



Austin Jenkins Scholarship

The Austin Jenkins Scholarship was established by the Primary Care Initiative in 2022.

Austin Jenkins was a second-year medical student attending the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM) when his life was cut short due to a tragic car accident on October 10, 2020.

Student Doctor Jenkins was in the Top 10 percent of his class, served in leadership roles, and participated in various extracurricular activities. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to Idaho, the practice of primary care, and rural medicine;
- Enrolled full-time and in good standing (not on academic probation or leave of absence) at the College;
- Leadership and a commitment to service;
- Evidence of financial need
- Demonstration of academic excellence; and
- Parent

Applicants must submit an essay in response to the supplemental questions outlined below.

Scholarship Amount

\$10,000

Deadline

March 31, 2025

Supplemental Questions

Provide a written response (1,000 words or less) to the following:

- Describe your academic excellence, identify the cohort to which you belong, and provide your class ranking, with supportive documentation from the ICOM Registrar.
- Describe your commitment to practicing primary care medicine in rural Idaho. Please address each of the following:
 - Your reasons for choosing primary care medicine
 - How rural practice aligns with your career goals
 - Your commitment to working in rural Idaho
- Describe your volunteer experience within the class and community, and provide examples. Provide a short personal introduction that includes a brief description of your family situation and life experiences that led you to medical school.
- Describe your leadership experience, including a brief description of any volunteer services, activities, or support you provide to communities and individuals.

- Include a brief description of your financial need and how this scholarship supports your educational goals.
- Provide evidence of academic excellence.
- Provide evidence that you are a parent.
- If you are an Idaho resident, please provide the name of the high school you graduated from, as well as the city in which the school is located. If you are an Idaho resident but did not graduate high school in Idaho, please share information about your residency (i.e. attended college in Idaho, attended elementary or middle school in Idaho, etc.)

Note: Your response to all of the above should not exceed 1,000 words. Applicants for this scholarship will also be considered for PCI's Rural Health Scholarship, but can only be awarded one. Please download the application for the Rural Health Scholarship to ensure the supplemental questions are addressed.

How to Submit

Please send your essay as a single PDF via email to Kylie Turner, Executive Director of PCI, at kturner@theprietarycareinitiative.org, using your name as the filename. You should also include your full name on the header of each page. Please follow the template available on the PCI website.

Note: Applicants should expect to receive a response to their application indicating it has been received. If they do not receive a reply, it will be incumbent upon them to inquire about receipt of their application prior to the deadline.

Disclaimer

The number of scholarships and amount per scholarship(s) will be determined each year based on the PCI Board's policy on distribution and availability of funds. Scholarships are not automatically renewable; students must re-apply each year. Students receiving full-tuition scholarships from other sources are not eligible. If awarded the scholarship, funds will be distributed directly toward the recipient's tuition. If other sources of aid cover the full cost of attendance, other aid will be adjusted down to accommodate this scholarship.