



## 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 may even try your hand at medical procedures at the Mercy Regional Simulation Lab. 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, with optional "Get to Know a DO" at 6:00 pm, and main session from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

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.

### Requirements

- Open to 2021-2022 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 Trillium Events & Catering.
- **Initial deadline is May 14, 2021, rolling admission to follow until program is full. Apply early for best opportunity!**

### More Information Online:

[osteopathicfoundation.org/our-programs/](https://osteopathicfoundation.org/our-programs/)

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