



## **Austin Jenkins Scholarship**

The Austin Jenkins Scholarship was established by the Primary Care Foundation (PCF) in 2022.

Austin Jenkins was a second-year medical student attending the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM) when his life was cut short due to a tragic car accident on October 10, 2020.

Student Doctor Jenkins was in the Top 10 percent of his class, served in leadership roles, and participated in various extracurricular activities. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled full-time and in good academic standing (not on academic probation or leave of absence) at the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM);
- Demonstrated commitment to the practice of primary care and rural medicine;
- Demonstrated academic excellence;
- Leadership and commitment to service;
- Evidence of financial need; and
- Be a parent

**Applicants must submit the following materials:**

- One essay responding to the supplemental questions outlined below (1,000 words or less total); and
- Supporting documentation from the ICOM Registrar verifying full-time enrollment, good academic standing, and class rank.

### **Scholarship Amount**

\$10,000

### **Deadline**

March 31, 2026

### **Supplemental Questions**

Applicants must submit one essay (1,000 words or less total). Please organize your response using the numbered headings found on the following page. Each section is weighted as indicated by the percentage listed in the heading, reflecting its contribution to the overall application score:

### **1. Personal Background and Connection to Idaho (25%)**

Provide a brief personal statement introducing yourself, your path to medical school, and your family background. Include confirmation that you are a parent. Describe your connection to Idaho and your long-term commitment to the state. Please address all that apply:

- Where you grew up and where you consider your permanent home
- Whether you attended high school in Idaho (include school name and city)
- Whether you attended college or other educational programs in Idaho
- Family, community, or professional ties that demonstrate your intention to live and practice in Idaho

### **2. Commitment to Primary Care and Rural Practice (25%)**

Describe your commitment to practicing primary care medicine in rural Idaho, including:

- Your reasons for choosing primary care medicine
- How rural medical practice aligns with your career goals and personal values
- Experiences that influenced your interest in rural or underserved practice
- Your intention to practice in rural Idaho after training

### **3. Academic Excellence (20%)**

Describe your academic performance at ICOM:

- Identify your cohort and anticipated graduation year
- State your current class ranking and academic standing
- Highlight academic achievements, honors, or distinctions

*\*Please attach supporting documentation from the ICOM Registrar verifying your standing and class rank.*

### **4. Financial Need (15%)**

Describe your financial need and how this scholarship would support your education:

- Factors contributing to your financial need (e.g., dependents, cost of attendance, educational debt)
- How the scholarship will help you continue your medical education
- How this support aligns with your long-term career goals

### **5. Leadership Experience (7.5%)**

Describe your leadership experience, including:

- Leadership roles or responsibilities held during medical school or prior education
- Informal leadership, mentorship, or advocacy activities
- The impact of your leadership on others

### **6. Service and Volunteerism (7.5%)**

Describe your commitment to service and volunteerism:

- Volunteer activities within ICOM, healthcare settings, or the broader community
- Duration of involvement and level of responsibility
- How service has influenced your development as a future physician

*Note: Your response to all of the above should not exceed 1,000 words. Please attach supporting documentation from the ICOM Registrar verifying your standing and class rank. Applicants for this scholarship will also be considered for PCF's Rural Health Scholarship, but can only be awarded one.*

### **How to Submit**

Please send your essay and supporting documentation as a single PDF via email to Kylie Turner, Executive Director of PCF, at [kturner@theprimarycareinitiative.org](mailto:kturner@theprimarycareinitiative.org), using your name as the filename. You should also include your full name on the header of each page.

*Note: Applicants should expect to receive a response to their application indicating it has been received. If they do not receive a reply, it will be incumbent upon them to inquire about receipt of their application prior to the deadline.*

### **Disclaimer**

The number of scholarships and amount per scholarship(s) will be determined each year based on the PCF Board's policy on distribution and availability of funds. Scholarships are not automatically renewable; students must re-apply each year. Students receiving full-tuition scholarships from other sources are not eligible. If awarded the scholarship, funds will be distributed directly toward the recipient's tuition. If other sources of aid cover the full cost of attendance, other aid will be adjusted down to accommodate this scholarship.