



West Michigan OsteoScholars

Program Description



Do you want to be a doctor, but aren't sure where to start?

There are two types of fully licensed physicians in the U.S. – osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) and allopathic physicians (M.D.s). You can find D.O.s in many specialties from family practice to surgery. Osteopathic physicians are known for their “whole person” approach to care that helps patients achieve better health.

West Michigan OsteoScholars brings together top local resources to help students of all backgrounds to understand, prepare for, and navigate the path to becoming a physician. It is an exclusive partnership between Michigan State University Extension and the Osteopathic Foundation of West Michigan.

Meetings are held just once a month and you'll be introduced to area physician mentors, resume-building experiences, and you can even try your hand at medical procedures at the Mercy Regional Simulation Lab.

REQUIREMENTS

- Open to 2020-2021 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors (including early college)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA, unofficial transcript, recommendation.
- Must attend meetings at 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month at Mercy's Hackley Campus.
- **Applications for must be received by midnight on Friday, May 15, 2020.**

This program is the first step on a path of exclusive opportunities that may include a day trip to visit MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, a scholarship to MSU's OsteoCHAMPS summer program*, a \$500 college scholarship, volunteering and job shadowing, preferred medical school admission, and many valuable college and professional connections.

The program runs from September through May. Most sessions are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm on Mercy's Hackley Campus.

OsteoScholars is provided by the generosity of donors, so there is no charge to students. Enrollment is a privilege so consistent attendance and full participation is expected from each student.

**Only Sophomores and Juniors are eligible for MSU's OsteoCHAMPS program.*

West Michigan OsteoScholars: Student Application

STUDENT INFORMATION

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| _____ | | _____ | | _____ | |
| Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial | Preferred Name | | |
| _____ | | _____ | | _____ | |
| Street Address | City | State | Zip | Date of Birth | |
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| Home Phone | Cell Phone | Email Address | | | |
| _____ | | _____ | | _____ | |
| High School | Cumulative GPA | | Graduation Year | | |
| 2019-2020 Grade: | <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Super Senior (early college) | |

REFERENCE: Provide the email address of a high school teacher, principal or counselor who has agreed to provide a reference. We will email a link to a brief online survey.

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| _____ | _____ |
| Reference Name | Reference Email Address |

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

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| _____ | _____ |
| Primary Contact Name | Relationship to Student |
| _____ | _____ |
| Phone | Email Address |

SIGNATURES: I affirm that the statements on this application are true, complete, and correct. I hereby authorize the Osteopathic Foundation to make any inquiries deemed necessary concerning the information provided.

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| Applicant Signature | Parent/Guardian Signature |

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| Date: _____ | Date: _____ |
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REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

1. **PERSONAL STATEMENT.** Write a brief personal statement describing your career interests and what sparked your interest in the medical field. (250-300 words, typed)
2. **EXPERIENCE.** Please list school activities, community involvement, and volunteer experience.
3. **TRANSCRIPT.** Provide a current, unofficial copy of your high school transcript.

*The completed application must be submitted by email as a PDF attachment. Students are expected to demonstrate their communication skills by submitting the application and attachments **independently and from their own email address.** Application documents must be received on or before **Friday, May 15, 2020.***

Email completed application to charlene@osteopathicfoundation.org

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