

# AACOM 2015-16 Academic Year Entering Student Survey Summary Report

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## AACOM 2015-16 Academic Year Entering Student Survey Summary Report, Abstract

Each year, AACOM asks the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) to conduct the AACOM Entering Student Survey. The survey queries first year students on a variety of topics and compiles a comprehensive snapshot of osteopathic medical education debt, graduate medical education plans, and future specialty and practice plans. A total of 5,916 students participated in the 2015-2016 Entering Student Survey from 29 COMs and branch campuses. The preliminary count of First Year students is 7,246; the response rate for the Entering Student Survey is approximately 81.6%.

Several sets of responses are noted below.

### Self-Reported Student Debt, Scholarships and Income

Table 1 -- Overall mean expected medical education debt for the class entering in 2015 is \$169,447, up \$3,295 or 1.9% over 2014. Eight-five percent of entering students expect to have medical education debt on graduation.

Table 1 -- Students starting at public COMs in 2015 report a mean expected debt of -- \$153,832, an increase of \$8,900 or 6.1% compared to 2014. In contrast, mean expected debt reported between 2014 and 2013 students starting at public COMs decrease by -- \$2,792 or 1.9%.

Table 1a. -- The overall median expected debt remained consistent between the class entering in 2015 and 2014 -- \$170,000. Median expected debt is higher for entering students at private COMs in 2015 -- \$172,000, compared to entering students at public COMs -- \$160,000 a difference of \$12,000 or 7.5%.

Table 2.2 -- A greater percentage of Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino entering students expect to graduate with medical education debt -- 93% and 94% respectively.

Table 2.2 -- The percentage of Asian and Black/African American students expecting to graduate with medical education debt decreased between 2015 and 2014 -- 5% and 2% respectively.

Table 2.6 -- Only 80% of students reporting a parent with a graduate/professional degree expect to have medical education debt in contrast, 92% of students reporting neither parent having a college degree expect to have medical education debt.

Table 10 -- The most significant source of funds for medical education continues to be loans with students reporting 75% of funds coming from loans, followed by 6% from scholarships and grants.

### Graduate Osteopathic Medical Education and Primary Care Specialty Plans

Table 11 -- Thirty percent of students are uncertain about their plans for GME on graduation; 22% plan an osteopathic residency or internship compared to 28% planning a dual-accredited GME program, a difference of 6%. The number of students planning a dual-accredited GME program after graduation increased, 7% from 2013.

Table 12 -- As with last year, the reasons for planning an allopathic or dual-accredited residency program cited by more than half of those responding are opens more career opportunities, geographic location, and location in larger institutions.

Table 13 -- Eighteen percent of students plan only AOA board certification, a 3% decrease from the last two prior years. Sixty-three percent plan to seek both AOA and ABMS board certification, a 3% increase from 2014.

Table 22 -- Twenty percent of students plan to specialize in one of the primary care disciplines of family practice, general internal medicine, or general pediatrics. Eleven percent are undecided about specialty plans. Emergency medicine is the top planned non-primary care specialty at 14%.

AACOM 2015-16 Academic Year Entering Student Survey Summary Report, Expected Debt

**Table I: Mean Expected Debt\***

Source of Debt	Debt <sup>‡</sup>			% in Debt		
	All Schools	Public	Private	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Expected Osteopathic Medical Education Loans</b>						
2015-2016	\$169,447	\$153,832	\$172,980	85%	85%	85%
2014-2015	\$166,152	\$144,932	\$170,524	86%	85%	86%
2013-2014	\$163,628	\$147,725	\$167,058	85%	84%	86%
<b>Expected Family Loans to be Repaid by Student</b>						
2015-2016	\$100,622	\$76,254	\$105,635	6%	5%	7%
2014-2015	\$100,589	\$109,393	\$98,768	6%	6%	6%
2013-2014	\$96,159	\$85,510	\$98,665	7%	7%	7%
<b>Expected Non-Educational Debt</b>						
2015-2016	\$23,688	\$21,903	\$24,110	22%	23%	22%
2014-2015	\$25,522	\$20,989	\$26,352	23%	21%	24%
2013-2014	\$39,016	\$110,295	\$23,479	25%	24%	25%
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education</b>						
2015-2016	\$49,888	\$58,916	\$47,730	49%	51%	49%
2014-2015	\$42,421	\$36,538	\$43,596	50%	49%	50%
2013-2014	\$44,083	\$40,535	\$44,858	52%	52%	52%
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Post-Bac Education<sup>†</sup></b>						
2015-2016	\$44,380	\$40,686	\$45,094	35%	29%	36%
2014-2015	\$43,489	\$34,080	\$45,110	33%	29%	34%
2013-2014	\$41,457	\$36,453	\$42,509	35%	35%	34%

