



Primary Care Rural Health Scholarship

The Primary Care Rural Health Scholarship was established by the Primary Care Foundation (PCF) in 2022, to recognize and financially support ICOM Student Doctors with a demonstrated interest in rural medicine and primary care.

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 Idaho, the practice of primary care, and rural medicine
- Demonstrated volunteerism on campus and/or the community
- Evidence of strong leadership within the class and community
- Evidence of financial need.

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 below. 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 interest in rural health. Describe your connection to Idaho and your commitment to living and/or practicing in the state. Please address all that apply:

- Where you grew up and where you consider your permanent home
- Whether you attended high school, college, or other educational programs in Idaho (include school names and locations, if applicable)
- Personal, family, or community ties to Idaho
- How Idaho has influenced your decision to pursue rural or primary care medicine

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

Describe your commitment to practicing primary care medicine in rural or underserved communities, including:

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

3. Leadership Experience (15%)

Describe your leadership experience within medical school or the broader community, including:

- Leadership roles or responsibilities you have held
- Informal leadership, mentorship, or advocacy activities
- The impact of your leadership on individuals, organizations, or communities

4. Service and Volunteerism (20%)

Describe your commitment to service and volunteerism, including:

- Volunteer activities within ICOM, healthcare settings, or the community
- Duration of involvement and level of responsibility
- How service has shaped your perspective as a future physician, particularly in rural or underserved settings

5. Financial Need (15%)

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

- Factors contributing to your financial need
- How scholarship support would help alleviate educational expenses
- How this support would enable you to pursue a career in primary care and rural medicine

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.

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@theprietarycareinitiative.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 PCI 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.