

2024-2025

Janine Gonzalez Scholarship MCAT Preparatory Course



The Janine Gonzalez MCAT Preparatory Course Scholarship was developed to assist pre-medical students with the financial burden of preparing for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) required to apply to accredited U.S. Medical Schools. Personal qualities, financial need, academic/extracurricular achievement, and timeline for taking the MCAT will be considered in the selection process. The Scholarship consists of a voucher to take a preparatory course with Kaplan, Inc. Specific courses eligible for scholarship recipients are dependent upon the sponsor. Determination of which scholarship to be awarded will be based on the information provided on the application and at the sole discretion of the selection committee. LMSA does not make any guarantees about the number of awards to be given.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be committed to pursuing a career in medicine and dedicated to serving the Latino and underserved communities.
- Applicants should demonstrate a desire to advance the state of healthcare and education in Latino and underserved communities through leadership in extracurricular activities and/or membership in civic organizations.
- Eligible applicants should be applying for matriculation into Allopathic or Osteopathic Schools of Medicine in 2026 or 2027.
- Strong consideration will be placed upon financial need, as well as the applicant's timeline for taking the MCAT and applying to medical school.
- Students are eligible to receive the scholarship regardless of migratory status.
- Student must be a resident within the LMSA Western region (Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah, and Washington).
- Student must be a dues-paying pre-med member of LMSA (for membership see <http://lmsa.net/west/register/premeds/>).
- LMSA reserves the right to rescind awards pending lack of submission or falsification of any documents.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **December 6th, 2024 at 11:59PM PST.** Electronic submissions only. It is the student's responsibility to submit a complete application and all supporting documents by the deadline. Extensions will not be granted. Incomplete or late application materials will result in ineligibility. Please submit ALL materials via a single email (except letter of recommendation) to VP_Scholarship@lmsa.net. *All application materials must be submitted via email in **Adobe Acrobat PDF format**.*

1. **COMPLETED APPLICATION:** The application must be submitted electronically and shall not exceed the space provided. The signature page must be electronically signed. The page for extracurricular activities and timeline may be spaced differently to fit the applicant's activities but may not exceed TWO pages.
2. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** A required *one-page* personal statement (*single spaced, 12-pt. font*) describing your family and personal background, educational objectives, community involvement, financial need, and how you would assist LMSA in its mission to provide healthcare to the Latino community. The personal statement is one of the most important selection criteria and is equivalent to an interview. Resumes are not acceptable. Please do not send any additional material not requested to supplement the personal statement.
3. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** Please submit *one* confidential letter of recommendation addressed to the LMSA Scholarship Committee, via email to VP_Scholarship@lmsa.net, subject "JANINE GONZALEZ MCAT PREP SCHOLARSHIP 2024 - "Applicant Last Name, First Initial" LOR. Letters of Recommendation **MUST** be on official letterhead and emailed directly to VP Scholarship by the recommender. The letters should comment on the following: your academic performance, academic and community achievements, personal qualities, potential for future success, and contributions to the Latino community. It is

preferred that each of these areas be specifically addressed.

4. TRANSCRIPT(S): Electronically submit unofficial transcript(s) from all institutions attended showing a cumulative GPA and course work to date to VP_conference@lmsa.net. If awarded a scholarship, official transcripts must be sent to verify reported grades within 1 week of award notification. LMSA reserves the right to rescind awards if any falsification is found when comparing official and unofficial documents. Official transcripts may be submitted via email (preferably) or postal mail directly from the registrar's office to VP_conference@lmsa.net.
5. FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION: Please include a complete copy of your **2024-2025** Student Aid Report (SAR) and Financial Aid Award Letter. If you did not apply for Financial Aid, please submit a statement indicating your expected expenses for the **2024-2025** academic year and an explanation of why you did not apply or qualify for Financial Aid and the need for this scholarship.

Application requests, questions, and other inquiries should be emailed to VP_Scholarship@lmsa.net.

2024-2025 LMSA JANINE GONZALEZ MCAT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Application must be SUBMITTED BY **December 6th, 2024 at 11:59PM PST**. PLEASE TYPE answers into space provided.

Personal Information

Name (Last, First):
Address, City, State, Zip:
Email Address:
School Telephone: ()
Permanent Telephone: ()
Birth Date:
Birth Place (City, State, Country)

High School Education

Name: _____ Class: _____
City: _____ State: _____

Undergraduate and/or Post-Baccalaureate Education

College Name: _____ Dates Attended: _____
Major: _____ GPA: _____
Career Focus: _____
Degree Expected: _____ Date: _____

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Graduate Education

Graduate School: _____ Dates Attended: _____
Area of Study: _____ Graduate Degree: _____

Class Standing (Check One):

4-Year College:	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Post-baccalaureate:	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
Graduate School:	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year

Please include as much information about activities as possible (hours worked per week, dates of service, descriptions of activities and your role). Description of activities and application timeline should NOT exceed TWO pages.

Community Service, Volunteer, Leadership, and Clinical Experience(s):

Employment and Work Experience(s):

Research, Publications, and other Scholarly Endeavors:

Awards and Achievements:

TIMELINE FOR TAKING THE MCAT AND APPLYING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

This timeline should detail when you plan to take the MCAT and apply to medical school. Please detail other activities planned concurrently, such as paid work, volunteering, shadowing, classes, etc., including hours per week/month.

(Example: Planning to start studying 20 hours per week in January-April, enrolled in 12 credits for 1 quarter/semester, working 25 hours per week in January-April, shadowing 8 hours per month January-April, taking MCAT in April, applying to medical school in June).

Please explain if you do not qualify for financial aid or specify any extraordinary, unforeseen, or very unusual expenses. You may include up to 200 words on a separate sheet of paper.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS:

- Falsification of information may result in the termination of any scholarship granted.
- The number of applications received greatly exceeds the number of available scholarships. All decisions/notifications are final.
- Award recipients will be notified in January 2025.

Certification: Student must read and sign below to be eligible for consideration.

I have read and understand the scholarship eligibility criteria. All of the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I am certifying that I am a student with the honest intentions of entering a professional medical career and possess a heartfelt desire towards serving the Latino community with their healthcare needs.

I also certify that I will apply this award toward an MCAT preparatory course with the sponsor. I authorize LMSA to share or publish my application information when necessary and give permission to share this information for the purpose of recruitment, public relations, or possible fundraising. Application materials will become the property of the LMSA Scholarship Committee and will not be returned.

Signature _____ Date _____

This scholarship is run by LMSA, a non-profit student organization. The preparatory course will be run by Kaplan, Inc.

Please send the completed and signed application with all necessary documentation **as early in the application period as possible**. Incomplete or late application materials will not be considered. **DEADLINE IS December 6th, 2024 at 11:59PM PST** The committee **must have received both the application and letter of recommendation electronically by this time.**

Email to: VP_Scholarship@lmsa.net

Subject: JANINE GONZALEZ MCAT PREP SCHOLARSHIP 2024*2025 - "Applicant Last Name, First Initial"

Your email should contain attachments for:

- 1) Completed Application
- 2) Personal Statement
- 3) Unofficial Transcripts
- 4) Financial Aid Information
- 5) Signed Certification Page

Your Letter of Recommendation email should include:

- 1) 1 Letter of Recommendation

*Subject line: "JANINE GONZALEZ MCAT PREP SCHOLARSHIP 2024*2025 - "Applicant Last Name, First Initial" LOR"

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THANK YOU FOR APPLYING TO THE "JANINE GONZALEZ" MCAT PREPARATORY COURSE SCHOLARSHIP, LMSA WISHES YOU SUCCESS!