



ACOM 2024 General Scholarship Application

Incoming and returning ACOM students who wish to apply for institutional scholarship programs included in this document should follow the instructions below. Unless otherwise indicated, applications will be reviewed during late spring, and awardees will be notified no later than June 30, 2024.

If you have questions or need assistance with your application, please contact ACOM's Financial Aid Office by emailing financialaid@acom.edu or calling (334) 699-2266.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Review Section I, Scholarship Information.
- 2) Complete Section II, Applicant Information and Scholarship Checklist.
- 3) Review and sign Section III, Certification and Acknowledgement.
- 4) Submit the application and supporting documents as follows:
 - a. Attach the application and all supporting documents to a single email.
 - b. Enter "ACOM 2024 General Scholarship Application" in the subject line.
 - c. Submit the email to financialaid@acom.edu.
- 5) Submission Deadline: Applications, including all required supporting documentation, must be submitted by 11:59 PM, CST on May 12, 2024. Documents submitted after the deadline cannot be accepted for review.

SECTION I: SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

WALTER SCOTT FOUNDATION ACOM SCHOLARSHIP	
Description:	The Walter Scott Foundation ACOM Scholarship is awarded annually to eligible ACOM students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement and commitment to the study and practice of medicine. The scholarship is designed to provide funding to assist students enrolled in the third year of their program of study.
Amount:	Varies based upon the availability of funding
Renewable:	No
Eligibility:	An applicant must be in Good Standing and have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher at the time of application. Awards are contingent upon the student passing all OMS II level courses and the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination and enrolling in OMS-III level coursework in the 24/Fall term no later than August 5, 2024.
Need Based:	No
Selection Criteria:	Awards are competitive and will be made based upon a review of the applicant's application, supporting documents, and medical school academic record. Awards shall be made without regard to age, race, color, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, or disability.
Disbursement:	Funds will be disbursed to ACOM by the Southeast Health Foundation and applied to the recipient's 24/Fall Term student account to pay for tuition, fees, and general education-related costs.
Cancellation & Recoupment	Awards may be cancelled, and funds may be recouped in the event that a recipient fails to meet all scholarship requirements or is dismissed from ACOM.
Other:	N/A
Supporting Documents Required:	An applicant must attach the following supporting documents to this application: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An essay (5,000 characters or less) explaining why they are deserving of a Walter Scott Foundation ACOM Scholarship and why they want to practice medicine. 2) One letter of recommendation from either an ACOM faculty member or a physician (D.O. or M.D.).
GEORGE H. STOKES, JR. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHARMACOLOGY	
Description:	The George H. Stokes, Jr. Award for Excellence in Pharmacology is awarded annually to one student in recognition of outstanding performance in the subject matter of pharmacology and therapeutics. The scholarship is designed to provide funding to assist a student enrolled in the third year of their program of study.
Amount:	\$500 per award
Renewable:	No
Eligibility:	An applicant must be in Good Standing and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the time of application. Awards are contingent upon the student passing all OMS II level courses and the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination and enrolling OMS-III level coursework in the 24/Fall term no later than August 5, 2024.
Need Based:	No
Selection Criteria:	Awards are competitive and will be made based upon a review of the applicant's application, supporting documents, and medical school academic record. Academic performance on pharmacology-based examination items within ACOM's curriculum will be reviewed. Awards shall be made without regard to age, race, color, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, or disability.
Disbursement:	Funds will be disbursed to ACOM by the Southeast Health Foundation and applied to the recipient's 25/Spring Term student account to pay for tuition, fees, and general education-related costs.
Cancellation & Recoupment:	Awards may be cancelled, and funds may be recouped in the event that a recipient fails to meet all scholarship requirements or is dismissed from ACOM.
Other:	N/A
Supporting Documents:	An applicant must attach the following supporting documents to this application: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) None

