



## FutureMedLA Foundation Medical Student Scholarship Packet

The FutureMedLA Foundation (formerly the Patient Care Foundation) is committed to advancing healthcare innovation and equity in Los Angeles County by supporting the next generation of physician leaders. Our annual scholarship program recognizes medical students who are not only dedicated to serving communities with limited access to care, but who also demonstrate innovative thinking, creative problem-solving, and a commitment to shaping the future of medicine.



Scholarship applicants may present ideas, or be engaged in projects, or research that:

- ◆ Address healthcare access challenges in new and impactful ways
- ◆ Apply technology or novel care models to improve patient outcomes
- ◆ Advance health equity through policy, community engagement, or advocacy
- ◆ Introduce solutions that reduce barriers to care for vulnerable populations

Through its scholarship program, FutureMedLA Foundation works to provide medical school scholarships and stipends to alleviate the financial pressure of students who were raised in Los Angeles County, with the hope that they will return to serve their communities upon completing their residency. Over the past years, FutureMedLA Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 to deserving candidates, each scholarship ranging from \$1,000-\$6,000.

Awardees must commit to providing an annual update to FutureMedLA Foundation about their progress in medical school.

# Application Instructions

**Please review application requirements and instructions below before beginning the application process to ensure you understand the various components necessary to complete your application.**

[In order to apply for the FutureMedLA Foundation Scholarship Award, you must meet all the following criteria:](#)

- ♦ Must be currently enrolled in and attending an accredited medical school in the United States; and
- ♦ Must have strong ties to Los Angeles County (e.g., residency, education, or demonstrated service) or raised in an underserved area within Los Angeles County; and
- ♦ Must demonstrate a track record or clear potential for healthcare innovation, leadership, and community impact.

[To complete your personal application, you must submit the following:](#)

- ♦ FMLA Scholarship Application Form;
- ♦ A short essay describing how you are addressing – or plan to address – challenges in healthcare access or equity. Share your connection to Los Angeles County, the innovative ideas or projects you are working on, and your vision for shaping the future of medicine for underserved communities. (12 pt font, double-spaced, two-page maximum); and

In addition, you will be required to submit additional supporting documents, which are listed in this packet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Three words that describe you: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Goal for your Medical Career: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Goal for your Medical Career: \_\_\_\_\_

If appropriate, list the name of the city in Los Angeles County where you were raised. \_\_\_\_\_

I swear that the above information is true and that the essays are my original work. I understand that all application materials become the property of the FutureMedLA Foundation. I understand that my eligibility will be checked before receiving approval and that I must be an enrolled medical school student in order to receive funds. If I am selected a winner, I give the FutureMedLA Foundation permission to use my name and photo in promotional materials to help promote the organization.

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Signature Date

# Supporting Documents

To complete your application, you must submit the following supporting documents:

- ♦ **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**
- ♦ **Proof of Medical School Enrollment**
- ♦ **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation attesting to your commitment to underserved communities, innovation, and leadership.**
  - \* Recommendation letters should be sent from a community leader, supervisor, a dean, faculty member or school administrative officer.
  - \* When choosing a recommender, it is advisable to choose someone who knows you and your work well, and can attest to your community commitment and leadership.
- ♦ **Documentation of Financial Need** (two sets of documents required-one from A and one from B):
  - A. Documentation of Loan History (current and undergraduate) from the National Student Loan Data System & any other record of educational loans received. Please visit: <https://nsldsfa.gov/login> to access your records
  - B. Applicant's Tax Return (or W2, 1099 or verification of other income if not filing)  
**OR**  
Parents' Tax Return (or W2, 1099 or verification of other income if not filing), applicable to dependent students only (see application form for more details)  
**OR**  
Financial Aid Transcript  
**OR**  
Official Letter of Financial Aid Award Offer

All application components, including application form, personal essay, supporting documents, and recommendation letters must be sent to [Lisa Le at lisa@ladocs.org](mailto:lisa@ladocs.org)

Subject line should read: [2025 FMLA Scholarship Application for \[Insert full name\]](#)

**11:59pm PST on Tuesday, September 30, 2025**

Your application is not complete until we have received all application components.

