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**New medical education scholarship offers more than just financial aid to Oregon's MD, DO & PA students**

*Portland, OR – October 2021* – In celebration of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Oregon Medical Education Foundation (OMEF) recently launched a new scholarship called the Future of Medicine Leadership Award which supports Oregon's MD, DO & PA students during their post undergraduate years. In addition to a \$10,000 prize, recipients will also receive non-financial assistance through a thoughtfully curated program which includes a mentor and 1:1 time with some of Oregon's top healthcare and thought leaders.

The application is open to current MD, DO and PA students of any year in good academic standing at one the following programs: OHSU School of Medicine, OHSU Physician Assistant Program, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Northwest, Pacific University Physician Assistant Program and George Fox Physician Assistant Program. Up to three (3) scholarships will be awarded and may be renewed annually until graduation. Details may be found at [www.theomef.org/leadership-scholarship](http://www.theomef.org/leadership-scholarship) and applications close November 10, 2021.

OMEF's mission is to ensure students pursuing an advanced medical degree can thrive. Since 2012, nearly \$500,000 has been drawn at the Future of Medicine Scholarship Awards, affectionately known as the Student Party. Those cash awards have been a literal lifeline for many, helping to reduce stress about the rising cost of a medical education, relieve food insecurity and afford time-saving study resources so students can better focus on their learning. Like 2020, this year's event will be virtual and, in addition to the traditional drawings, the recipients of this new Leadership Award will also be announced. The event will take place at 6pm on Friday, December 3, 2021 – see [www.theomef.org/events](http://www.theomef.org/events) for details.

For more information on our mission, programs, or to donate or get involved please visit [www.theomef.org](http://www.theomef.org).

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**About the Oregon Medical Education Foundation (OMEF)**

OMEF exists to help set Oregon's MD, DO & PA students on a path for success through financial assistance and programs that help offset the rising cost of a medical education, tackle urgent issues such as food insecurity, wellness and burnout, and create opportunities for students to expand their professional network. We proudly partner with organizations that help inspire prospective students to pursue a career in healthcare, and others that help make public health education more widely available. OMEF is a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization and was founded by the Oregon Medical Association in 1961. Visit [www.theomef.org](http://www.theomef.org) for more information or to get involved.

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