VANCE DALY POWELL, JR., DO, FAODME, FACOOG SCHOLARSHIP

Description:	The Vance Daly Powell, Jr., DO, FAODME, FACOOG Scholarship is awarded annually to one student in recognition of outstanding performance in their OMS III Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) clerkship. The scholarship is designed to provide funding to assist a student enrolled in the final year of their program of study.
Amount:	Varies based upon the availability of funding
Renewable:	No
Eligibility:	An applicant must be in Good Standing, have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, and complete their OMS III Core OB/GYN clerkship by the end of the 24/Spring Term. Awards are contingent upon the student passing the COMLEX-USA Level 2 examination and matching to an OB/GYN residency program during the 25/Spring term.
Need Based:	No
Selection Criteria:	<p>Awards are competitive and will be made based upon a review of the applicant's application, supporting documents, and medical school academic record. An applicant must demonstrate superior academic excellence by achieving the highest COMAT exam score during their OMS III Core OB/GYN clerkship and must also certify their intent to complete an OB/GYN residency program upon graduation from ACOM.</p> <p>Awards will be made without regard to age, race, color, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, or disability.</p>
Disbursement:	Funds will be disbursed to ACOM by the Southeast Health Foundation and applied to the recipient's 25/Spring Term student account to pay for tuition, fees, and general education-related costs.
Cancellation & Recoupment	Awards may be cancelled, and funds may be recouped in the event that a recipient fails to meet all scholarship requirements or is dismissed from ACOM.
Other:	Awardees will be notified during the 24/Fall Term.
Supporting Documents Required:	<p>An applicant must attach the following supporting documents to this application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A personal statement (500 words maximum) expressing a commitment to pursuing an OB/GYN residency upon graduation and explaining the reason(s) for choosing a career in OB/GYN. 2) One letter of recommendation from either an ACOM faculty member or a physician (D.O. or M.D.) describing the student's professionalism, leadership qualities as evidence by advanced critical thinking, communication, and inter-professional skills, and demonstrated understanding of and respect for osteopathic medicine and the medical profession.

ACOM RURAL MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP

Description:	The ACOM Rural Medicine Scholarship is awarded annually to eligible applicants from Alabama who plan to practice osteopathic medicine in rural and medically underserved areas of Alabama following residency. The scholarship is designed to provide funding to assist a student enrolled in the first year of their program of study.
Amount:	\$5,000 per award
Renewable:	No
Eligibility:	An applicant must be accepted for admission to ACOM, have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher, and have an MCAT score of 502 or higher at the time of application. Awards are contingent upon a student completing all matriculation requirements and enrolling in the OMS-I level curriculum during the 24/Fall and 25/Spring Terms. A recipient must remain in Good Standing and must not be placed on academic or disciplinary probation during the award period.
Need Based:	Yes
Selection Criteria:	<p>Awards are competitive and will be made based upon a review of the applicant's application, supporting documents, and academic record. An applicant must express their intent to practice osteopathic medicine in rural and medically underserved areas of Alabama following residency. An applicant must have been a legal resident of Alabama for a minimum of ten years (cumulative).</p> <p>Awards will be made without regard to age, race, color, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, or disability.</p>
Disbursement:	Funds will be disbursed to ACOM by the Southeast Health Foundation and applied to the recipient's 25/Spring Term student account to pay for tuition, fees, and general education-related costs.
Cancellation & Recoupment:	Awards may be cancelled, and funds may be recouped in the event that a recipient fails to meet all scholarship requirements or is dismissed from ACOM.
Other:	N/A
Supporting Documents:	An applicant must attach the following supporting documents to this application:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A personal statement (1000 words maximum) expressing a commitment to the practice of osteopathic medicine in rural and medically underserved areas of Alabama upon the completion of their residency program. The statement should also indicate the number of years they have been a legal resident of Alabama, and explain the student's financial need for the scholarship. 2) One letter of recommendation from a physician (D.O. or M.D.) describing the student's professionalism, leadership qualities as evidence by advanced critical thinking, communication skills, and demonstrated understanding of and respect for osteopathic medicine and the medical profession.
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF ALABAMA PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP	
Description:	The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Primary Care Scholarship Program, a partnership between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama and ACOM, provides full-tuition scholarship opportunities for medical students agreeing to practice as primary care or behavioral health physicians in underserved areas of Alabama. For eligible recipients who agree to practice in the fields of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, or Pediatrics, the scholarship is designed to provide funding for up to two years of a student's program of study. For eligible recipients who agree to practice in the fields of OB/GYN or Psychiatry, the scholarship is designed to provide funding for up to three years of a student's program of study.
Amount:	Full Tuition (Subject to Final Approval of BCBSAL)
Renewable:	N/A
Eligibility:	An applicant must be in Good Standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time of application and for the duration of the award period and must demonstrate a commitment to the practice of primary care in underserved areas of Alabama. Two-year awards are contingent upon the student meeting school requirements to enroll in OMS-III level coursework in the 24/Fall term no later than August 5, 2024. Three-year awards are contingent upon the student meeting school requirements to enroll in OMS-II level coursework in the 24/Fall term no later than August 5, 2024.
Need Based:	No
Selection Criteria:	<p>Awards are competitive and will be made based upon a review of the student's application, supporting documents, and medical school academic record. Each applicant will be required to participate in an interview to assess leadership qualities, character, and commitment to qualifying service as a physician in one of the following disciplines: Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, or General Psychiatry. Interviews will be conducted during May 2024.</p> <p>Awards will be made without regard to age, race, color, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, or disability.</p>
Disbursement:	Funds will be disbursed to ACOM by BCBSAL and applied each qualifying term to the recipient's student account to pay for tuition.
Cancellation & Recoupment:	Awards may be cancelled, and funds may be recouped in the event that a recipient fails to meet all scholarship requirements, is dismissed from ACOM, or breaches their award or service contract.
Other:	<p>Awardees will incur a service commitment in accordance with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama Primary Care Scholarship Program Terms and Conditions (full contracts will be made available for review within the next 1-2 weeks).</p> <p>A student with an existing service obligation may be considered ineligible for participation. Questions regarding potentially conflicting service commitments may be submitted to financialaid@acom.edu.</p>
Supporting Documents Required:	<p>An applicant must attach the following supporting documents to this application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A personal statement (1000 words maximum) expressing a commitment to the practice of primary care in underserved areas of Alabama. 2) At least two letters of recommendation (maximum of five) from either an ACOM faculty member or a physician (D.O. or M.D.) describing the applicant's performance in school, education/work achievements, community/civic or other non-academic achievements, ability to work and communicate constructively with others from diverse backgrounds, and interest and motivation to serve populations through work experience, course work, special projects, research, etc.

