

# MWU Institutional Scholarships

## Scholarship Maintenance

### Dr. Blake G. Osborn Memorial Scholarship



#### Description

The Dr. Blake G. Osborn Memorial Scholarship, founded in 2016 by Blake's parents Dr. William and Betsy Osborn, his sister Lacey Osborn and his professor and friend Dr. Louis Sommerhalter, was established to honor the life and practice of Dr. Blake Osborn. Originally from a small town in Southern Illinois, Blake learned the importance of assisting those less fortunate than himself. At an early age as he was a frequent volunteer at local organizations within his community. This trend continued throughout his life and into his dental practice upon his graduation from Midwestern University's College of Dental Medicine-Arizona in 2015. Once in private practice, Blake devoted his attention to serving those who needed affordable dental care, with a special interest in assisting children and the elderly. This scholarship is meant to continue Blake's legacy in perpetuity by providing assistance to individuals who have demonstrated the same spirit and generosity toward assisting underserved patients in their local communities. "There are some who bring a light so great to the world, that even after they have gone, the light remains."

#### Image

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#### Eligibility

**Class Year at Time of Application:**  1st year  2nd year  3rd year  4th year

**Programs:** Dental Medicine

**Programs:** Arizona College of Dental Medicine student enrolled in their 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year for the upcoming award year. The funds will be awarded each fall to one or more qualified students who are in good academic standing. The funds (\$5,000.00) will not be awarded directly to the student; they may only be used for tuition, books and other expenses directly related to the academic program (housing, meals, and other non-academic expenses should not be covered by the scholarship). Funds will be used to reduce or completely cover the amount the student owes to the college for academic expenses. The number of available scholarships will be determined annually. Students

may receive the Dr. Blake G. Osborn Memorial Scholarship more than once, including consecutive years.

### Minimum GPA

Dental Medicine (2.00)

### Criteria/Requirements

- **10%** Must be in academic good standing (GPA)
- **10%** Have financial need (FAFSA)
- **80%** 500 word essay describing your interest in the dental profession, your academic, personal merits and your commitment to community service. Preference will be given to the candidate(s) with a demonstrated commitment to the elderly and/or children.

**The Financial Aid Committee will identify and rank the qualifying candidates for the scholarship, but the final selection will be determined by Dr. William and Mrs. Betsy Osborn, Lacey Osborn and Dr. Louis Sommerhalter.**

Awards made under the program will not be automatically renewed from year to year. Candidates will be reviewed annually; a new essay must be submitted with the new application. If the Financial Aid Committee fails to select any eligible candidates, funds will be retained and carried forward to the following academic year.

Scholarship recipients are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress and follow the moral and ethical standards of conduct which are outlined in the "Code of Responsibilities and Rights of the Students of MWU" in Appendix 1 of the MWU Student Handbook. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email and are expected to personally write a thank you note to the donors; the recipient authorizes Midwestern University to forward a photo to the donor.

#### Uploads

- Bien-Air Dental SchlrsHp
- Pod Commit Essay
- Comm Srvc Essay
- Dobbelaere Essay
- Doseck Memorial

#### Short Answer

- Acad of Gen Dentistry
- Children
- Comm Srvc/Ldrshp
- Extracurr Act
- Hrdshp Stmnt

#### Questions (Y/N, Select)

- AZ Born/AZ AICM
- AZ Res
- First Generation
- Pract Location
- Marital Stat

Schlrshp

Osborn Dental Essay

Excel Essay

Opt Excell Essay

Faculty Memorial Essay

Fam Info Essay

Fin Lit Essay

IDA Glendale Essay

Ivoclar Vivadent Essay

Karla Purdy Essay

Ldrshp Essay

Opt Ldrshp Essay

Diversity Essay

Peter Murphy Essay

Pod Wound Essay

Pod Gen Med Essay

AZ Pract Essay

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## **Terms**

By completing this application and competing for this scholarship, I agree to the release of my name, a short bio and photo in any Midwestern University announcements concerning this scholarship program and allow my essay to be published, if selected.

**This is only an application for the Dr. Blake G. Osborn Memorial Scholarship and does not constitute either an offer or contractual obligation on the part of Midwestern University to grant the scholarship.**