

Women in Medicine Medical Student Academic Scholarship Application

Women in Medicine (WIM) is proud to announce scholarships of \$5,000 each will be awarded to two female medical students currently enrolled in medical school in the United States or Canada. The deadline for the application is Feb. 1, 2012, and the scholarships will be presented at the annual WIM meeting in Napa, CA, April 22- 26, 2012. The medical students receiving the scholarships are expected to attend the meeting if at all possible, and registration, room and board will be provided with a small stipend.

WIM provides a supportive, empowering, and educational environment for lesbian physicians, residents, medical students and their families. Through its annual retreats, WIM offers cutting-edge continuing medical education, a forum for discussion of front-line research on lesbian health issues, non-medical seminars of interest to all, as well as rejuvenating social opportunities for children and adults alike. Essential networking and mentoring opportunities abound, with a special focus on the needs of medical students and residents. Through these various venues, WIM nourishes the professional, political, and personal growth of all who attend.

Eligible applicants include female medical students enrolled in an allopathic (MD) or osteopathic (DO) medical school in the United States or Canada, in good academic standing, who are entering the second, third or fourth year of medical school in the fall of 2012. Students enrolled in a combined degree program are eligible who are also entering their fifth or sixth year. The application is electronic and should include:

1. Updated CV with current contact information including email and cell phone, academic history, employment history, volunteer work/community service, research experience, list of honors/awards and publications, if any.
2. Personal statement limited to one page double-spaced about your past and current involvement with the LGBT community including WIM, especially any leadership positions during your time in medical school. You should write one paragraph focused on WIM, how you found out about WIM, including any meetings attended and thoughts on how you might contribute to help WIM be responsive to the needs of medical students. You should also state if you can attend the WIM meeting 2012 above.
3. Two letters of reference, one from your Associate Dean stating that you are in good academic standing, and one from a faculty member who knows you and is aware of your involvement in LGBT activities of the medical school. If you know a member of WIM or of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, a third letter would be appreciated to support your application, or a letter from a staff member or faculty member of the Diversity Affairs Office or your institution about your involvement in diversity activities at your school. These letters should be addressed to the Medical Student Scholarship Committee of Women in Medicine.

Please send all materials to wim.doctors@gmail.com by 2/1/2012.