

## Scholarship and Fellowship Support for Pre-Med and Medical Students

Although some scholarships and fellowships explicitly exclude support for medicine and other professional graduate programs, pre-meds, just like other students, can find sources of support available to them based on a range of qualifications. A scholarship need not have the term “pre-med” in it for a pre-med student to be eligible. When working with pre-med students it helps to ask the student about his/her career goals, research experience, and interest in public health among other things. These ideas are borrowed from many sources, among them the Association of American Medical Colleges handout on Types of Medical School Financial Aid.

[www.aamc.org/students/financing/start.htm](http://www.aamc.org/students/financing/start.htm)

Scholarships during the undergraduate years:

- Goldwater – only if the student is interested in the MD/PhD route.
- Truman, McKelvie –if the student is intent on public health or research
- NIH for those committed to biomedical research  
<http://www.ugsp.nih.gov/home.asp?m=00>

In medical school:

Yale’s International Education and Fellowships web has a list of selected fellowships for medical studies [http://www.yale.edu/iefp/fellowships/by\\_category/medical.html](http://www.yale.edu/iefp/fellowships/by_category/medical.html)

- The medical school itself - most offer some merit awards and financial aid
- General awards – e.g. Tylenol Scholarship  
<http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subptyschol.inc>
- Honor society scholarships – Phi Kappa Phi
- Cultural/Ethnic-based and Underrepresented – Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Assn., American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Augie J. Alter (Lithuanian), Herbert W. Nickens (under-represented minority), Congressional Hispanic Caucus, National Medical Scholarships need-based for underrepresented med students in the first and second year  
<http://www.nmfonline.org/Programs/Scholarships/NeedBased/Overview.htm>
- For females, the M.A. Cartland Shackford Medical Fellowship (based at Wellesley College <http://www.wellesley.edu/CWS/students/wellfs.html> and (if over the age of 25) Business and Professional Women’s Foundation Advancement scholarship <http://www.bpwusa.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageid=3381> and (if under-represented minority) the American Association of University Women selected professions award [http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships\\_grants/selected.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/selected.cfm)
- Religious-based scholarships, e.g. International Order of the King’s Daughters and Sons <http://www.iokds.org/scholarship.html>
- Immigration-related – Soros for New Americans <http://www.pdsoros.org/index.html>
- For athletes – NCAA Scholarship  
[http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed\\_outreach/prof\\_development/postgrad\\_scholarships.html](http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/ed_outreach/prof_development/postgrad_scholarships.html)
- State or county medical societies
- State-based awards for need or merit
- Professional organizations, including parental professional connections
- Other organizations, e.g. DAR small scholarships for medicine and nursing.  
[http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholar.cfm](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm)

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Service obligation scholarships

- National Health Service Corps <http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/>
- United States Armed Forces Health Professional Scholarships
- State-based awards in exchange for work in under-served areas

Students interested in pursuing related degrees before or during their medical studies should explore Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Gates Cambridge, Mitchell, NSEP, DAAD and other awards that would enable them to go abroad.

Medical school students can find support for health-related research (not tuition for med school) from a number of sources including Howard Hughes Medical Institute <http://www.hhmi.org/grants/individuals/medfellows.html> Applied training opportunities are supported from quite a few sources including the CDC <http://www.cdcfoundation.org/fellowships/students.aspx> and Schweitzer fellowships <http://www.schweitzerfellowship.org/features/lamb/> among others.

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