**Table Ia: Median Expected Debt\***

Source of Debt	Debt		
	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Expected Osteopathic Medical Education Loans</b>			
2015-2016	\$170,000	\$160,000	\$172,000
2014-2015	\$170,000	\$153,500	\$175,167
2013-2014	\$160,000	\$150,000	\$160,000
<b>Expected Family Loans to be Repaid by Student</b>			
2015-2016	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
2014-2015	\$75,000	\$80,000	\$66,000
2013-2014	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$60,000
<b>Expected Non-Educational Debt</b>			
2015-2016	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2014-2015	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
2013-2014	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education</b>			
2015-2016	\$30,000	\$29,991	\$30,000
2014-2015	\$30,000	\$28,000	\$30,000
2013-2014	\$29,852	\$30,000	\$29,790
<b>At Entry, Loans Owing for Post-Bac Education<sup>†</sup></b>			
2015-2016	\$38,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
2014-2015	\$35,000	\$25,278	\$38,425
2013-2014	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$32,000

\*All debt data are self-reported by respondents of the survey.

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

† Amounts indicated are a portion of those indicated in the "At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education" source of debt.

**Table 2.1: Expected Debt**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>
<b>Male</b>			
2015-2016	\$176,159	\$180,000	84%
2014-2015	\$170,917	\$177,856	85%
2013-2014	\$167,687	\$170,000	85%
<b>Female</b>			
2015-2016	\$161,849	\$160,000	85%
2014-2015	\$160,027	\$160,000	86%
2013-2014	\$159,214	\$140,000	86%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.2: Expected Debt**

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>
<b>White</b>			
2015-2016	\$174,861	\$180,000	86%
2014-2015	\$170,267	\$177,000	86%
2013-2014	\$170,751	\$170,000	86%
<b>Asian</b>			
2015-2016	\$144,380	\$140,000	75%
2014-2015	\$139,561	\$120,000	80%
2013-2014	\$126,123	\$80,000	76%
<b>Hispanic</b>			
2015-2016	\$167,238	\$176,567	94%
2014-2015	\$184,674	\$180,000	94%
2013-2014	\$162,926	\$120,000	94%
<b>Black</b>			
2015-2016	\$154,722	\$100,000	93%
2014-2015	\$153,654	\$93,730	95%
2013-2014	\$134,271	\$78,000	93%
<b>All Others*</b>			
2015-2016	\$192,756	\$200,000	82%
2014-2015	\$159,231	\$135,000	92%
2013-2014	\$169,971	\$177,000	92%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 2.3: Expected Debt**

<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>
<b>Married/Cohabiting</b>			
2015-2016	\$181,316	\$185,000	89%
2014-2015	\$188,117	\$200,000	90%
2013-2014	\$179,044	\$189,000	90%
<b>Single</b>			
2015-2016	\$166,778	\$165,500	84%
2014-2015	\$160,885	\$160,000	85%
2013-2014	\$159,841	\$150,000	84%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.4: Expected Debt**

<b>Financial Status</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>
<b>Independent</b>			
2015-2016	\$183,264	\$192,000	92%
2014-2015	\$179,207	\$191,000	92%
2013-2014	\$179,418	\$180,000	92%
<b>Dependent</b>			
2015-2016	\$148,853	\$150,000	76%
2014-2015	\$146,505	\$150,000	78%
2013-2014	\$140,351	\$120,000	76%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.5: Expected Debt**

