

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIPS

Over Indiana University School of Medicine's 114 year history, it has benefited immensely from the philanthropic support of alumni, friends, corporations and private foundations in building facilities by establishing endowments, creating research funds and scholarship support for our medical students.

Increasing the number of scholarships and fellowships to benefit financially needy and academically deserving medical students is a top priority for the IUSM and our Office of Gift Development. Scholarships help attract the best and brightest students to Indiana's only allopathic medical school, allowing young physicians the choice of a career based upon personal interest and social needs rather than salary.

We understand and appreciate the personal and financial investment you make when entering IUSM. The Office of Gift Development works daily to raise additional scholarship support to minimize the need to borrow. *To do this, we need your help.*

We have placed a high priority in ensuring all scholarship recipients show their appreciation by extending a personalized Thank-You letter to the scholarship donors. In the absence of a donor, a Thank-You letter to the IUSM Scholarship Committee. Your Thank-You letter is the single, most important gesture to show appreciation for the scholarship. Additionally, the donors are touched by the letters received. We have copious examples of how a letter has motivated a donor to give more or establish a deferred gift.

Donors are not likely to give again unless we steward their gifts well, keeping them informed and proud to be associated with our medical school. To ensure students write their Thank-You letter(s), **they will be required to write the letter by September 1, 2016, or have their scholarship suspended.**

Thank-You letter recommendations:

We ask that you spend time constructing your letter(s) of appreciation to include information regarding why you decided to enter the medical field and become a physician, and how this scholarship may have helped you choose IUSM or enable you to continue your medical education. For those already in medical school, include information of your current educational experience, how you plan to use said education, or the specific areas/activities you have enjoyed while in medical school. Making the appreciation letter more personal has been proven to create a bond with the donors.

Some questions/topics to keep in mind as you write:

- I want to become a physician because...
- What has been my greatest learning experience at IUSM?
- What unique work or life experience(s) do I bring to my studies?
- Share a little of your personal life/how you spend time away from class and studies

As a scholarship recipient, the IUSM Office of Gift Development may ask you to meet with the donor at lunch, dinner or a special event. If you are asked, we require you to make yourself available. Also, in the spring, you will receive a short questionnaire that will be used to prepare donor endowment reports, **this form is MANDATORY.**

