



CAMC RURAL SCHOLARS RESIDENCY ENTRY INITIATIVE

CAMC Institute for Academic Medicine

**Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Neurology and Psychiatry Programs at CAMC
and Family Medicine Program at Greenbrier Valley Medical Center**

Despite a growing presence of rural community preceptors and an increased emphasis on rural primary care in medical school curricula nationally and in the state, some regions of West Virginia have limited access to healthcare. Our mission is to establish long-term relationships between our physicians and communities while providing a level of care previously unobtainable in the region. If you are interested in a \$10,000 scholarship and the opportunity to match into a participating CAMC Residency Program including Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, Psychiatry in Charleston or Family Medicine at GVMC in Lewisburg, the CAMC Rural Scholars Residency Entry Initiative wants to collaborate with you.

**DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN A
CAMC RESIDENCY AND
WORKING IN A RURAL OR
UNDERSERVED LOCATION
UPON GRADUATION?**



The CAMC Rural Scholars Residency Entry Initiative wants to partner with 3rd year students who are interested in matching into a CAMC residency program. Scholarship recipients will receive mentoring during their 4th year in preparation for residency training; experience a one-month rural health rotation at a participating rural site; complete a required scholarly activity project; and receive a \$10,000 scholarship when they successfully graduate from medical school, match into and matriculate to one of the participating CAMC residency programs*(*see Funding page 2).

The goals of this scholarship program are to:

- Enhance our ability to attract and retain excellent Year 3 Medical students from West Virginia medical schools;
- Increase retention of medical students for in-state residency programs;
- Increase physician placement and retention in underserved areas of the state; and
- Provide meaningful financial rewards to medical students who are willing to commit themselves to in-state residency training.

Selection:

All candidates must be West Virginia University, Marshall University or West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine medical students and must have the application and all attachments submitted by April 9, 2027, of their third year. Applicants must have passed USMLE 1 or COMLEX 1 prior to applying. Completed applications will be screened by the CAMC GME Office and then sent to the appropriate participating CAMC residency program for review and consideration. The Program will conduct interviews and make a final determination in regard to their interest in one or more candidates. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee on a rolling basis, and the final number of scholarships will be

determined each year based on the award funds available. Awardees will receive a letter of acceptance or notification of being placed on a waitlist for further consideration after review by the selection committee. Scholarship recipients will not be required to participate in any additional CAMC interviews the following year for the Match. Failure to maintain eligibility for residency start can result in a removal of scholarship award.

The Program Director will ensure that each selected candidate complies with all ACGME, NRMP and institutional resident selection requirements.

Acceptances are announced during the selection process but prior to the start of the student's fourth year to allow for integrated scheduling requirements. Any changes in deadlines will be communicated by the residency program directors. Accepted students will work with Dr. Art Rubin and the corresponding Program Director to advise and aid students during their Year 4 with Rural Rotations and selection and completion of the required QI/QA project.

Funding:

Funding for the scholarship is made possible through contributions from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the CAMC Foundation, the CAMC Institute of Academic Medicine and other WV partners as outlined in the application.

Scholarship recipients will each receive \$10,000 when they:

- 1) complete the required one-month rural site rotation;
- 2) complete the required assignments of the scholarly activity project associated with the Program;
- 3) successfully graduate from medical school; and,
- 4) match into and matriculate into a participating CAMC residency program*(see below for details).

***Note:** Scholarship recipients that do not complete MS4 Program requirements or do not Match into a CAMC program will not be eligible for the \$10,000 scholarship. An awardee who matches with CAMC but, for any reason, leaves the Program prior to the completion of at least six months of training in the PG1 year, will be expected to repay the entire \$10,000 scholarship within 12 months of departing the program. After completing six months of the PG1 training, if one or both parties decide the program is not a good fit, the recipient will be under no obligation to repay the scholarship if he/she leaves the program. If CAMC decides to terminate the recipient for cause, at any time during the residency, the recipient will not be under any obligation to repay the scholarship. A one-time request for consideration of any variation of this policy may be made to the CAMC Rural Scholarship committee.

Benefits to Awardees:

A scholarship of \$10,000 can reduce medical school debts for a practitioner just beginning their professional career.

The educational base and residency enable students to develop clinical and leadership experiences uniquely targeted to foster success in rural and underserved populations.

Program recipients will not be required to interview again for the CAMC residency program. If matched, recipients will enter a CAMC residency program upon graduation through the NRMP Match Process.

Benefits to West Virginia:

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Scholarship Timeline

August 24, 2026	Call for applications released by CAMC.
August 24, 2026 – April 2, 2027	Attached one-page application form must be received by the CAMC GME office. Interested applicants are emailed a link with instructions for completing the rest of the application process. Programs may review applications, interview applicants and accept applicants during these dates.
April 9, 2027	Final deadline for the GME office to be in receipt of application form <u>and</u> ALL additional requested documents outlined.
April 30, 2027	Final date for residency programs to review applications.
By May 23, 2027	Latest date for programs to make final decisions and contact applicants.

Any time after August 24, 2026 the one-page application form must be received via email by the CAMC Office of Graduate Medical Education. Once an application form is received, the applicant will receive further instructions on how to complete the application process. All submissions and documentation must be sent by email only.

**Charleston Area Medical Center Office
of Graduate Medical Education
gme@vandaliahealth.org
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Scholars Entry Initiative
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CAMC Rural Scholars Residency Entry Initiative Application

Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Neurology, Emergency Medicine and Psychiatry at CAMC And Family Medicine at GVMC in Lewisburg

Please complete THIS application form and send to gme@vandaliahealth.org. Once the GME office has received your application, you will be emailed specific instructions for completing the application process and providing the remaining documents required for consideration. Applications and all additional required documents outlined must be received by April 9, 2027, for scholarship consideration.

Name: _____

Medical School: ☐ WVU ☐ MU ☐ WVSOM State of Legal Residence: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Birthdate: _____

Preferred Phone #: _____

Current Medical Student Financial Aid/Scholarships: _____

Selection Choice for Residency Entry:

Sponsoring rural sites and their specialty interests have not been confirmed regarding participation in the program at this time. Please indicate one specialty of interest and sponsoring site information will be made available to applicants when it is available. You may only SELECT ONE RESIDENCY.

☐ Internal Medicine (Charleston) ☐ Pediatrics (Charleston) ☐ Psychiatry (Charleston)
☐ Emergency Medicine (Charleston) ☐ Neurology (Charleston)
☐ Family Medicine - GVMC (Lewisburg)

Attestation:

I have read the terms and description of the Residency Entry Initiative and agree to abide by all provisions if accepted into the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

After the GME office receives your application, you will be emailed with a set of instructions on how to upload and provide the following documents into our electronic database:

CV or Resume; Medical School Transcript (Copy or Original); USMLE/COMLEX Transcript (Copy or Original); a one-page personal statement that describes and promotes your candidacy for the Scholarship

Must be emailed directly to the GME office at gme@vandaliahealth.org from the Faculty/Dean's office:

- Reference Letters from two (2) Clinical Clerkship Faculty (Preceptors)
- Dean's Letter (May be a Letter of Good Standing from the Medical School – MSPE not required)