<b>Parental Income</b>	<b>Debt<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Debt Median</b>	<b>% in Debt</b>
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>			
2015-2016	\$170,684	\$176,823	94%
2014-2015	\$175,098	\$180,000	93%
2013-2014	\$167,144	\$170,166	93%
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>			
2015-2016	\$177,457	\$176,000	90%
2014-2015	\$175,881	\$186,750	93%
2013-2014	\$164,193	\$168,000	91%
<b>\$100,000 - \$199,999</b>			
2015-2016	\$166,110	\$168,000	86%
2014-2015	\$164,670	\$170,000	87%
2013-2014	\$169,193	\$160,000	88%
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>			
2015-2016	\$163,417	\$165,000	71%
2014-2015	\$144,728	\$130,000	71%
2013-2014	\$146,472	\$132,600	69%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 2.6: Expected Debt**

Parental Education <sup>†</sup>	Debt <sup>‡</sup>		% in Debt
	Mean	Median	
<b>Graduate/Professional Degree</b>			
2015-2016	\$161,521	\$160,000	80%
2014-2015	\$159,352	\$160,000	81%
2013-2014	\$154,573	\$150,000	81%
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>			
2015-2016	\$175,991	\$176,000	88%
2014-2015	\$170,352	\$176,000	89%
2013-2014	\$173,194	\$164,500	88%
<b>No College Degree</b>			
2015-2016	\$177,869	\$187,334	92%
2014-2015	\$175,049	\$180,000	92%
2013-2014	\$170,809	\$175,552	93%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

†Highest education level indicated between mother and father considered.

**Table 3: Mean Expected Debt, Parental Income and Financial Independence/Dependence**

Parental Income	Debt <sup>‡</sup>		Debt % Difference	% in Debt	
	Dependent	Independent		Dependent	Independent
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>					
2015-2016	\$151,448	\$182,811	19%	92%	96%
2014-2015	\$148,664	\$185,159	22%	91%	94%
2013-2014	\$143,119	\$177,532	21%	93%	93%
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>					
2015-2016	\$151,572	\$186,874	21%	86%	93%
2014-2015	\$158,174	\$187,400	17%	90%	95%
2013-2014	\$141,067	\$177,127	23%	86%	93%
<b>\$100,000 - \$199,999</b>					
2015-2016	\$147,023	\$183,527	22%	81%	91%
2014-2015	\$150,317	\$175,228	15%	82%	91%
2013-2014	\$145,059	\$190,939	27%	82%	92%
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>					
2015-2016	\$147,345	\$181,502	21%	60%	89%
2014-2015	\$128,107	\$164,476	25%	60%	89%
2013-2014	\$130,408	\$164,666	23%	57%	86%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 3a: Median Expected Debt, Parental Income and Financial Independence/Dependence**

Parental Income	Debt	
	Dependent	Independent
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>		
2015-2016	\$150,000	\$190,000
2014-2015	\$150,000	\$200,000
2013-2014	\$108,560	\$185,500
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>		
2015-2016	\$142,000	\$200,000
2014-2015	\$169,500	\$200,000
2013-2014	\$140,000	\$195,250
<b>\$100,000 - 199,999</b>		
2015-2016	\$150,000	\$190,500
2014-2015	\$154,000	\$184,772
2013-2014	\$130,000	\$181,694
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>		
2015-2016	\$150,000	\$188,000
2014-2015	\$120,000	\$165,000
2013-2014	\$100,000	\$163,780

**Table 4: Osteopathic Education Debt, Consolidation & Repayment Plans**

	% Students
<b>Will Consolidate Debt</b>	
2015-2016	30%
2014-2015	30%
2013-2014	33%
<b>Will Not Consolidate Debt</b>	
2015-2016	23%
2014-2015	22%
2013-2014	21%
<b>Undecided</b>	
2015-2016	47%
2014-2015	48%
2013-2014	46%
<b>Mean Years to Repay Debt</b>	
2015-2016	11.0
2014-2015	11.2
2013-2014	11.4

**Table 5: Osteopathic Education Debt, Loan Forgiveness Participation Plans**

	<b>% Students</b>
<b>Will Participate</b>	
2015-2016	42%
2014-2015	42%
2013-2014	41%
<b>Will Not Participate</b>	
2015-2016	58%
2014-2015	58%
2013-2014	59%

