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Hello Charles L. Wheelen.

\$30,000 Available for 2009 ACOFP Student Scholarships

[Apply Today](#) for a 2009 ACOFP Student Scholarship!

The Student Scholarships are provided by the Auxiliary to the ACOFP. Auxiliary President Pat Molnar has a message for you:

I am here to make a wonderful offer to all osteopathic medical students who have a desire to be an osteopathic family physician.

The Auxiliary to the ACOFP is offering five \$ 2,000 scholarships and twenty \$1,000 scholarships. What makes this award so unique is that it does not have anything to do with your financial situation. It is based on your involvement with ACOFP, your Student Chapter of the ACOFP, and your dedication to becoming an osteopathic family physician and your desire to be trained in an AOA-approved osteopathic family medicine residency program.

Many of you have not made a decision to be a family physician and I want to encourage you to look at this very seriously. When osteopathic medicine started in the late 1800's the idea was based on a physician who could care for the whole person - body, mind and spirit. Your training in osteopathic schools is still based on that concept. You are given basics in taking care of the entire person. Many of you choose to go into specialties and sub specialties and that is wonderful - but your basics are family medicine.

The scholarships are made available to ALL who have the desire to be osteopathic family physicians.

Being both the wife and mother of osteopathic family physicians, I am so proud to be able to offer scholarships that might aid in travel expenses to view residency programs, aid in moving expenses, or purchase books - the funds are there for whatever purpose best serves you to become an osteopathic family physician.

I encourage you to [apply TODAY](#). Your applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of ACOFP members and Auxiliary.

The deadline for applying is February 15, 2009. Applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled at an accredited osteopathic medical school
- Be a student member of ACOFP and active with an ACOFP student chapter
- Intend to enter an AOA approved family medicine residency program
- Submit a personal letter
- Submit a letter of recommendation from an AOBFP certified family physician
- Submit a letter from your ACOFP Student Chapter Faculty Advisor

Questions? Email tobik@acofp.org

Resident Recruiter Interview

Spotlight on Resident Recruiter/Residency Program – KCOM/Medical College of Wisconsin and Jill C. Larson, DO

Program #: 180857

Website: family.mcw.edu

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Resident Recruiter: [Jill Larson](#), DO, PGY 3, Chief Resident of KCOM/Medical College of Wisconsin.

Q: Why do you recommend your program to prospective medical students?

A: The foundation of my message that I give to residents looking at our program is that Waukesha Family Medicine Residency is a place where you will be trained well in all aspects of family medicine and you will be comfortable practicing family medicine anywhere in the world. In addition, our residency is very open and progressive – our faculty listens to the resident's input, and makes changes based on our suggestions.

Finally, the relationship of our residents and faculty is not hierarchical – from the moment you start as an intern, you feel like you are a colleague; our faculty are our friends as well as our mentors.

Q: What advice do you give to prospective medical students trying to choose the best residency program for themselves?

A: I think the most important piece of advice you can give to someone trying to find a residency is to make sure that you like the other residents and the faculty in the program. You spend far more time with them than you do your significant other or your family during the three years of residency, and it makes things much more fun if the people you work with are your friends.

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