



THE FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL EXCELLENCE

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Call for Applications TFME 2025 Scholarships

The Foundation for Medical Excellence (TFME) is a public, nonprofit Oregon-based educational foundation dedicated to advancing excellence in medical education and practice, to improving the quality of health care and to promoting sound health policy and population health.

Five scholarships are available. TFME Scholars receive a \$5,000 scholarship to defray the cost of medical school tuition. TFME Scholars are invited to participate in TFME programs in the areas of leadership training, communication, wellness and resilience. They will also receive coaching and mentoring as they apply for residency programs.

The MacDonald, Bloom and Jones Scholarships are restricted to students matriculated at Oregon Health Sciences University.

The Walter McDonald Scholarship, honoring the lifetime work of Dr. Walter McDonald. Dr. McDonald was an internist and endocrinologist who built a career creating physician leaders through his work as Dean for Education and Student Affairs at Oregon Health Sciences University and as Executive VP and CEO of the American College of Physicians.

The Joseph Bloom Scholarship, honoring the lifetime work of Dr. Joseph Bloom, forensic psychiatrist, teacher, leader and former Dean of the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine.

The Warren Jones Scholarship, honoring the life of Dr. Warren Jones a California-based psychiatrist. The Scholarship also honors his brother Richard Jones, PhD, who was the Oregon Health Sciences University Chairman of Biochemistry and, at one time, Acting Oregon Health Sciences University President.

Two scholarships are available to students matriculated at any medical school in the Pacific Northwest.

The John Ulwelling Scholarship, honoring the life of John Ulwelling who was a founding member of TFME in 1984 and Executive Vice President for many years. Mr. Ulwelling began his career as a teacher. As leader of the Foundation, Mr. Ulwelling was a consistent and passionate advocate for physician leadership development and health care policy. This award is open to students at all medical training institutions in Oregon and Washington.

The Northwest Permanente, PC-TFME Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding medical student with 8-12 months of clinical rotation experience who comes from backgrounds that have been under-represented in our current medical communities (BIPOC, LGBTQA, first generation college/medical students, disabled, veterans). Students from any Pacific Northwest medical school are invited to apply. *Thank you to Northwest Permanente, PC for generously sponsoring this award.*

Important Award Dates:

- **February 25, 2025** Application Deadline
- **March 19, 2025** Awards Announced
- **April 16, 2025** Awards Ceremony (on Zoom)

Award Eligibility:

- Matriculated in a medical school in the Pacific Northwest
- Currently enrolled in clinical clerkships and in excellent academic standing
- Demonstrated leadership in medical education and health system improvement
- Committed to practicing clinical medicine in the Pacific Northwest
- Invested in a shared vision for collegiality and community in medical practice

Application Requirements (due by February 25, 2025):

- 1) Two letters of support – one from a clinical faculty member and one from a dean or your primary academic advisor (PDF, emailed to: info@tfme.org)
- 2) A shortened (1-2 page) curriculum vitae (PDF, emailed to: info@tfme.org)
- 3) Essay prompt responses submitted using this [Google Form](#)

Applications will be confirmed by TFME staff once all application documents have been received.