

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

National Academy of Osteopathy Scholarships & Awards

Thanks to the generous support of many individuals and corporations; National Academy of Osteopathy (NAO) students can access an extensive breadth and variety of scholarships that recognize academic and clinical excellence of deserving students. Among the more common criteria used in determining eligibility for these 38 awards and scholarships are academic excellence, financial need, essay submissions, character and leadership. Here is the list of scholarships available to NAO students. These scholarships and awards are available to all national and international NAO students. Copies of scholarship and awards application forms can be obtained by contacting the admissions office; at admissions@nationalacademyofosteopathy.com.

National Academy of Osteopathy President's Award

Dr. Shahin Pourgol; NAO president presents this award to graduating students who, in addition to having obtained a high academic and clinical standing, have made outstanding contributions to NAO life during the academic program.

Mobile Osteopathy Canada Scholarship

Mobile Osteopathy Canada (www.mobileosteopathycanada.com), the largest manual osteopathy clinic in Canada, provides \$1,000 in scholarships towards tuition cost of NAO manual osteopathy program to selected number of students who commit to a yearlong work contract after passing the board exams of Canadian Manual Osteopathy Examining Board (www.cmoeb.org) and obtaining a license number from International Osteopathic Association (www.internationalosteopathicassociation.org).

Union Ergonomics Scholarship

Union Ergonomics franchise head office (www.unionergonomics.com); the number one provider of ergonomic services in Canada, provides \$8,500 in scholarships towards tuition cost of the interactive Clinical Ergonomics certificate program to selected number of licensed health practitioners (chiropractors, physiotherapists, massage therapists, occupational therapists, medical doctors, manual osteopaths) who commit to a yearlong work contract after becoming a Certified Clinical Ergonomist (CCE).

Pourgol Jurisprudence Award

Ms. Shirin Pourgol (licensed immigration consultant - Pourgol Paralegal Services) and Ms. Matin Pourgol (personal injury lawyer) present this award to a graduating student who has obtained the highest grade point average in the course MO517: Manual Osteopathy Practice: Business, Law, Jurisprudence.

Avicenna Memorial Award

This scholarship was established by world famous osteopath, Dr. Shahin Pourgol (creator of osteopathic Sports Energy Technique) to honour the memory of Avicenna (prince of physicians), also known as Ibn Sina, a Persian physician and philosopher, who was one of the pioneers in the field of manual medicine. The awards are presented to graduating students who complete their thesis on a topic related to the history of osteopathy.

Spinal Traction Clinic Scholarship

Spinal Traction Clinic franchise head office (www.spinaltractionclinic.com); provides a scholarship to a graduating student who submits an essay (5000 words minimum) titled "How Osteopaths Can Use Decompression Therapy to Help Patients?"

NAO Entrance Scholarship

This award was established by National Academy of Osteopathy to reward outstanding academic credentials. It is granted to one student with the highest GPA in the entering class.

Professor Shahin Pourgol's Scholarship For Chiropractors

This scholarship was established by Professor Shahin Pourgol; DC, CDTT, CCE, DO(MP), DCMOEB (chiropractor, osteopath & ergonomist) to reward doctors of chiropractic who pursue manual osteopathy education at National Academy of Osteopathy. The scholarship is granted to selected number of chiropractors accepted to NAO. It will be in the form of 50% tuition credit.

Dr. Moin Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented by Mr. Ali Pourgol (teacher & author); in the memory of Dr. Mohamad Moin; to an Iranian student who had the highest academic standing upon graduation. Dr. Mohammad Moin was born in Rasht (Iran) on July 12, 1914. He was a prominent Iranian scholar of Persian literature and Iranology. He obtained his BA in literature and philosophy from University of Tehran in 1934. He subsequently went to Belgium and graduated in applied psychology, anthropology and cognitive science under Elmer Knowles. On returning to Iran he carried out doctoral research at University of Tehran, culminating in a thesis for which he received a PhD with honours from this University in Persian literature and linguistics. He is the first doctoral graduate in Persian literature from University of Tehran. He is best known for his contributions to The Dehkhoda Dictionary, a work he did in collaboration with Ali-Akbar Dehkhoda himself. Moin was President of the literature commission of the International Congress of Iranology. He died in 1971 in Tehran. He is buried in Astaneh Ashrafiyeh (Gilan, Iran).

NAO Inuit & Aboriginal Student Scholarship

This scholarship, established by National Academy of Osteopathy, is for an Aboriginal or Inuit status student who has demonstrated financial need and who has contributed, and intends to continue to contribute to his/her community after graduation. Proof of Aboriginal or Inuit status is required with the application. The scholarship will be awarded to the qualifying applicant with the highest entering grade point average and will be in the form of a 50% tuition credit.

NAO National Olympian Scholarship

This scholarship, established by National Academy of Osteopathy, is for a former Olympian, recognized by the World Olympians Association, who has fulfilled the criteria for admission to NAO and who has demonstrated financial need. The scholarship will be awarded to the qualifying applicant with the highest entering GPA and will be in the form of a 50% tuition credit.

Dr. Jeanette Bolles Memorial Award

This award was established by Ms. Mahrokh Mahjouri in memory of Dr. Jeanette Bolles; the first female osteopath. In order to encourage female students to strive for excellence, it is given to a female National Academy of Osteopathy student who has achieved the highest grade point average upon graduation. Dr. A. T. Still (founder of osteopathy) was a visionary whose challenges to the status quo extended beyond the practice of manual osteopathy. He was a fervent believer in extending opportunities to all and an early supporter of bringing women and minorities into the profession. Dr. Still commented, "I opened wide the doors of my first school for ladies... Why not elevate our sisters' mentality, qualify her to fill all places of trust and honour, place her hand and head with the skilled arts?" Few career paths were open to women at those times. The first class to convene at the American School of Osteopathy (ASO) in 1892-1893 included women. The number of female osteopaths rapidly increased and in 1920, women formed the Osteopathic Women's National Association (OWNA).

Newfoundland and Labrador Student Award

An award is presented by National Academy of Osteopathy to a student who was a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador at the time of application and acceptance to NAO. The award is given to a student from Newfoundland and Labrador with the highest grade point average in the entering class. It will be in the form of a 50% tuition credit.

Alberta Student Award

An award is presented by National Academy of Osteopathy to a student who was a resident of Alberta at the time of application and acceptance to NAO. The award is given to a student from Alberta with the highest grade point average in the entering class. It will be in the form of a 50% tuition credit.

New Brunswick Student Award

An award is presented by National Academy of Osteopathy to a student who was a resident of New Brunswick at the time of application and acceptance to NAO. The award is given to a student from New Brunswick with the highest grade point average in the entering class. It will be in the form of a 50% tuition credit.

Nova Scotia Student Award

An award is presented by National Academy of Osteopathy to a student who was a resident of Nova Scotia at the time of application and acceptance to NAO. The award is given to a student from Nova Scotia with the highest grade point average in the entering class. It will be in the form of a 50% tuition credit.

Manitoba Student Award

An award is presented by National Academy of Osteopathy to a student who was a resident of Manitoba at the time of application and acceptance to NAO. The award is given to a student from Manitoba with the highest grade point average in the entering class. It will be in the form of a 50% tuition credit.

Prince Edward Island Student Award

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Saskatchewan Student Award

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Brazil Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Iran Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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India Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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China Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Japan Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Italy Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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South Africa Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Costa Rica Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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France Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Spain Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Venezuela Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Mexico Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Columbia Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Germany Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Netherlands Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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South Korea Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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USA Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Dominican Republic Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Turkey Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Greece Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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Taiwan Manual Osteopathy Scholarship

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