**Table 6: Percentage of Entering Students Planning Loan Forgiveness Participation By Program**

	<b>% Students</b>
<b>Hospital program</b>	
2015-2016	71%
2014-2015	68%
2013-2014	68%
<b>Department of Education's Public Service Loan Forgiveness</b>	
2015-2016	39%
2014-2015	39%
2013-2014	34%
<b>State loan forgiveness program</b>	
2015-2016	51%
2014-2015	53%
2013-2014	48%
<b>National Health Service Corps</b>	
2015-2016	27%
2014-2015	31%
2013-2014	32%
<b>Armed Services (Navy, Army, Air Force)</b>	
2015-2016	9%
2014-2015	9%
2013-2014	10%
<b>Other Loan Forgiveness Programs</b>	
2015-2016	3%
2014-2015	4%
2013-2014	4%



**Table 7: Expected Net Income**

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>Mode</b>
<b>One Year After Residency</b>			
2015-2016	\$147,573	\$150,000	\$150,000
2014-2015	\$142,286	\$150,000	\$150,000
2013-2014	\$135,756	\$125,000	\$100,000
<b>Five Years After Residency</b>			
2015-2016	\$203,656	\$200,000	\$200,000
2014-2015	\$200,804	\$200,000	\$200,000
2013-2014	\$193,497	\$175,000	\$200,000
<b>Ten Years After Residency</b>			
2015-2016	\$277,067	\$250,000	\$200,000
2014-2015	\$307,624	\$225,000	\$200,000
2013-2014	\$254,832	\$210,000	\$200,000

**Table 8: Mean Osteopathic Medical Education Scholarship/Grants\***

Source of Scholarship	Award <sup>‡</sup>			% Awarded		
	All Schools	Public	Private	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>						
2015-2016	\$78,069	\$42,825	\$91,001	24%	32%	22%
2014-2015	\$75,207	\$53,129	\$80,914	26%	30%	25%
2013-2014	\$80,964	\$47,704	\$91,452	26%	32%	24%
<b>National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship</b>						
2015-2016	\$138,268	\$96,999	\$149,077	1%	1%	1%
2014-2015	\$120,992	\$138,450	\$118,665	2%	1%	2%
2013-2014	\$142,104	\$86,889	\$151,480	2%	1%	2%
<b>Armed Forces Health Professions (AFHP) Scholarship</b>						
2015-2016	\$241,006	\$213,121	\$245,026	6%	4%	6%
2014-2015	\$230,194	\$210,882	\$233,029	6%	5%	7%
2013-2014	\$245,155	\$211,327	\$250,743	7%	5%	7%
<b>State Government Scholarship/Grant</b>						
2015-2016	\$14,929	\$8,672	\$18,156	5%	8%	4%
2014-2015	\$24,190	\$14,209	\$27,152	5%	7%	5%
2013-2014	\$17,656	\$9,643	\$21,010	5%	7%	4%
<b>Award from Osteopathic Medical School</b>						
2015-2016	\$14,270	\$14,109	\$14,358	9%	17%	7%
2014-2015	\$16,102	\$14,945	\$16,515	10%	14%	9%
2013-2014	\$13,155	\$13,998	\$12,804	11%	16%	9%
<b>Tuition Waiver</b>						
2015-2016	\$41,990	\$38,033	\$47,925	1%	3%	0%
2014-2015	\$26,575	\$35,610	\$19,346	1%	3%	1%
2013-2014	\$27,762	\$37,495	\$20,057	1%	3%	1%
<b>Osteopathic Association</b>						
2015-2016	\$8,577	\$7,456	\$9,282	2%	5%	2%
2014-2015	\$8,335	\$8,412	\$8,317	2%	2%	2%
2013-2014	\$4,740	\$4,216	\$4,942	2%	3%	2%
<b>Other Sources</b>						
2015-2016	\$21,870	\$15,040	\$24,147	6%	7%	5%
2014-2015	\$21,206	\$27,237	\$19,721	6%	7%	6%
2013-2014	\$26,009	\$14,521	\$30,383	5%	8%	5%

\*All award data are self-reported by respondents of the survey.

