

Maine Medical Center's Department of Medical Education

Diversity Scholarship Award

About the MMC Department of Medical Education Diversity Scholarship Award

The Department of Medical Education developed the Diversity Scholarship Award Program to help advance MaineHealth's mission to actively pursue, and welcome a wide range of perspectives and backgrounds. We believe with this program, we will improve the academic environment, drive innovation, and attract leadership – ultimately, enhancing our ability to train future medical providers to provide high quality, socially responsible, and equitable care to all patients and their families.

MMC's Department of Medical Education offers eight \$500 scholarship awards per academic year for those applying to advanced electives with identities and backgrounds that are underrepresented in medicine. The AAMC has previously defined underrepresented in medicine as "those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population." The Department of Medical Education endeavors for this to be an inclusive definition that is open to individual interpretation. Other examples may include physically disabled, economically disadvantaged, or LGBTQ+ students.

This scholarship award may be applied towards travel, housing, and incidental expenses related to a month long visiting rotation.

Program Eligibility

- Students must be a visiting student enrolled and in good standing at a U.S. medical school accredited by the AOA or LCME and in their 4th year of medical school.
- All Maine medical Center electives listed on VSLO are eligible for this program, except virtual electives.
- Applicants must meet the criteria specific to the rotation they are applying for (variable by rotation and department).
- Applicants must be able to commit to the elective if the elective offer and scholarship award are accepted, as there is a no-drop policy.
- Students from medical schools that are part of our home institution are not eligible to apply (e.g., UNE, TUSM).

Application Process

- Applications for Maine Medical Center visiting student electives opens annually in early February.
- A complete [VSLO/VSAS application](#) that includes all of the institutional requirements, including the additional Diversity Scholarship Application.
- The Department of Medical Education will review all Diversity Scholarship Award applications to confirm eligibility.
- If you receive an offer for a Maine Medical Center elective, you will be notified via VSLO. If you also receive the Diversity Scholarship Award, you will receive an additional notification with more information via email.
- All applicants will receive a notification on the acceptance or declination status of their application at minimum 60 days before the start of the rotation.

If you have Diversity Scholarship Award Program questions, please contact the Department of Medical Education at 207-662-7060 or UME_MedEd@mmc.org