

## **Scholarship Programs:**

### **The Need-Based Scholarship Program**

The Need-Based scholarship Program provides financial assistance to United States citizens from groups currently under represented in the medical profession. NMF awards give preference to racial and ethnic minorities that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population with specific attention to: African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and Asian Americans who permanently reside within the 50 U.S states. All Applicants must submit proof of US citizenship.

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible candidates must be first or second year medical students. Students must provide proof of admission to an accredited medical school (letter of acceptance for first year medical students, academic transcript for second year medical students). Applicants must demonstrate and document financial need by submitted, complete copies of their parents', spouse's and their own most recent 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ tax forms. All nontaxable income (e.g. AFDC, ADC, Social Security benefits, Etc.) must also be documented by the appropriate agency. Applicants lacking evidence of taxable or nontaxable income must provide verification of means of support. All parental financial data must be submitted in order to evaluate dependant status.

#### **Application and Selection Criteria:**

A rigorous application process ensures that assistance is provided to students with the greatest documented need. Scholarships are granted on the basis of financial need as determined by the student's total resources (including parental and spouses support), cost education, and receipt of other scholarships and grants.

#### **Number and Value of Award Presented:**

The number of scholarships available varies annually. Awards range from \$500 to \$10,000.

### **Metropolitan Life Foundation Awards Program for Academic Excellence in Medicine**

This award program was established by the Metropolitan Life Foundation in 1987. Seventeen need-based scholarships are awarded annually to second through fourth-year underrepresented minority medical students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

This scholarship is open to underrepresented minority students who attend medical schools or have legal residence in cities that are annually designated by the Metropolitan Life Foundation. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated in academic transcripts, faculty evaluations, by receipt of special academic honors, fellowships, awards or induction into national medical honor societies; leadership as indicated by active participation in community-based work or initiation of innovative projects in school or community; and potential for distinguished contributions to medicine as indicated by participation in research, publications or unique clerkships. Students must also provide documented proof of financial need, evidenced by receipt of need-based financial assistance prior to being nominated for a scholarship, information provided by the medical school financial aid officer and through documented proof of income.

#### **Number and Value of Award Presented**

Up to 17 scholarships of \$4,000 each are presented annually.

#### **Application and Selection Criteria:**

Students must be nominated by their medical school deans. Schools are required to submit letters of recommendation and official academic transcripts. Candidates must submit scholarship applications, including documented proof of financial need, valid proof of residency (income tax returns or utility bills for the last two years) for candidates who do not attend medical schools in the designated cities, and a curriculum vitae.

## **Hugh J. Andersen Memorial Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship program was established in 1982 by the family of the late Hugh J. Andersen who was an active supporter of and generous contributor to NMF's programs. Need-based merit scholarships are annually presented to Minnesota residents enrolled in any accredited U.S medical school or students attending medical schools in Minnesota.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Eligible candidates must be underrepresented minority students enrolled beyond their first-year in an accredited U.S. medical school. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated in academic transcripts, faculty evaluations, by receipt of special academic honors, fellowships, awards or induction into national medical honor societies; leadership as indicated by active participation in community-based work or initiation of innovative projects in school or community; and potential for distinguished contributions to medicine as indicated by participation in research, publications or unique clerkships. Students must also provide documented proof of financial need, evidenced by receipt of need-based financial assistance prior to being nominated for a scholarship, information provided by the medical school financial aid officer and through documented proof of income.

### **Number and Value of Award Presented:**

Up to 5 scholarships of \$2,500 each are presented annually.

### **Application and Selection Procedures:**

Students must be nominated by medical school deans. Schools are required to submit letters of recommendations and official academic transcripts. Applicants must submit scholarship applications, including documented proof of financial need. Financial need must be documented by submitting complete copies of their parents', spouse's and their own most recent 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ tax forms. All nontaxable income (e.g. AFDC, ADC, Social Security benefits, Etc.) must also be documented by the appropriate agency. Applicants with neither taxable nor nontaxable income must provide verification of means of support. All parental financial data must be submitted to evaluate dependant status. Applicants must also provide valid proof of residency (income tax returns or utility bills for the last two years) for candidates who do not attend Minnesota medical school, and a curriculum vitae.

## **Irving Graef Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship program was established by NMF's board in 1978, and permanently endowed by the Irving Graef Medical Fund in 1980 to honor the memory of one of NMF most active board members, Dr. Graef served as chairman, assistant treasurer and secretary of the board of directors. He was also associate professor of clinical medicine at New York University School of Medicine. This two-year scholarship is presented annually to a third-year student and recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community services. The scholarship is renewable in the fourth year if the recipient continues in good academic standing.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

This scholarship is open only to rising, third-year underrepresented minority medical students who received NMF financial assistance during their first or second year in medical school. Candidates must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement as indicated in academic transcripts, faculty evaluations, by receipt of special academic honors, fellowships, awards or induction into national medical honor societies; leadership as indicated by active participation in community-based work or initiation of innovative projects in school or community; and potential for distinguished contributions to medicine as indicated by participation in research, publications or unique clerkships.

### **Number and Value of Awards Presented:**

One new scholarship is awarded annually, a \$2,000 award is provided during the 3rd and 4th year medical school, for a total amount of \$4,000.

### **Application and Selection Procedures:**

Students must be nominated by medical school deans. Schools are required to submit letters of recommendation and official academic transcripts. Candidates must submit a scholarship applications (exclude documented proof of financial need), personal essay and current curriculum vitae.

## **Mary Ball Carrera Scholarship**

This scholarship program was established by NMF's board member Neal Ball to honor the memory of his sister Mary Ball Carrera. This Need-based merit scholarship is annually presented to a Native American woman enrolled in any accredited U.S. medical school and recognizes outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community services.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

Eligible candidates must be first or second year medical students. Students must provide proof of admission to an accredited medical school (letter of acceptance for first year medical students, academic transcript for second year medical students). Applicants must demonstrate and document financial need by submitting complete copies of their parents', spouse's and their own most recent 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ tax forms and W2. All nontaxable income (e.g. AFDC, ADC, Social Security benefits, Etc.) must also be documented by the appropriate agency. Applicants must submit a current financial aid award letter. Applicants lacking evidence of taxable or nontaxable income must provide verification of means of support. All parental financial data must be submitted in order to evaluate dependant status. All applicants must reside within the 50 U.S. states and provide proof of citizenship.

### **Application and Selection Criteria:**

A rigorous application process ensures that assistance is provided to students with the greatest documented need. Scholarships are granted on the basis of financial need as determined by the student's total resources (including parental and spouses support), cost of education, and receipt of other scholarships and grants.

Stipend: A one time award of \$2,500.