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 are 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. Submission Deadline: February 15, 2018
Student Scholarship Program
Available for Students entering the Class of 2021

Distinguished Student Scholarships will be awarded to incoming medical students who have demonstrated commitment to a specific ideal, value, or characteristic. The following scholarships are described below with specific scholarship requirements. The below Distinguished Student Scholarships are currently available:

- Florence Sabin Scholarship for Commitment to Community Health
- Justina Ford Scholarship for Commitment to the Underserved.
- Rural Track Community Scholarship
- The Colorado Medical Society Student Scholarship
- The Joseph Cogen/President’s Medical Scholarship

You can apply here for one or any number of these scholarships. Review the details on the following pages for information on each scholarship.

Sincerely,

Shanta Zimmer, MD
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Chair, School of Medicine 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 $40,000 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.
- Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2018.  

Apply ➝
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 $40,000 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.

Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2018. Apply ➤
These scholarships are for up to $20,000 per year and are renewable for up to 4 years. Applicants must be accepted into the School of Medicine’s Rural Track and be committed to practice primary care in a rural community. Funds for these scholarships come from a variety of donors who are committed to rural workforce development and the importance of healthcare to the economy and well-being of Colorado’s rural communities.

Information and Requirements:

- Up to $20,000 per year, renewable for 4 years
- Must be a member of the Rural Track.
- Committed to future primary care practice in rural Colorado
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about your commitment to the future of primary care practice in rural Colorado
- Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2018. Apply ➝
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. This 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.

To be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a Colorado resident
- Have been offered a place in the incoming medical school first year class.
- 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.
- Have financial need
- Demonstrate 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.
- Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2018. [Apply](#)
- Final selection of scholarship recipients will be made by the CMS scholarship committee.
The Joseph Cogen/Presidents Medical Scholarship is for a student from a background that is under-represented in medicine and is targeted towards students who without significant financial support would not be able to attend medical school.

This is a four-year scholarship of up to $25,000 per year.

To be considered for this scholarship you must:

- Have financial need
- Have academic excellence and remain in good academic standing
- Submit a one-page essay providing information about what your background would bring to the class and the School of Medicine. Within the essay please expand on your financial need and the impact of this scholarship.
- Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2018. Apply ➤
- Final selection of the scholarship recipient will be made by the School of Medicine scholarship committee