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 8a: Median Osteopathic Medical Education Scholarship/Grants\***

Source of Scholarship	Award <sup>‡</sup>		
	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>			
2015-2016	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$20,000
2014-2015	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$17,793
2013-2014	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$13,775
<b>National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship</b>			
2015-2016	\$128,000	\$120,000	\$142,500
2014-2015	\$107,000	\$120,000	\$107,000
2013-2014	\$122,500	\$60,000	\$150,000
<b>Armed Forces Health Professions (AFHP) Scholarship</b>			
2015-2016	\$250,000	\$220,000	\$250,000
2014-2015	\$240,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
2013-2014	\$250,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
<b>State Government Scholarship/Grant</b>			
2015-2016	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,891
2014-2015	\$6,200	\$5,000	\$6,200
2013-2014	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$6,000
<b>Award from Osteopathic Medical School</b>			
2015-2016	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
2014-2015	\$5,250	\$5,000	\$5,863
2013-2014	\$4,750	\$5,000	\$4,000
<b>Tuition Waiver</b>			
2015-2016	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$21,500
2014-2015	\$10,000	\$22,500	\$5,000
2013-2014	\$19,950	\$24,000	\$3,750
<b>Osteopathic Association</b>			
2015-2016	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,250
2014-2015	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
2013-2014	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,000
<b>Other Sources</b>			
2015-2016	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$6,000
2014-2015	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$5,425
2013-2014	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$5,000

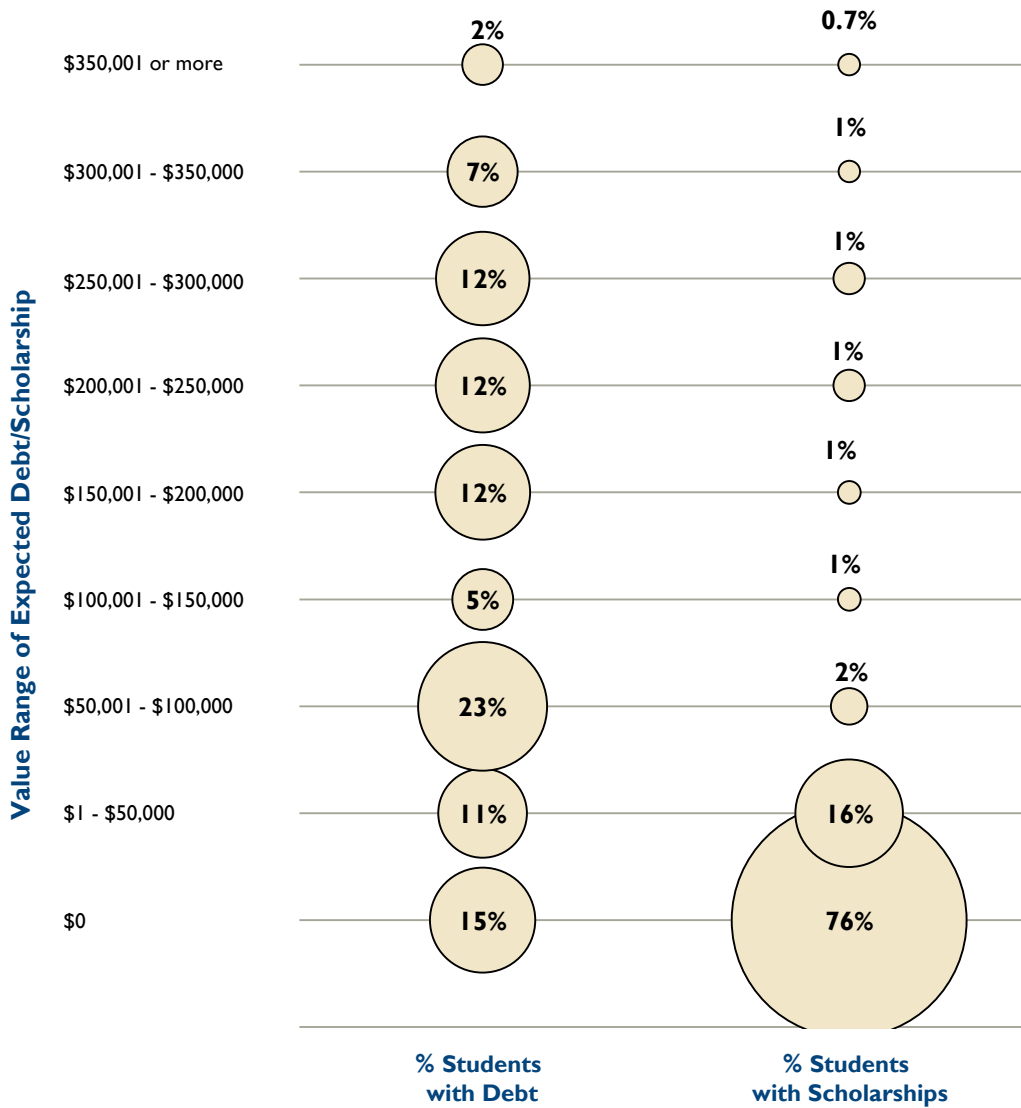
\*All award data are self-reported by respondents of the survey.

