The Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM) and the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) at Midwestern University have announced the establishment of new scholarship funds intended to foster student body diversity and extend opportunities for healthcare students from underrepresented minority groups.

The new Mary E. Cranker CCOM Minority Scholarship Fund and the Edna Dunning AZCOM Minority Scholarship Fund apply to incoming first-year osteopathic medical students belonging to minority groups as defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), including American Indian and Alaska Native communities, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders.

These funds will be provided to two qualifying incoming students from each of our Osteopathic Colleges, and will cover half of the cost of tuition, as long as students maintain high academic standards. This will be available all four years. The scholarship funds will be awarded competitively to eligible students based on past academic performance; commitment to diversity, leadership, and community service; and demonstrated financial need, with consideration to applicants who are first-generation college students.

Midwestern University offers a Diversity Scholarship that will provide need-based scholarships for qualified students on both the Downers Grove, Illinois, and Glendale, Arizona campuses. Students from all Colleges and Programs are eligible to apply for one of the two $5,000 scholarships that will be awarded for each campus.

Details about the application process and eligibility requirements are available at www.midwestern.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships.

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