# Recommender Information

## To The Recommender:

The FutureMedLA Foundation is committed to advancing healthcare innovation and equity in Los Angeles County by supporting the next generation of physician leaders. Our principal focus is to provide medical school scholarships and stipends to alleviate the financial pressures of students who grew up in Los Angeles County—with the hope that they will return to serve their communities upon completing their residency programs.

We are seeking your professional assessment of the candidate to help us understand their potential as a future leader in medicine. It is important for us to learn both the candidate's strengths and areas for growth. Specific examples from your experience with the student are more valuable than generalizations. In your letter, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the candidate. We strongly encourage you to submit your letter well in advance of the deadline to ensure the application is complete and eligible for review.

In your assessment, please address the following:

- The candidate's capacity for leadership and teamwork.
- The candidate's commitment to working with underserved or vulnerable populations.
- The candidate's ability to think innovatively and approach healthcare challenges with creative problem-solving.
- Any involvement in projects, research, or initiatives that advance healthcare access, apply technology to improve patient outcomes, or promote health equity.
- Any other characteristics or experiences that make this candidate uniquely qualified to shape the future of medicine.

Your thoughtful and specific input will help us identify medical students who will not only serve their communities with dedication, but also bring new ideas and solutions to the field of medicine.

Recommendations must be signed and e-mailed directly from you, the recommender, as an attachment in Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word format to Lisa Le at [lisa@ladocs.org](mailto:lisa@ladocs.org) with:

"Scholarship Application Recommendation - [applicant last name, first name]" in the subject line.

Also, please use this filename format for the recommendation document itself:

"[applicant's last name, first name] from [recommender last name, first name]"

Please be sure the applicant's name is clearly stated in the letter, and that your complete contact information (address, phone number, e-mail address) is included.

**All recommendations must be received by the application deadline of September 30, 2025 for scholarship consideration.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- ♦ [Are students who grew up in other areas outside of Los Angeles County eligible?](#)  
The criteria requires the applicant to have strong ties to Los Angeles County, so if a student did not grow up in Los Angeles County, they will need to provide proof of other strong ties (education, demonstrated service, etc.).
- ♦ [Am I eligible to apply for a scholarship if I attend an international US-accredited medical school?](#)  
No, you must attend an accredited medical school located in one of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, in order to be eligible.
- ♦ [I am enrolled in a dual-degree \[BA/MD, BS/MD\] program: am I eligible to apply for a scholarship?](#)  
Yes, but you will not be eligible to apply for a scholarship until you are considered an enrolled medical student and are able to show an official transcript or other form of verification of enrollment.

## **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**

- ♦ [Whom should I ask to write letters of recommendation?](#)  
Recommendation letters should be written by individuals who know your academic or professional career and, more importantly, your community service or leadership experience.
- ♦ [Can applicants submit more than the requested number of recommendations?](#)  
Please submit only the requested number of recommendations. Additional letters will not be reviewed.
- ♦ [How will the letters of recommendations be submitted?](#)  
Applicants will receive instructions on how to submit recommendation letters when completing their application. Applicants must send instructions to their recommenders, who will then email the letters of recommendation directly to Lisa Le at [lisa@ladocs.org](mailto:lisa@ladocs.org).
- ♦ [What if my recommendation letters have not been submitted by the deadline? Will my application still be reviewed?](#)  
It is the applicant's responsibility to follow-up with recommenders to assure they submit the letters by the application deadline.

## **FILING THE APPLICATION**

- ♦ [Why does the FutureMedLA Foundation require detailed information from applicants?](#)  
Without the benefit of large endowment funds, the FutureMedLA Foundation must annually raise funding for scholarships. The FutureMedLA Foundation receives more applications than what is available in funding scholarships. The review panel factors in all the applicant's information and responses.
- ♦ [Can I apply for a scholarship more than once?](#)  
Yes, you can reapply for a scholarship as long as you meet all the program criteria. You must submit all the required information even if it was previously submitted with the first application. Preference may be given to first time applicants.

If there are additional questions, please direct them to Lisa Le  
[lisa@ladocs.org](mailto:lisa@ladocs.org) or (213) 226-0304