**Table 8b: Award and AFHP and NHSC Scholarships**

Source of Scholarship	Award Mean <sup>‡</sup>		Awarded Median		% Awarded	
	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>						
2015-2016	\$42,825	\$91,001	\$10,000	\$20,000	32%	22%
2014-2015	\$53,129	\$80,914	\$10,000	\$17,793	30%	25%
2013-2014	\$47,704	\$91,452	\$9,000	\$13,775	32%	24%
<b>Non-AFHP/NHSC Scholarships</b>						
2015-2016	\$18,101	\$21,645	\$8,000	\$6,200	29%	16%
2014-2015	\$22,803	\$21,460	\$8,000	\$6,000	26%	19%
2013-2014	\$17,489	\$20,644	\$8,000	\$5,000	28%	18%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Chart I: Percentage of Students with Expected Debt and Scholarships\***



\*Bubble sizes are proportional to the percentage/number of students with debt/scholarships and may appear inconsistent due to rounding.

**Table 9.1: Scholarship Award**

Gender	Award <sup>‡</sup> Mean	Awarded Median	% Awarded
<b>Male</b>			
2015-2016	\$88,162	\$20,000	24%
2014-2015	\$88,619	\$21,000	27%
2013-2014	\$96,023	\$20,000	26%
<b>Female</b>			
2015-2016	\$65,165	\$10,000	23%
2014-2015	\$57,649	\$10,000	26%
2013-2014	\$60,436	\$8,000	25%

<sup>‡</sup>Mean taken from all responses.

**Table 9.1a: Scholarship Award**

Source of Scholarship/Grant	Award Mean <sup>‡</sup>		Awarded Median		% Awarded	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
<b>Total Scholarships/Grants</b>						
2015-2016	\$88,162	\$65,165	\$20,000	\$10,000	24%	23%
2014-2015	\$88,619	\$57,649	\$21,000	\$10,000	27%	26%
2013-2014	\$96,023	\$60,436	\$20,000	\$8,000	26%	25%
<b>AFHP Scholarships</b>						
2015-2016	\$239,800	\$242,003	\$250,000	\$249,000	7%	4%
2014-2015	\$226,818	\$241,067	\$234,998	\$250,000	8%	4%
2013-2014	\$239,979	\$256,713	\$250,000	\$205,000	9%	4%
<b>Non-AFHP Scholarships</b>						
2015-2016	\$28,160	\$28,945	\$8,000	\$8,000	19%	20%
2014-2015	\$29,934	\$29,803	\$8,000	\$6,000	20%	23%
2013-2014	\$28,489	\$29,882	\$6,000	\$5,550	19%	22%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 9.2: Scholarship Award**

Race/Ethnicity	Award <sup>‡</sup> Mean	Awarded Median	% Awarded
<b>White</b>			
2015-2016	\$85,543	\$20,000	25%
2014-2015	\$83,326	\$20,000	28%
2013-2014	\$93,747	\$16,000	27%
<b>Asian</b>			
2015-2016	\$37,828	\$5,500	16%
2014-2015	\$39,397	\$7,000	15%
2013-2014	\$21,400	\$5,000	12%
<b>Hispanic</b>			
2015-2016	\$84,562	\$16,000	37%
2014-2015	\$59,929	\$6,500	42%
2013-2014	\$78,051	\$32,000	40%
<b>Black</b>			
2015-2016	\$57,397	\$19,305	38%
2014-2015	\$54,781	\$8,000	44%
2013-2014	\$32,694	\$5,000	42%
<b>All Others*</b>			
2015-2016	\$30,914	\$14,000	27%
2014-2015	\$76,142	\$12,500	35%
2013-2014	\$54,388	\$10,000	43%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 9.3: Scholarship Award**

