



McGOVERN-TRACY SCHOLARS AWARD PROGRAM

Background and Purpose: Through the generosity of Mrs. Isabel McGovern Kerr, the UW Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (DFMCH) has established the McGovern-Tracy Scholars Program. Mrs. Isabel McGovern Kerr endowed the DFMCH to establish scholarships to honor the generations of the McGovern family who pioneered in Wisconsin. The scholarships also honor Michele Tracy, whose remarkable spirit and record of service to communities typifies McGovern-Tracy scholars. Michele was a second-year UW Medical School student who was tragically killed while participating in an educational service program in Malawi, Africa in July 1999. An annual awards dinner and ceremony honoring the scholars will be held in May. At this time, scholars will have the opportunity to share their work with the audience and be honored for their accomplishments.

Who is Eligible? McGovern-Tracy scholars are medical students or DFMCH residents who exemplify values of community service and leadership while in training. Scholars will be selected at the end of their second year of medical school, or the second or third year of family medicine residency training, based on their activities in community service, outreach and leadership. Up to five students and up to three residents will be selected each year. Criteria for the award will include the following:

1. Demonstrate commitment through community service, education, and leadership.
2. Serve as a model for others about the role of the medical profession in the community.
3. Show tangible outcomes of service to a community such as sustained volunteer work, program coordination, fundraising, or other ways of demonstrating a continuing contribution to a community.

Nominations: Individuals should be nominated via our nomination form by a teacher/preceptor, colleague, or community member, outlining the contributions the nominee has made, using the award criteria above. The nomination should also include references who may be contacted for further elaboration on the nominee's community service contributions. Nomination forms are NOT considered letters of recommendation.

Supporting Materials: Nominees should submit a **personal statement** (of no more than two manuscript pages) about their service project(s) and their own goals for professional and personal service. In addition, nominees must request a **letter of recommendation** from a faculty member.

Submission Info and Deadlines:

- The Nomination Deadline is extended to **February 1, 2021**.
- The Supporting Materials Deadline is **February 15, 2021**.
- Supporting materials should be sent via email as attachments to: suzanne.mcquire@fammed.wisc.edu

Selection Process: Awardees will be determined by the Award Subcommittee

On-line Nomination Form: <http://www.fammed.wisc.edu/med-student/awards/nomination-form>

Amount of Scholarship: Student scholars will receive a \$1,250.00 stipend for each of their last two years of medical school. Resident scholars will receive a **one-time stipend** of \$1,250.00.

Publicity: Recipients' photos and/or bios may be shared with UW Health Public Affairs and/or other UW entities for publicity purposes.