SECTION II – APPLICANT INFORMATION & SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Name (Last, First)					
ACOM Student ID # (If unknown, leave blank)					
DOB					
Cell Phone #					
Email (ACOM Preferred)					
SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST					
Instructions: Indicate that you are applying for an award(s) and have included all required supporting documentation by entering an “X” in the appropriate boxes. See example.					
Scholarship Name			Supporting Documents		
X	Example Scholarship	X	Personal Statement		
		X	Letter of Recommendation		
	Walter Scott Foundation ACOM Scholarship		Essay		
			Letter of Recommendation		
	George C Stokes, Jr. Award for Excellence in Pharmacology		N/A		
	Vance Daly Powell, Jr., DO, FAODME, FACOOG Scholarship		Personal Statement		
			Letter of Recommendation		
	ACOM Rural Medicine Scholarship		Personal Statement		
			Letter of Recommendation		
	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama Primary Care Scholarship		Personal Statement		
			Letter of Recommendation 1		
			Letter of Recommendation 2		
			Letter of Recommendation 3 (optional)		
			Letter of Recommendation 4 (optional)		
			Letter of Recommendation 5 (optional)		
ACADEMIC INFORMATION (INTERNAL USE ONLY – TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRAR)					
Matriculation Year					
Graduation Year (Projected)					
24/25 Class Level (Projected)					
24/25 Year in Program					
Academic Standing		Good Standing		Not In Good Standing	
Probation Status		N/A		Academic Disciplinary	
Medical School Cumulative GPA					
COMLEX-USA Level 1 Results (if completed)		N/A		Pass Fail	
COMLEX-USA Level 2 Results (if completed)		N/A		Pass Fail	
MCAT Score (ARMS Only)					
Undergraduate Cumulative GPA (ARMS Only)					

SECTION III – APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- 1) I have read and understand the complete terms and conditions of the scholarship programs for which I am applying.
- 2) I understand that upon selection for a scholarship, I may be required to enter into a contract with one or more awarding organizations in order to accept and receive funding.
- 3) I understand that a scholarship may be cancelled, and funds may be recouped in the event that I fail to meet all scholarship requirements, am dismissed from ACOM, breach any applicable award or service contract, or if it is determined that I have provided false or misleading information in connection with my application.
- 4) I certify that the information contained within this application and all supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- 5) I agree to provide all additional information and documentation requested by the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM).
- 6) I understand that applications and/or supporting documentation submitted after the application deadline cannot be accepted for review.
- 7) I authorize ACOM to release to the Southeast Health Foundation and the Selection Committee my scholarship application and supporting documentation, my complete student and/or applicant records, and any other information deemed necessary for the selection and awarding of scholarship funding.
- 8) I authorize ACOM to release to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama (BCBSAL) and the Selection Committee my scholarship application and supporting documentation, my complete student and/or applicant records, and any other information deemed necessary for the selection and awarding of scholarship funding for which I am applying.
- 9) I authorize ACOM to utilize any available media channels to publicize the award of scholarship funding to me, and I agree to provide photographs, quotations, and any other information requested in order to assist ACOM and its affiliates with the publication of my award.
- 10) I agree that if I am selected for a scholarship, I will submit a written letter expressing gratitude to the scholarship funding donor(s).

Name:	
Signature:	Date: