

**Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
2017-2018
Scholarship for Future Doctors Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Major(s): _____

Overall GPA: _____

Graduation Semester (Spring/Fall): _____ Year: _____

I hope to enter medical school in the year 20____ or I entered medical school in the year 20____

Background information:

While there has been over a 20% increase in the number of students entering medical school over the past 10 years, there has been a decrease in the number of minorities, specifically African-American male medical school applicants. In fact, there were more African American males who applied to medical school in 1978 than over the past several years. Only 4 % of physicians in this country are African American. These numbers are particularly discouraging as they may translate into fewer minority doctors to serve in our communities.

There are several complex reasons for these findings, including personal and social factors particularly within the community that may negatively influence the decision and make it more difficult to matriculate through primary and secondary education. On the other end of the spectrum, malpractice lawsuits, a changing medical environment, and substantial student debt make the medical profession less attractive to otherwise bright, competent, and capable students.

Purpose:

The Bible Way Scholarship for Future Doctors has been created to assist premedical and medical students in defraying some of the cost of applying to and obtaining a medical education and thereby, reducing the burden of potential student debt.

Criteria:

- Students who are members of the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road (subject to membership verification)
- Have been accepted to **or** currently enrolled in a U.S. medical school **or** Full-Time premedical upperclassmen (Junior/Senior) in an accredited college or university with full intent to attend medical school (osteopathic or allopathic)

Scholarship Award:

One \$1,000 scholarship per year. Potentially renewable (with application each year).

Along with this completed form, please include the following by email:

- a) One page double-spaced typewritten essay demonstrating personal and professional goals. If you are an undergraduate student, please indicate your motivation for a career in medicine
- b) Your unofficial academic transcript
- c) Proof of acceptance/enrollment in an accredited U.S. medical college or university
- d) Résumé highlighting your work/volunteer/research experiences, honors/awards, extracurricular activities, leadership positions, etc.

Applications will be reviewed based on academic quality, altruistic & community involvement and leadership.

Applications are due via e-mail at scholarships@bwcar.org no later than Monday, July 17, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. The Physician Review Committee will review all applications.