Scholarship Information

John H. Drabing, D.O., Osteopathic Medical Student Scholarship & Walter S. Strode, D.O. Memorial Scholarship

APPLICATION DEADLINE **JANUARY 22, 2027 • 11:59 PM MOUNTAIN TIME**

Scholarships at a Glance

John H. Drabing, D.O. Osteopathic Medical Student Scholarship	**Walter S. Strode, D.O. Memorial Scholarship**
Five scholarships awarded annually	**One scholarship awarded annually**
Each award provides $10,000 per year in tuition support for a student entering their third year at an AOA-accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine. Each award may total up to $20,000 for medical school years III and IV, provided the recipient remains in good academic standing and meets scholarship requirements.	A $1,000 award for fees, books, supplies, and equipment for a student entering their third year at an AOA-accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine. Named in memory of Walter S. Strode, D.O., a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

General Information

- Applications are reviewed primarily on merit. The Foundation considers academic achievement, leadership, motivation, and service to the community.
- The Foundation anticipates that scholarship recipients will return to practice in Colorado after completing their medical education.
- Funds for both scholarships are credited to the student's medical school business office account.

Eligibility

- You must be a second-year medical student applying for scholarship support for your third year of medical school.
- You must be enrolled at an AOA-accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **You must be a current resident of Colorado or have demonstrated strong personal roots in the state; preference is given to residents of Southern Colorado.**
- You must be a U.S. citizen.
- Students whose tuition is fully covered by another scholarship or program are ineligible. Examples include Indian Health Service, National Health Service Corps, and the Health Professions Scholarship Program through the Army, Navy, or Air Force, as well as other sources that cover full tuition.

Online Application Form

NEW IN 2026-2027: All applications must be submitted via the online application portal. Mailed application forms will not be accepted.

The application will open on November 2, 2026. Please click here to access the online application form.

Please note that applicants can choose to save their progress and do not need to complete the form in a single sitting. Please report any issues with the online form immediately to CSOF's Executive Director & CEO, Shannon Rauen, at edceo@csof.org.

Links to templates and required authorization forms can be accessed in the **Application Requirements** section.

Application Requirements

What You Must Submit

A complete application includes all required online application fields, applicant uploads, and official documents sent directly to CSOF by your College of Osteopathic Medicine registrar by the published application deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered, and exceptions will not be made.

1. Complete the online application

Complete all required fields and review your responses before submitting. All application materials must be received by 11:59 PM Mountain Time on January 22, 2027.

2. Upload the required applicant documents:

- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
  Submit a current CV of no more than three pages. Include education, professional experience, leadership, academic accomplishments, research experience, publications, presentations, honors, and other relevant accomplishments.

- **Personal Essay**
  Submit an essay of no more than three pages, double-spaced, addressing why you want to become an osteopathic physician; your professional life and practice as you envision them ten years from now; your history and connection to Colorado and your interest in returning to Colorado to practice; and any significant life challenges you have experienced.

- **Clubs, Organizations, Leadership & Community Service List**
  Use the provided template to list your activities and involvement during medical school. For each activity, include your role, dates, time commitment, and a brief description of your responsibilities, contributions, and impact. Include research, publications, and presentations in your CV rather than this list.
  Clubs, Organizations, Leadership & Community Service List Template can be downloaded here.

- **Applicant Authorization and Acknowledgment Form**
  Complete, sign, and date the form. It authorizes CSOF to request and receive academic information and confirms your acknowledgment of the Withdrawal and Leave of Absence Policy.
  The Applicant Authorization and Acknowledgment Form can be downloaded here.

- **Promotional Consent Form**
  Complete, sign, and date the form and upload it with your application. Your consent to the use of your name or likeness for promotional purposes is optional; you must submit the form regardless of your choice.
  The Promotional Consent Form can be downloaded here.

3. Arrange for official documents from your medical school

Your medical school registrar must send these documents directly to CSOF. *Request these documents early and allow enough time for **delivery** by the application submission deadline.* Do not upload these official documents yourself.

- Official transcripts for your first three semesters of medical school.
- Official documentation of your academic quartile or quintile, GPA, and class rank for your first three semesters.
- An official letter from your College of Osteopathic Medicine confirming that you are in good standing.

IMPORTANT: CSOF must receive all official documents and other application materials by 11:59 PM Mountain Time on January 22, 2027. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Contact Information & Selection Process

Registrar Submission Information

Official medical school documents must be sent directly to the Foundation by your COM.

Mail

Colorado Springs Osteopathic Foundation
6050 Stetson Hills Blvd. #166
Colorado Springs, CO 80923

Email

edceo@csof.org

Questions

719-435-0434 | edceo@csof.org

Application Review and Interviews

- A selection committee composed of osteopathic physicians reviews completed applications.
- Selected applicants may be invited to interview with the committee. Interviews are conducted by Zoom; telephone-only interviews are not offered.
- Selected applicants will be assigned a specific interview time. Interviews are expected to last approximately 15 minutes.
- Award recipients will be notified by phone and email.

If You Receive a Scholarship

- Tuition scholarship funds are credited to the student's medical school business office account. Under the prior program schedule, $5,000 payments are sent to the school's business office in July and December.
- Recipients must remain in good academic standing and meet scholarship requirements to remain eligible for fourth-year funding.
- Recipients must keep CSOF informed of address changes and status while enrolled in medical school during the period of funding and throughout residency.
- The Foundation may contact the College of Osteopathic Medicine to verify continued good standing before releasing fourth-year funds.

Withdrawal and Leave of Absence Policy

Permanent withdrawal: If a scholarship recipient withdraws from school permanently, the scholarship converts to a five-year loan at 5% interest per year. Recipients are responsible for repaying CSOF under terms defined by the Foundation. Exceptions may be granted at the Foundation's discretion.

Leave of absence: If a recipient is granted a leave of absence for medical or other reasons, the Foundation will hold the unawarded balance of scholarship funds for up to one year from the date the leave is approved. The student must return to school within one year to retain the scholarship.

School policies: Conditions of leave and withdrawal are subject to the individual school's policy.

Questions or additional information: Contact the Colorado Springs Osteopathic Foundation at 719-435-0434 or edceo@csof.org. All application materials must be received by 11:59 PM Mountain Time on January 22, 2027.