



ARKANSAS RURAL HEALTH

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Overview »

The **Arkansas Rural Health Scholarship** was created by Dr. Rhys Branman to support, empower, and encourage first year medical students in Arkansas who are interested in practicing medicine in rural areas of Arkansas.

The scholarship award of \$2,500 is to be used toward tuition fees and educational expenses, including but not limited to: textbooks, supplies (paper, pens, notebooks, etc.), and required technology.

The scholarship award will be disbursed directly to the student in the form of a cash prize. The selected student will be required to furnish information necessary to issue a 1099 tax form, including social security number, as part of the process for dispersing scholarship monies. Student will be responsible for any resulting tax obligations.

Information regarding the scholarship can be found at <https://www.littlerockcosmeticsurgery.com/scholarship-application-submission/>.

Background »

Rural areas face a documented shortage of essential healthcare professionals, especially in primary care fields. According to a 2013 federal report, [Projecting the Supply and Demand for Primary Care Practitioners Through 2020](#), the demand for healthcare professionals is only expected to grow. In addition, the rising cost of education directly impacts the ability of students to pursue a healthcare degree, compounding the rural health workforce shortage.

Financial aid is an important tool in building the health workforce in rural communities through recruitment and retention. To help address this national and regional problem, Dr. Branman has developed a scholarship program to assist

new healthcare students with the burden of cost while encouraging them to serve and practice in underserved areas. This brand-new scholarship program is intended to attract and support those who will thrive and remain in a rural community in the state of Arkansas.

Eligibility Requirements »

The Arkansas Rural Health Scholarship is open to Arkansas residents pursuing education in medical speciality with a focus on rural medicine. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Student must be a current resident of Arkansas;
- Applicant must be an undergraduate or postgraduate medical student pursuing a degree/career path in a medicine-related field* at an institution of higher learning in Arkansas.
- Applicant must be committed to rural health medicine, serving in shortage areas of Arkansas upon completion of their medical education or residency training.
- Applicant must submit one letter of recommendation with valid contact information;
- Student must complete application form, provide original essay answers, and upload completed application and one letter of reference at <https://www.littlerockcosmeticsurgery.com/scholarship-application-submission/>

**Eligible degrees include: Doctorate (MD, DO, DPM, DDS, DMD, DPM, DMD, OD, PsyD, PharmD, DCM, DS, DPT, DSN, PhD, DNP), Nursing (RN, NP, CNM, CRNA, LPN), Master's (MPH, MM, MMS, MN, MNA, MPharm, MPAS, MSN, MSM), and Physician's Assistant (PA, PAC).*

Scholarship Timeline »

Monday, March 15: Scholarship live on website, online via press release and application period opens

Monday, March 15 - Friday, October 29, 2021 : Applications accepted

Monday, November 1 - Friday, November 5: Applications reviewed and narrowed by Scholarship Committee, Winner selected

Monday, November 8, 2021: Winner announced and notified

Privacy Notice »

The organizers of the 2021 **Arkansas Rural Health Scholarship** are committed to safeguarding and preserving your privacy when visiting our website, participating in the scholarship, or communicating with us. We will only make use of your contact and other information for the contest itself and to contact the winning recipient. By submitting an application, applicants agree that the 2021 Arkansas Rural Health Scholarship Committee may publicly share name of winner and any approved likeness for announcement and marketing purposes at the discretion of the Committee.

Acceptance of Conditions »

I, _____, have read and understand the conditions of the “2021 Arkansas Rural Health Scholarship” as explained in the current **Overview, Privacy Notice, and Eligibility Requirements** sections. I affirm that I am a resident of the state of Arkansas and am pursuing a degree/career path as a licensed medical practitioner at an institution of higher learning as defined in those sections. I understand that this application will be available only to scholarship committee in the course of their duties. If selected as the recipient of the Arkansas Rural Health Scholarship, I agree to attend a higher education institution for a degree/career path as a licensed medical practitioner and furnish proof of my enrollment once available. I also agree to furnish information necessary to issue a 1099 tax form as part of the process for dispersing scholarship monies. I acknowledge that I will be responsible for any resulting tax obligations. I affirm that all of this application is my own work. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief at the time of submission.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Application Instructions »

Step One: Applicants will begin by filling out *Personal & Contact Information*.

Step Two: Once this portion of the application is completed to the best of the applicant's ability, applicant will provide original answers to the included essay questions (directions detailed in *Essay Questions* section).

Step Three: After the applicant has completed the application packet, they must submit the forms online via the uploader on the application submission page at <https://www.littlerockcosmeticsurgery.com/scholarship-application-submission/>. The application may be submitted in either PDF (.pdf) , Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx) , or Rich Text (.rtf) format. There is an upload file size limit of 3MB.

Step Four: Applicants are required to upload a letter of recommendation with accurate contact information for person supplying letter of recommendation via the uploader on the application submission page at <https://www.littlerockcosmeticsurgery.com/scholarship-application-submission/>. The letter of recommendation may be submitted in either PDF (.pdf), Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx), or Rich Text (.rtf) format. There is an upload file size limit of 3MB.

All application materials must be submitted by 5PM CST on Friday, October 29, 2021.

Application begins on following page.



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Scholarship Application

Spring 2021

Personal & Contact Information »

Full legal name:

Permanent residence:

Primary phone:

Email address:

Date of birth:

Name of institute of higher learning:

Degree/career path:

Essay Questions »

Read the following questions carefully and provide a thoughtful, original answer to each. The word count for each question is limited to 350 words or less.

1. What do you think is the most difficult challenge of being a rural health provider?

2. What is a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart from other applicants?

3. Choose **two** questions below to answer:

- **Why did you decide to pursue rural medicine?**
- **What are the most important issues rural medicine is facing today?**
- **How has your family background affected the way you view the world?**
- **Who is your greatest role model and why?**

- END OF APPLICATION -

Please save your application now and submit on the application submission page at <https://www.littlerockcosmeticsurgery.com/scholarship-application-submission/>