



PRE-MED SPRING 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS

Consider applying for one or more of the Health Professions Spring Scholarships. Please note that some scholarship components require the submission of reference names several weeks prior to the application deadline. The reference deadline is Wednesday, March 4, and the remainder of the application materials must be submitted online by **Thursday, March 19, 2026**. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the Health Professions Office well in advance of these deadlines.

Pre-med students who would like to be considered for one or more of the Health Professions scholarships must satisfy the following requirements:

Submit one short essay (no more than 250 words total) answering the following questions:

- Why do you want to attend medical school and become a physician?
- How do you hope to impact your patients, the profession and society in general as a physician?

The **Amsler Pre-Med Scholarship** was established by Wheaton College alumni Jean Amsler '59 and William Hoppel '59 in memory of Dr. Donald S. Amsler '58 and honor of Jean Amsler. The scholarship can be awarded to a single applicant or divided among recipients. In the past, 3 or 4 recipients were chosen. Preference shall be given to students who plan to do Christian medical ministry either in the United States or abroad.

- *Have current sophomore or junior standing (in terms of years of college, not by credit hours)*
- *Submit a list of experiences (expanded resume)*

The **McKenna Urban Health Professions Scholarship** can be awarded up to two junior students toward their senior year (2026-2027) tuition.

- *Have current junior standing (must be a junior in terms of years of college, not by credit hours)*
- *Have at least a 3.3 GPA*
- *Planning to pursue a career in an underserved urban setting or international service*
- *Submit a list of experiences (expanded resume): include current involvement in an underserved urban setting by volunteerism, work, internships, research and/or ministry.*

The **Mesko Family Merit Scholarship** was established by Wheaton College alumni Dr. John Wesley Mesko '77 and Mrs. Kathleen L. Mesko '77.

- *Have current sophomore or junior standing (in terms of years of college, not by credit hours)*
- *Have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or better*
- *Submit reference names and email addresses no later than Wednesday, March 4th that can speak to your character, integrity and work ethic.*
- *Submit a list of experiences (expanded resume)*

The **Ruth Kraft Strohschein Scholarship** is by invitation only. You will be notified by the Health Professions office if you are eligible to apply. This is a one-time award. If two students are determined to be equally eligible candidates, the award may be divided among both students.

- *Have current sophomore or junior standing (in terms of years of college, not by credit hours)*
- *Have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher*
- *Submit reference names and email addresses no later than Wednesday, March 4th that can speak to your character and integrity.*
- *Submit a list of experiences (expanded resume)*

The **Sugarbaker Scholarship** involves four years of financial support - two years at Wheaton College (junior and senior years) and two years at an Allopathic or Osteopathic Medical School (first two years). The student must enter medical school within two years after their graduation from Wheaton College to be eligible for continued support. The amount awarded for each recipient will be **\$10,000** annually towards tuition each of the four years.

- *Be a current sophomore by class year (not credit hours)*
- *Have financial need – contact the Financial Aid office if you wonder about eligibility*
- *Have an overall GPA (at least 3.5) and Science GPA*
- *Submit a list of experiences (expanded resume)*

Expectations

Expectations for Reference Names and Email Addresses

Prior to application deadline - Submit reference names and email addresses to the Health Professions office (health.professions@wheaton.edu) no later than Wednesday, March 4th.

- Identify two individuals (one must be a faculty member) who can describe and speak to your work ethic, character and integrity. Provide an email address for each individual. The Health Professions office will contact them. You can let them know, they do not need to write a letter, however, they will be asked to complete a short form to address the aspects in the scholarship.

Expectations for the Essay

A strong essay, shows the reader your motivation instead of simply “telling.” The essay should demonstrate good writing skills. The essay must be 1 ½ or double spaced (not single spaced) and 11 or 12 pt. font. For some scholarships, a copy of the recipient’s essay may be shared with the donor.

Expectations for a List of Experiences (Expanded Resume)

This document aids the committee by providing a profile of your experiences (examples: volunteer and/or community service, research, college activities/clubs, shadowing/observation, employment, etc.). Please include the approximate hours (each week or month) for each experience. You are welcome to include activities that do not directly apply to medicine/healthcare. *Note: It can be longer than one page. Clear articulation of the responsibilities/skills of the experience is important.* You may submit a resume but consider all aspects of your experience as noted above.

Application

Complete the online Health Professions Student Registration Form and submit essays [HERE](#).

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