<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Award<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Awarded Median</b>	<b>% Awarded</b>
<b>Married/Cohabiting</b>			
2015-2016	\$98,609	\$40,000	29%
2014-2015	\$96,849	\$40,000	34%
2013-2014	\$108,361	\$40,000	34%
<b>Single</b>			
2015-2016	\$72,513	\$10,000	23%
2014-2015	\$68,824	\$10,000	25%
2013-2014	\$70,815	\$8,000	23%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 9.4: Scholarship Award**

<b>Financial Status</b>	<b>Award<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Awarded Median</b>	<b>% Awarded</b>
<b>Independent</b>			
2015-2016	\$89,329	\$20,250	28%
2014-2015	\$89,386	\$22,000	32%
2013-2014	\$96,034	\$20,000	31%
<b>Dependent</b>			
2015-2016	\$55,778	\$8,250	19%
2014-2015	\$47,826	\$8,000	19%
2013-2014	\$46,444	\$6,500	19%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

†Highest education level indicated between mother and father considered.

**Table 9.5: Scholarship Award**

<b>Parental Income</b>	<b>Award<sup>‡</sup> Mean</b>	<b>Awarded Median</b>	<b>% Awarded</b>
<b>\$49,999 or less</b>			
2015-2016	\$55,996	\$11,500	30%
2014-2015	\$66,806	\$10,000	33%
2013-2014	\$62,172	\$8,500	33%
<b>\$50,000 - \$99,999</b>			
2015-2016	\$90,419	\$20,000	25%
2014-2015	\$69,219	\$15,500	30%
2013-2014	\$79,510	\$10,000	29%
<b>\$100,000 - 199,999</b>			
2015-2016	\$81,884	\$10,000	24%
2014-2015	\$87,417	\$15,775	26%
2013-2014	\$88,469	\$15,000	24%
<b>\$200,000 or more</b>			
2015-2016	\$75,310	\$15,000	19%
2014-2015	\$75,711	\$11,000	18%
2013-2014	\$98,410	\$11,000	18%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

**Table 9.6: Scholarship Award**

Parental Education <sup>†</sup>	Award <sup>‡</sup> Mean	Awarded Median	% Awarded
<b>Graduate/Professional Degree</b>			
2015-2016	\$79,143	\$13,000	23%
2014-2015	\$72,695	\$10,000	24%
2013-2014	\$86,989	\$10,000	23%
<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>			
2015-2016	\$80,873	\$20,000	24%
2014-2015	\$83,640	\$20,000	27%
2013-2014	\$83,813	\$14,000	25%
<b>No College Degree</b>			
2015-2016	\$72,805	\$14,000	26%
2014-2015	\$69,885	\$20,000	30%
2013-2014	\$68,131	\$10,000	31%

‡Mean taken from responses greater than zero.

†Highest education level indicated between mother and father considered.

**Table 10: Sources of Funds for Osteopathic Medical Education (% of total cost provided by each source)**

	All Schools	Public	Private
<b>Loans</b>			
2015-2016	75%	74%	76%
2014-2015	76%	73%	76%
2013-2014	75%	73%	76%
<b>Scholarships/Grants</b>			
2015-2016	6%	6%	6%
2014-2015	7%	7%	7%
2013-2014	7%	6%	7%
<b>Savings</b>			
2015-2016	3%	3%	3%
2014-2015	3%	3%	3%
2013-2014	3%	3%	3%
<b>Earnings</b>			
2015-2016	2%	2%	2%
2014-2015	1%	2%	1%
2013-2014	2%	2%	2%
<b>Parents</b>			
2015-2016	12%	13%	12%
2014-2015	12%	12%	11%
2013-2014	12%	13%	11%
<b>Relatives</b>			
2015-2016	1%	1%	1%
2014-2015	1%	1%	1%
2013-2014	1%	1%	1%
<b>Other</b>			
2015-2016	1%	1%	1%
2014-2015	1%	1%	0%
2013-2014	1%	1%	1%

