

REPORT OF THE TENNESSEE MEDICAL EDUCATION FUND, INC.

May 17, 2025

TO: HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

SUBMITTED BY MITCHELL L. MUTTER, MD, CHAIR

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1 The Tennessee Medical Education Foundation (TMEF) Board committed **\$114,000** for 31  
2 scholarships and **\$15,000** in grants for the 2024-25 academic year for a total of **\$129,000** in  
3 support of Tennessee medical students and education for residents and students. The Board  
4 meets in May to decide scholarships and grants for 2025-26.

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6 TMEF's financial aid to students in Tennessee's five medical schools from 1997 to 2024 totals  
7 **\$4,064,906.**

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9 The TMEF continues to offer the following named scholarships:

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11 The **Dr. Charles Ed Allen** Medical Education Scholarship with one scholarship in the amount of  
12 \$4,000, two scholarships in the amount of \$5,000, and one scholarship in the amount of \$10,000;

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14 The **Dr. E. Conrad Shackelford, Jr.** Medical Education Scholarship with two scholarships in the  
15 amount of \$2,500 each;

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17 The **Dr. John H. and Marjorie Burkhart** Medical Education Scholarship with one scholarship in  
18 the amount of \$4,000, two scholarships in the amount of \$5,000, and one scholarship in the  
19 amount of \$10,000;

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21 The **William V. Wallace Medical Education Scholarships** with one scholarship in the amount of  
22 \$4,000, and one scholarship in the amount of \$2,000;

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24 The **John Grant Memorial Scholarship** with two scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500 each;

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26 The **Jim Gibb Johnson Memorial Scholarship** with one scholarship in the amount of \$10,000;

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28 The **Dr. Robert Bowers Medical Education Scholarship** with two scholarships in the amount of  
29 \$2,500 each;

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31 The **Dr. Robert Kirkpatrick Memorial Scholarship** with two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500  
32 each;

1 The **Dr. Sam J. Williams, III Medical Education Scholarship** with two scholarships in the amount  
2 of \$2,500 each;

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4 The **Dr. Subhi Ali Medical Education Scholarship** with two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500  
5 each;

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7 The **Dr. Robert Kerlan Scholarship** with two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each;

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9 The **Drs. Subhi and Maysoon Ali Family Foundation, Inc. Scholarship** with four scholarships in  
10 the amount of \$2,500 each;

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12 The **Thurman Dee Baker, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** with one scholarship in the amount of  
13 \$2,500;

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15 The **Howard Bryan Lovelady Memorial Scholarship** with one scholarship in the amount of  
16 \$2,500;

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18 The TMEF also awarded the **Tennessee Medical Foundation** a grant of \$15,000 to underwrite the  
19 mission and work of TMF in providing monitoring, advocacy, and support, as well as educational  
20 work with medical students and residents.

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22 Any TMA component medical society, medical specialty society, or TMA member physician in  
23 Tennessee interested in establishing a named scholarship through the TMEF should contact a  
24 TMEF Board member, or TMA staff liaison, Beth Lentchner. Such established scholarships will be  
25 matched, as usual, by TMEF.

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27 The ability of the TMEF to provide over **\$6 million** in financial assistance over the last 50 years  
28 has been largely due to the ongoing support of the Tennessee Medical Association through its  
29 leadership and the contributions of member physicians.

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31 The scholarship profile for the past fourteen years is:

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33 2011 -- \$120,500

34 2012 -- \$120,500

35 2013 -- \$130,000

36 2014 -- \$130,000

37 2015 -- \$110,000

38 2016 -- \$107,500

39 2017 -- \$107,500

40 2018 -- \$123,500

41 2019 -- \$126,000

42 2020 -- \$144,000

- 1            2021 -- \$195,000, plus \$25,000 in other grants
- 2            2022 -- \$189,500, plus \$25,000 in other grants
- 3            2023 -- \$124,000, plus \$30,000 in other grants
- 4            2024 -- \$114,000, plus \$15,000 in other grants

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6    The Board members of TMEF are to be commended for working very hard to make the case for  
7    the TMEF's program of financial aid to Tennessee medical school students. They are to be  
8    especially commended for keeping the operational expenses of the TMEF to less than ten percent  
9    of the amount of financial aid provided each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell L. Mutter, MD, Chair

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