Western Stock Show Scholarship for Rural Health

The National Western Stock Show Foundation provides a scholarship to a first-year medical student committed to rural primary care practice. The NWSS Scholarship is for a student from a rural community in Colorado or Wyoming with plans to practice primary care in a rural community in Colorado or Wyoming.

Information and Requirements:
- Up to $6,000 per year, renewable for 4 years
- The National Western Stock Show Scholar serves as an Ambassador for the School of Medicine and must attend various National Western Stock Show activities during the year.
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about your rural experience and future rural plans. Applicants should include the name of their rural community and the name and town of their high school. Applicants should discuss why they plan to return to a rural community.

COPIC Scholarship for Diversity

The COPIC Scholarship for Diversity was established to honor those students who contribute to the educational benefits derived from a diverse student body. COPIC provides medical professional liability insurance, insurance brokerage and financial services, and office site visits and medical record reviews. COPIC’s purpose is to allow the health care community the opportunity to devote the greatest possible proportion of its resources to patient care. The COPIC Diversity Scholarship provides up to $10,000 per year, renewable for up to 4 years. Applicants should be Colorado residents, have a well-rounded foundation in academic excellence, scholarly achievement, and community service.

Information and Requirements:
- up to $10,000 per year, renewable for 4 years
- The COPIC Scholar serves as an Ambassador for the School of Medicine.
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about your ability to contribute to the educational benefits derived from a diverse student body. The scholarship committee works closely with COPIC to select this scholar.
Eleanor Diss Sabin Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Sabin’s sister in recognition of her sister’s life and commitment to the community that she served as a physician. Dr. Sabin received her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Colorado in 1986. She left the state to complete her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and returned to Colorado in 1992, where she practiced as a perinatologist until her death in 2009. This award is intended for students who come from a rural community or have plans to practice in a rural community.

Information and Requirements:

- Up to $10,000 per year, renewable for 4 years
- The Eleanor Diss Sabin recipient serves as an Ambassador for the School of Medicine
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about your commitment to community health, your experience in a rural community and your future plans to practice in a rural community post graduation.

Colorado Medical Society (CMS) Student Scholarship

The Colorado Medical Society has scholarships available for entering students. The society is interested in supporting students who have a background or experience in rural areas and students with a background or experience in urban under-served areas.

To be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a Colorado resident
- Have been offered a place in the class of 2016.
- Have background or experience in rural areas with the potential to return to these areas to practice medicine, or have a background or experience in urban areas which are under-served for medical care.
- Financial need
- Academic excellence
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about your commitment to rural medicine, experiences in rural areas, and your future plans related to rural health or a one-page essay providing information about your commitment to under-served medical care areas, experiences in urban areas which are under-served for medical care, and your future plans related to areas under-served for medical care.