



Rural Health Partners Scholarship at Charleston Area Medical Center

DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN A CAMC RESIDENCY?

Are you interested in a \$10,000 scholarship and the opportunity to match into a participating CAMC Residency Program? The Rural Health Partners Scholarship Program wants to collaborate with 3rd year students who are interested in matching into a CAMC residency program. Scholarship recipients will receive mentoring during their 4th year in preparation for the residency program; experience a one-month rural health rotation at one of the participating rural sites; complete a required research project; and will then receive a \$10,000 scholarship when they successfully graduate from medical school and match into one of the participating CAMC residency programs.

Selection

All candidates must be West Virginia University, Marshall University or West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine medical students and must apply by March 30, 2018 of their third year. Completed applications will be screened by the CAMC Rural Health Partners Committee and then sent to the appropriate participating CAMC residency program for review and consideration. The Program will conduct interviews and make a final determination. Scholarship recipients will receive an offer letter. The “All-in Policy” for waivers from the NRMP is currently under review. Certain CAMC Departments such as Family Medicine may pursue and be awarded such a match waiver. Applicants will be notified of waiver status as that information becomes available.



The Program Director must assure that each selected candidate complies with all ACGME/AOA and institutional resident selection requirements.

Awards are announced after the selection process prior to the start of the student’s fourth year to allow for integrated scheduling requirements. Any changes in deadlines will be communicated by the resident program directors.

Funding



Funding for the scholarship is made possible through contributions from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the WV Partners in Rural Health Network outlined in the application. Scholarship recipients will each receive \$10,000 when they successfully graduate from medical school, complete the required assignments of the research project and have matched into a participating CAMC residency program.

Recipients who fail to complete the CAMC residency program which awards their scholarship shall be in default and must refund the entire \$10,000 award within 12 months of leaving the residency program. A one-time request for consideration of any variation in this default payment may be made to the selection committee.

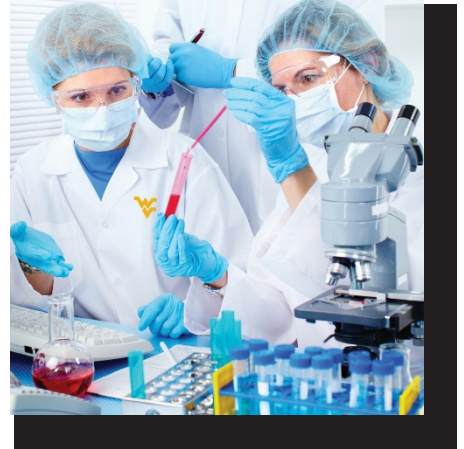
Benefits to Awardees

Scholarship of \$10,000 which significantly reduces medical school debts for a practitioner just beginning their professional career.

The educational base and residency enables students to develop clinical and leadership experiences uniquely targeted to foster success in rural and underserved populations.

If selected, recipients will enter a CAMC residency program upon graduation.

Recipients will still have to enter the NRMP Matching Program but will be spared the expenses typically associated with a lengthy interview process and the time/expense associated with an ERAS application.



Benefits to West Virginia

Despite a growing presence of rural community preceptors and an increased emphasis on rural primary care in medical school curricula national and in the state, some regions of West Virginia have limited access to healthcare. Our mission is to establish long-term relationships between our physicians and communities while providing a level of care previously unobtainable in the region.

The goals of this scholarship program are to:

- Enhance our ability to attract and retain excellent MSIII students from West Virginia medical schools;
- Increase retention of medical students for in-state residency programs;
- Increase physician placement and retention in underserved areas of the state; and
- Provide meaningful financial rewards to medical students who are willing to commit themselves to in-state residency training.

Scholarship Timeline

Feb 1 – March 30	Call for applications released by CAMC.
March 30	GME office must have received Rural Scholars application plus all required attachments.
April 1 – April 30	Applications will be reviewed by CAMC Rural Scholars committee and residency programs.
By May 15	Programs will make final decisions and contact applicants.
By June 1	Applicants will receive and return CAMC offer letters.



By March 30, 2018, interested students should send completed application, required attachments and all correspondence to:

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