



MEDICINE IN ACTION

Medical Student Scholarship in International Medicine

Medicine in Action(MIA) is a 501c3 non-profit international health organization, with an emphasis on women's health issues. We are currently offering a medical student scholarship. This scholarship will finance a medical student to join our group in Jamaica during the first two weeks of November 2009. US medical students who will be either 3rd or 4th year students at the time of the mission are eligible to apply.

This program, The Sugar Scholars, was started in honor of Alton "Sugar" Chong whose daughter, Dr. Deborah Chong is the president and co-founder of Medicine in Action. Sugar was known for his charity work in Jamaica. Even during his struggle with cancer, he continued to deliver food to homeless people until he was no longer physically able; helped with the renovations at Ozanam Home for the Aged, as well as had volunteer projects with St George's College and Immaculate Conception Convent.

Interested medical students should contact Elaine Waetjen, MD, who is the Resident and Medical Student Director of MIA. Students are required to fill out an application form and include their CV along with two letters of recommendation.

Medical students are required to participate in all aspects of the medical mission, which is ten working days. This includes clinical and surgical duties, duties, including pre and post-op care. Students will be assigned educational talks to present to small patient groups. There are assigned readings which should be completed before the start of the mission.

The winner is required to write an essay about his/her experience on the mission within one month after completion of the medical mission. All medical students are welcome to join on our missions(space allowing), however only one student will be awarded the scholarship. This scholarship will cover the winner's plane ticket, other travel expenses, and room and board.

The deadline for submission of your application is March 15.

For further information about our organization, please visit our website at www.medicineinaction.org or email info@medicineinaction.org

Thank you.



Medical Student Application For the Sugar Scholars

Name:

Medical School:

Expected year of graduation:

1. Please list any international travel and work experience, including country, dates, reason for visit (eg: for pleasure, type of work, etc...).

Dates (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country	Reason for visit

2. Please list any cross-cultural work or volunteer experiences in the United States.

Dates (mm/dd/yyyy)	Organization	Type of experience/work

3. What do you expect to be most challenging for you about working in a developing country/resource poor setting? How will you meet that challenge? *(Limit response to approximately half page)*

4. All medical students are welcome on our missions, however only one student will receive the scholarship. Why should we choose you? *(Limit response to approximately half page)*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Please write and attach a one page personal statement answering the following questions with the essay:
How do you see yourself using this experience to help you as a physician and your future patients?
What do you hope to gain from this experience?
How do you feel you can contribute to the medical mission?
- Please attach your CV.
- Please have two letters of recommendation e-mailed by the author to:

Chimene Liburd M.D.
Sugar Scholars
Program Advisor
Che5md@aol.com

Both letters must be from a clinical faculty member at your medical school who knows you well. You may submit an additional letter from a fellow medical student or a resident with whom you have worked if you wish.

Send this application and the required attachments to:
info@medicineinaction.org

Thank You!

