

Ochsner Health System Medical School Scholarship for LSUHSC-Shreveport

Ochsner Health System will award a full-tuition medical school scholarship to an eligible student from Xavier University of Louisiana who has demonstrated resilience by overcoming challenges in their life and commits to attending LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.

The Ochsner Health System Medical School Scholarship has been established to help increase the number of Louisiana residents who a) matriculate into and successfully complete LSU Shreveport Medical School without the burden of tuition debt and b) are committed to practicing medicine in the state of Louisiana with a particular focus on reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes among underserved populations. As a national leader in placing African-Americans into medical school for over 20 years and a leader among U.S. undergraduate institutions whose African-American graduates go on to complete medical school, Xavier's sustained record of success in preparing students to enter the nation's physician workforce uniquely positions the University to advance the goals of the scholarship program.

Ochsner Health System is Louisiana's largest non-profit, academic, healthcare system. Driven by a mission to "Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate, coordinated clinical care is provided across the region by Ochsner's 30 owned, managed, and affiliated hospitals and more than 80 health centers and urgent care centers. Ochsner is dedicated to improving the health and wellness of the citizens of Louisiana and the region by training the next generation of health care providers.

In 2018 Ochsner Health System partnered with LSU Health Science Center in Shreveport in a public-private partnership to form a new health system called Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport. The goal of the partnership is to improve health care by developing an integrated patient centered health care system. The partnership is also dedicated to advancing science through collaborative research and training the next generation of physicians and health care providers.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a Louisiana resident;
- Be on track to graduate (or have already graduated) from Xavier University of Louisiana;
- Apply to LSU-Shreveport via the [American Medical College Application Service \(AMCAS\)](#), selecting "Yes" when given the option to authorize AMCAS to release information about the AMCAS application to the pre-health advisor at Xavier University of Louisiana;
- Have submitted AMCAS by November 1st with LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport designated for regular admission or the Early Decision Program (EDP); and
- Be accepted into the MD program at LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.
- ***NOTE: Scholarship applications may be submitted PRIOR TO BEING OFFERED ACCEPTANCE into LSU-S Medical School; however only students who are ACCEPTED will undergo final review for the scholarship.***

The online scholarship application is available [here](#). The application and one (1) required letter of recommendation are **due by March 15th**, but early application is **highly** encouraged. The letter of recommendation should be written by a faculty member, work or volunteer supervisor, community leader, or other individual who can adequately speak to your resilience and suitability for a career in medicine. The recommendation should be sent to Ms. Quo Vadis Webster via email at qmwebste@xula.edu or by mail at: XU Premedical Office, 1 Drexel Drive, Box 120, New Orleans, LA 70125. Once your recommendation has been confirmed received in the Premedical Office, please send a request to Ms. QV at xupremed@yahoo.com to upload the letter to your online Ochsner scholarship application. In your request, be sure to include the name of the person whose letter you want to use in support of your application. Be advised that there are two (2) required essays for this application; you are encouraged to have your essays reviewed by the Premed Office **well in advance** of submitting the application.

Following the March 15th deadline, the scholarship committee will conduct a holistic review of all applicants who have been **accepted** into LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by April 15th. The selected applicant will be awarded a full-tuition scholarship to attend LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport and will be required to accept or decline the scholarship by the deadline specified on the award letter.