#### AOA Presidential Memorial Leadership Award

# The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) established this award to honor Past Presidents of the AOA for their leadership and lifetime commitment to the osteopathic profession.

## Purpose

This award honors and recognizes an osteopathic medical student who is committed to the principles of osteopathic medicine and who has taken great strides toward becoming one of the top student leaders. This individual has been instrumental in motivating people and takes conscious, well calculated steps to develop themselves and their followers.

Eligibility

This award is open to any osteopathic medical student who is a current member of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) and has successfully completed his/her first-year of studies prior to the fall of 2013 and will still be enrolled as an osteopathic medical student during the fall of 2013. All nominees must be in good academic standing at an AOA accredited college of osteopathic medicine.

Nominees shall meet the following criteria:

* Demonstrated commitment to the osteopathic profession
* Strong leadership skills and demonstrated use of these skills
* Noteworthy accomplishments, awards and honors, special projects and extracurricular activities that demonstrate the nominees ability to be a leader

Award Information and Announcement

***One recipient will be presented with a $5,000 award during the American Osteopathic Foundation’s (AOF) Honors Ceremony***, which is held annually during the Osteopathic Medical Conference & Exposition (OMED). The AOF will provide the award recipient with a travel grant to cover airfare and hotel accommodations (*up to two nights stay)* to attend the AOF Honors Ceremony. The recipient will be notified by July 30th so that travel arrangements can be made and high resolution pictures can be obtained for use in announcing the award recipient.

Nomination Requirements

***Complete packets must be received by April 24, 2013***

The following should be sent in one complete packet to the American Osteopathic Foundation:

* Completed Nomination Form
* Letter of recommendation/support from the nominator (*see page 2 for additional information)*
* Letter of recommendation/support from two references (*see page 2 for additional information)*
* Personal Statement *(see page 2 for length & content of this section)*
* Current Curriculum Vitae or Resume
* Official medical school academic transcript *(may be mailed separately)*

Nomination Requirements, Cont.

* Letter from the Dean or his/her designee as an official document certifying that the nominee is in good academic standing, must confirm the student’s class ranking/academic standing, and discuss how the applicant meets the eligibility criteria *(see page 2 for additional information)*
* Proof of current SOMA membership

### Personal Statement

The nominee shall provide a personal statement. The personal statement should be no more than 2 pages in length with one-inch margins, double spaced, and using a font no smaller than 10-point. The personal statement should demonstrate how the nominee meets the eligibility criteria and upholds the purpose of this award. It should also highlight activities and experiences that add to the individual’s worthiness to receive this award. The selection committee would like to know about the nominee’s future leadership goals and what steps are being taken to realize these goals.

Letters of Recommendation (Nominator and 2 References)

The letters of recommendation shall demonstrate why the nominee should receive this award.

* The letter from the Nominator shall explain why the nominee was selected and how nominee meets the eligibility criteria and upholds the purpose of this award.
* The two letters of recommendation must be from members of the osteopathic community, such as physicians, instructors, trainers, mentors, or other school personnel who can speak to the nominee’s qualifications for this award. The nominee may select the reference individuals. *Additional letters of recommendation will not be accepted.*

*All letters must be sealed in individual envelopes with the signature of the author across the seal*

Academic Standing

For colleges that only use a pass/fail system, please indicate the student's class rank (if it is calculated), or indicate if the student falls into the top academic cohort by whatever system the school uses.Please indicate the parameters by which that system is structured, i.e. "our college recognizes those students in the top 10% of the class and this student is/is not a member of that grouping." Applications from students that do not contain information on academic standing are difficult to evaluate and such students may be disadvantaged when being evaluated/ranked for this awards.

### Packet Checklist

Use the checklist below to make certain the nomination packet is complete:

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Nomination Form

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Personal statement

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proof of current SOMA membership

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Resume or Curriculum Vitae

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current transcript

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Letters of recommendation/support from the Nominator and two references

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Letter from the Dean

***Incomplete packets or packets that do not meet the nomination requirements***

***will not be forwarded to the selection committee***

Mail Completed Packet To:

American Osteopathic Foundation

AOA Presidential Memorial Leadership Award Packets must be received by April 24, 2013

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Additional Information:

For additional information please contact Vicki Heck, Director of Programs at vheck@aof.org or at (312) 202-8232. Word and PDF versions of this document are available on the AOF Website, [www.aof.org](http://www.aof-foundation.org) under the tab “Grants and Awards”.

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### Nomination Form

All contact and mailings will occur between June and October; please provide the appropriate mailing and contact information. Former award recipients are not eligible to reapply for the same award for a period of three years.

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| College/School: |  |
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| *(Include month and year)*  |
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| City: |  | State: |  | Zip: |  |
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| Telephone: |  | E-mail: |  |
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| Class Ranking or GPA: |  | Are you applying for more than one AOF Award, Grant or Scholarship: |  |
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| **Signature of Nominee**: |  | **Date**: |  |
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This section to be completed by the Nominator

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