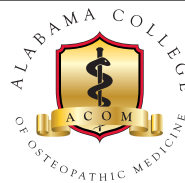


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The Blumberg Family Jewish Community Services of Dothan ACOM Scholarship Program awards scholarships to outstanding Jewish students attending the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Blumberg Scholars are medical students who demonstrate the highest levels of academic excellence and personal character, and commit to serve Dothan's Jewish and greater community.

The scholarship program is administered by Southeast Alabama Medical Center Foundation and is designed to help the ACOM educate and train the best and brightest doctors who are prepared and committed to serve the citizens of rural, medically-underserved areas of Southeast Alabama, thereby improving the quality of our fellow citizens' healthcare for generations to come.

A. Instructions

1. Submit your completed application and supporting documents in hard copy. Applications cannot be considered unless they are complete. Your name must appear in the upper right-hand corner of all documents submitted.

2. The deadline for the receipt of applications is **June 30, 2015**.

3. Your application packet requires:

- Application;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Essay -- 500 words describing your background and experiences, focusing on your proven commitment to medical education; service, volunteerism and leadership in your greater community; as well as service, volunteerism, and leadership in your Jewish community and congregation(s);
- Letters of Recommendation – One letter from an undergraduate academic instructor who worked closely with you and can speak to your academic excellence is required. Optional additional letters of recommendation should include a letter from a professional well-acquainted with your service, volunteerism and leadership in the general community, and/or a letter from a professional well acquainted with your service, volunteerism and leadership in your Jewish community and congregation(s);
- Interview with the Southeast Alabama Medical Center Foundation Scholarship Committee;

5. Deliver application packets to:

Philip D. Reynolds, PhD
Assistant Dean, Student Services
Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine
445 Health Sciences Boulevard
Dothan, AL 36303

6. Direct questions to:

Dr. Reynolds at (334) 699-2266 / toll free (855) 364-2266 or preynolds@acomedu.org

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B. Eligibility

Blumberg Scholar candidates must:

- Be of the Jewish faith;
- Enter the ACOM as a first-time or full-time medical student at the ACOM, seeking the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and be fully-committed to the academic major and career preparation for primary care medicine;
- Achieve a MCAT score and an undergraduate cumulative GPA that meets or exceeds the ACOM's admission's requirements;
- *Be fully committed*, upon graduation, to
- Establish a primary care medicine practice in a rural, medically-underserved area of Southeast Alabama, and concurrently,
- Become an active, contributing member (individual or family) of Dothan's Temple Emanu-El; its programs of worship, education, and community service.

C. Award Description

1. Scholarships are not awarded based on need.
2. Generally, **Blumberg Scholars** receive a scholarship beginning with their first year at ACOM; however, second year ACOM students will also be considered for scholarship funding.
3. Blumberg scholarship awards may continue during the student's full-time matriculation at ACOM provided the Blumberg Scholar meets the requirements for continued award funding.

D. Selection

1. For the selection of each **Blumberg Scholar's** initial award - recipients will be selected by the SAMC Foundation Scholarship Committee during the spring immediately preceding the student's initial, full-time (fall semester) enrollment at the ACOM.
2. Eligibility for continued scholarship awards in academic years two, three and four is based on the **Blumberg Scholar's** demonstration of the following achievements to the satisfaction of the SAMC Foundation Scholarship Committee:
 - High level of academic excellence – earning a minimum ACOM cumulative GPA of 3.25;
 - Strong, positive personal character;
 - Leadership, service and volunteerism at the ACOM, in the general community, and the local Jewish community, as time allows.

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E. Awards

1. A total cohort of six (6) **Blumberg Scholars** shall be selected;
2. Awards shall be credited against ACOM's tuition and other mandatory fees, as part of each **Blumberg Scholar's** financial aid package, in accordance with the college's tuition billing/payment process.

F. Scholarship Award Amount

1. **Blumberg Scholars** will be eligible to receive a scholarship amount of \$10,000 per completed academic year after being selected for an award. **Blumberg Scholars** selected in advance of their initial academic year will be eligible to receive a maximum award of \$40,000 during the student's four years of matriculation at ACOM, provided all requirements are met each year; **Blumberg Scholars** selected in advance of their second academic year will be eligible to receive a maximum of \$30,000 during the student's remaining three years of matriculation at ACOM, provided all requirements are met each year.

G. Special Provisions

1. The number of calendar years that scholarship recipients are committed to establish a rural, southeast Alabama primary care medicine practice, shall be equivalent to the number of academic years' scholarship support that the student received while enrolled at the ACOM.

Example – if a student received three academic years of scholarship support under this program, then he/she shall be committed to establishing/maintaining a rural, southeast Alabama medical practice for at least three calendar years after graduation and completion of his/her residency program.

2. If a scholarship recipient:

- Withdraws from the ACOM, in good academic standing, due to circumstances beyond his/her control, any scholarship monies that he/she received under this program will not have to be repaid to the SAMC Foundation.
- Requests and is granted an Excused Leave of Absence, any scholarship monies that he/she received under this program will not have to be repaid to the SAMC Foundation.
- Is dismissed from enrollment at ACOM, due to violation(s) of the institution's student code of conduct, any/all scholarship monies that the student received under this program must be repaid to the SAMC Foundation.

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General Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Home Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Work Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cellular Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Degrees & Dates Awarded *(if applicable, please list title of doctoral and/or master's thesis)*

Academic Discipline/Professional Field: _____

Present Position: _____

School/Department: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

Family Information

Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Children: Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

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