

# Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM)

## Burrell Medical Scholars (BMS) Award

The purpose of this internal award is to encourage and recognize applicants from BCOM's service region to apply for admission and enroll.

BCOM's service regions is defined as New Mexico; El Paso and far West, Texas; Southern Arizona (outside of the Tucson metro area); on a Federally Recognized American Indian and Alaskan Native Reservation/Jurisdictional Area; or Northern Mexico.

Applicants from BCOM's service region are eligible for the Burrell Expedited Admission Review (BEAR) admission pathway.

The process for consideration of an award is an internal one. Thus, there is no application process. Interviewing faculty can recommend applicants to the Admissions Committee for consideration of an award. The Admission Committee will consider the interviewing faculty recommendations and, if agreed upon, will recommend the candidates to the BMS Award Committee for final review.

BMS Awards are granted by the BMS Award Committee based on the following criteria:

- Is a mission fit (BEAR eligible; has a compelling desire to give back to the community and practice in BCOM's service region) as demonstrated through application materials
- Has demonstrated financial need (comes from a disadvantaged background)
- Has demonstrated merit

(a) The BMS Award is intended for a student who is pursuing a doctoral degree at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine ("BCOM") in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(b) Based on funding, a limited number of awards will be made for each entering DO class. The award is strictly a tuition waiver, where the student will receive half of the award in the fall semester and half in the spring semester.

(c) Applicants chosen for a BMS award must meet the following criteria, as established by the Founding Dean and Chief Academic Officer.

- Recipient is required to sign a pledge agreement promising to practice in New Mexico; El Paso and far West, Texas; Southern Arizona (outside of the Tucson metro area); on a Federally Recognized American Indian and Alaskan Native Reservation/Jurisdictional Area; or Northern Mexico for 2-4 years (depending on award amount) following the completion of residency training in any field of practice.
- Recipient is eligible to automatically receive a renewal of the award each semester/year up through graduation, based on maintaining eligibility criteria.
- Recipient must maintain an overall 80% cumulative grade, remain in good standing and successfully complete OMS II and OMS III and the first semester of OMSIV.
- If recipient is unable to maintain eligibility for renewal, then the BMS Award Committee will select a new recipient who will become eligible for renewal up and through graduation as long as they maintain eligibility.
- Recipients who are unable to maintain eligibility will be notified of loss of award.

Consideration will be given for underrepresented minorities per the definition utilized by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM);

*A Scholarship Advisory Committee (the "Committee") consisting of at least three and no more than five individuals shall by majority approval, recommend to the BMS Award Committee concerning the selection of the award recipient(s) and the amount(s). Non-adherence of recommendations from Committee must have supporting documentation to support change. The original Committee and replacements for any vacancies that occur on the Committee shall be named by the Founding Dean and Chief Academic Officer. If any member of the Committee shall have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, brother, sister or stepson, stepdaughter, etc. who applies for an award from the Fund, or is the legal guardian of any applicant for an award from the Fund, a Committee member with a conflict of interest, will abstain from voting with respect to said applicant in the year in which such person applies for an award from the Fund.*

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