



*Southwest Foundation for Osteopathic Education & Research (SWFOER)*

***FRIENDS OF MILITARY VETERANS CURRENT USE SCHOLARSHIP***

*The purpose of this fund is to award an annual scholarship according to the following guidelines:*

Annual scholarship grants in increments of \$5,000 shall be awarded based on the following criteria:

- (a) In addition to any criteria agreed upon between the Donors and SWFOER, the annual scholarship grants shall be awarded based on the following considerations: academic achievement, community service, personal integrity, and character.
- (b) Award is intended for a student who is pursuing a doctoral degree at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine ("BCOM") in Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- (c) One award will be made each semester for one-half of the amount present in the fund. Expenses that may be covered by an award include tuition, books, room and board, and other such related educational expenses as approved by the Committee.
- (d) Recipient chosen for the scholarship must meet the following criteria as established by Friends of Military Veterans Current Use Scholarship Agreement
  - *(Highest Priority)* Veterans of the United States Armed Forces who served in a Theater of Combat Operations as demonstrated by military service documentation that reflects service in a combat theater, or receipt of combat service medals, and/or receipt of imminent danger or hostile fire pay or tax benefits;
  - *(Next Highest Priority)* Veterans of the United States Armed Forces who are honorably separated or retired from those forces;
  - An Individual who is, or was, a dependent of a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces as defined under DoD 6010.8-R
  - *(Preferred)* Veterans and/or a dependent of a Veteran who list their residence as New Mexico, west Texas or southeastern Arizona
  - *(Preferred)* Veterans and/or a dependent of a Veteran whose academic accomplishments demonstrate a high potential for successfully completing their desired field of study

**Annually, BCOM students will be notified when the application is available for submission. The application, when available, will consist of the following:**

- A copy of DD Form 214/Separation Documents
- Less than one typed page describing how your connection to the military led to your decision to pursue a career in medicine
- A biographical sketch of no more than 500 words.

In addition, the applicant must be in good academic standing (>70% in current coursework), with preference for applicants holding at least a 3.0 GPA.

*A Scholarship Advisory Committee (the "Committee") consisting of at least three and no more than five individuals shall by majority approval, recommend to the SWFOER Board 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 a majority of the SWFOER Board of Directors. 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.*