

## University of Michigan Health Sparrow Visiting Student Elective Scholarship Program

### Purpose:

- Support University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Hospital's commitment to expanding opportunities for medical students.
- Provide scholarships of up to \$1,000 to assist students with expenses such as travel, housing, and meals.

**Overview:** University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Hospital's residency programs are dedicated to training future physicians. We recognize the value of supporting students and ensuring they have access to enriching educational experiences.

To encourage broader participation in medicine and enrich our applicant pool, University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Hospital and the office of Graduate Medical Education are proud to offer individual \$1,000 (4-week rotation) and \$500 (2-week rotation) scholarships for medical students. These scholarships can be applied to costs such as travel, housing, and meals during the elective rotation. Scholarships are awarded upon successful completion of the rotation, following submission of appropriate documentation of expenses.

**Elective Details:** During the 2-4-week rotation at Sparrow Hospital, students will engage in:

- Clinical experience in their area of interest
- Resident-led educational events
- Student-focused learning sessions
- Individual mentoring from faculty and residents

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be in their 3rd year of medical school and applying for 4th-year electives.
- Students must be in good academic standing at an LCME-accredited U.S. Medical School or COCA-accredited U.S. Osteopathic Medical School.
- Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Students must reside at least 60 miles from Lansing, Michigan.

- Students must plan on applying to a residency program at University of Michigan Health – Sparrow (Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Urology).
- Students must meet at least one of the following criteria:
  1. **High level of financial need**
  2. **First-generation college student** (neither parent received a baccalaureate degree) OR students who contribute to the intellectual and cultural enrichment of the program through their life experiences, such as overcoming personal adversity or family hardship, extensive community service, or successful careers in other fields.
  3. **Significant barriers to achieving higher education**, including experience in the foster care system, living in a single-parent household, having an incarcerated parent, or responsibilities for providing financial support or primary care for other household members.

**Application Process:** To be considered for the Visiting Student Scholarship, applicants must:

- Submit a visiting rotation application through VSAS/VSLO with all institutional requirements completed.
- Email the following to [medicaleducation@UMHsparrow.org](mailto:medicaleducation@UMHsparrow.org) with the subject line “University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Visiting Student Elective Scholarship Program”:
  - A Letter of Interest (max 400 words) describing your background (including why you meet the criteria), specialty interest, and career goals.
  - A current CV
  - Completed application

Applicants will receive a confirmation email upon submission. The deadline for scholarship applications is **June 14, 2026**. Scholarships will be awarded for medical student rotations between **July 6 and December 20, 2026** (specific dates listed below).

Scholarship decisions will be made by **June 26, 2026**, with notifications sent via email. Recipients will be selected by the University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Graduate Medical Education Committee, consisting of residents and faculty.

**Available Rotation Dates:**

- **7/6/2026 - 8/2/2026**
- **8/3/2026 - 8/30/2026**
- **8/31/2026 - 9/27/2026**
- **9/28/2026 - 10/25/2026**
- **10/26/2026 - 11/22/2026**
- **11/23/2026 - 12/20/2026**

We appreciate your interest in University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Hospital and look forward to hearing from you.