



Help relieve the burden

While most health sciences students accumulate some extent of financial debt, medical students accrue as much as \$280,000 in debt over a four-year period in tuition and fees alone. By the time they have completed residencies and, in some instances, fellowships, they will have debt that is nearly unsurmountable.

"The cost of medical school is such a heavy, heavy burden. Through the generosity of donors, I was able to provide living expenses for myself and my children. Giving any amount lets students focus on academics rather than focusing on finances," says Carla Foulks, M.D., Class of 2018.

Foulks, who is now an internal medicine resident at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, was a recipient of the Everett L. Dargan Scholarship, which supports students who are underrepresented in medical school.



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Scholarships help ensure medical students can pursue their education with minimal financial burden, so they can focus on their education, training and selecting an area of practice based on interest rather than the salary required to pay off excessive debt.

This is especially important because there is a tremendous need in our state, as well as across the country, for primary care physicians to practice in rural areas – a professional choice that is likely to garner a much lower salary than that of a specialist.

The need for scholarships is great, particularly among minority and underrepresented students. The education we provide and our ability to support our students depends on the investments of loyal alumni, grateful patients and families, and a supportive community.

If you would like to support student scholarships, there are several ways to help:

Establish an endowed, named scholarship with a gift commitment of \$25,000 or more. An endowed scholarship is a gift in perpetuity. After one fiscal year of being fully funded, these scholarships receive an annual spendable allocation from investment earnings. These scholarships typically generate between 4.3-4.5% annually in financial assistance.

Establish a future endowed scholarship through an estate gift of \$25,000 or more.

Establish a named, non-endowed scholarship by pledging \$10,000 or more per year for a period of at least four years. Funds are active only as long as the donor continues to make annual payments. However, the full amount of the annual donation can be distributed to the student or students, which has a significant impact on reducing student debt.

Support an established scholarship fund with a gift of any size. Existing funds include:

- Everett L. Dargan Endowed Scholarship (B11206) - To support underrepresented and minority students
- Carol L. McMahon, MD, Diversity Scholarship Fund (A32426) - To recruit and support underrepresented minority students
- School of Medicine Alumni Scholarship Fund (1B1389) – Established by alumni; supports medical students with financial need

Every gift matters

Scholarships are critically important because they enable us to attract and recruit the most talented students and build a pipeline of future physicians for our state and beyond. Every gift matters.

Your support is critically needed if we are to meet the demand for physicians in our state and beyond.

For more information about how you can support scholarships, please contact Kim Riggi, senior director of development and alumni relations, at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia.

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