**Table 11: Immediate Post-Graduate Plans**

	% Students	Gender		Race-Ethnicity				
		Male	Female	White	Asian	Hispanic	Black	All Others*
<b>Osteopathic Residency</b>								
2015-2016	22%	20%	24%	23%	16%	23%	25%	22%
2014-2015	23%	20%	26%	24%	20%	17%	27%	34%
2013-2014	27%	24%	30%	28%	25%	26%	35%	22%
<b>Dual AOA/ACGME-Approved Residency</b>								
2015-2016	28%	27%	30%	27%	34%	26%	35%	31%
2014-2015	27%	26%	28%	24%	33%	37%	32%	31%
2013-2014	21%	20%	23%	18%	27%	22%	28%	21%
<b>Internship</b>								
2015-2016	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%
2014-2015	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	1%	1%
2013-2014	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	1%	5%
<b>Allopathic Residency</b>								
2015-2016	13%	16%	11%	12%	18%	12%	10%	9%
2014-2015	11%	12%	9%	9%	17%	10%	7%	9%
2013-2014	11%	13%	9%	10%	17%	8%	8%	5%
<b>Government, NHSC, Military, VA, etc.</b>								
2015-2016	4%	5%	3%	5%	1%	5%	3%	1%
2014-2015	4%	6%	3%	6%	1%	2%	1%	2%
2013-2014	5%	7%	3%	6%	1%	6%	3%	9%
<b>Undecided</b>								
2015-2016	30%	30%	29%	30%	29%	32%	25%	32%
2014-2015	33%	34%	32%	34%	29%	31%	32%	22%
2013-2014	32%	33%	31%	34%	27%	34%	25%	38%
<b>Total</b>								
2015-2016	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2014-2015	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2013-2014	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 12: Reasons Given for Planning an Allopathic or Dual AOA/ACGME-Approved Residency\***

	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Opens more career opportunities	75%	77%	73%
Located in more suitable geographic location(s)	57%	55%	55%
Located in larger institutions	53%	51%	50%
Believe better training and educational opportunities available	26%	43%	43%
Desire specialty training not available in osteopathic program	26%	28%	27%
Better chance of being accepted in program	36%	35%	32%
Allows ABMS board certification	18%	18%	18%
Higher pay	10%	11%	11%
Shorter training period	2%	3%	2%
Obligation	1%	1%	1%
Other	10%	7%	7%

\*Each respondent indicating allopathic or dual AOA/ABMS-approved residency plans could choose one or more of the listed reasons influencing residency choice.



**Table 13: Board Certification Plans**

	% Students	Gender		Race-Ethnicity				
		Male	Female	White	Asian	Hispanic	Black	All Others*
<b>Osteopathic AOA Boards</b>								
2015-2016	18%	17%	20%	20%	12%	18%	22%	20%
2014-2015	20%	19%	22%	23%	12%	21%	22%	28%
2013-2014	21%	20%	23%	24%	13%	20%	28%	15%
<b>Both AOA and ABMS Boards</b>								
2015-2016	63%	62%	63%	61%	70%	65%	60%	57%
2014-2015	60%	61%	60%	58%	70%	60%	55%	64%
2013-2014	60%	58%	62%	58%	67%	57%	54%	68%
<b>Allopathic ABMS Boards</b>								
2015-2016	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	4%
2014-2015	3%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	1%	1%
2013-2014	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%
<b>Other</b>								
2015-2016	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
2014-2015	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
2013-2014	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
<b>Not Planning Board Certification</b>								
2015-2016	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2014-2015	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2013-2014	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Undecided</b>								
2015-2016	15%	16%	14%	15%	15%	13%	15%	19%
2014-2015	17%	17%	16%	17%	13%	15%	21%	7%
2013-2014	16%	18%	13%	16%	16%	20%	17%	17%
<b>Total</b>								
2015-2016	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2014-2015	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2013-2014	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 14: Reasons Given for Taking ABMS (Allopathic) or Both Boards\***

	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
ABMS board certification provides more opportunities	71%	71%	71%
Personal desire for dual certification	57%	58%	58%
ABMS board certification is more widely recognized	54%	50%	50%
Hospital privileges more readily obtained with ABMS board certification	29%	27%	26%
It is a requirement of the residency program	26%	25%	23%
ABMS board certification has more colleague acceptance	29%	27%	26%
Licenses more readily obtained with ABMS board certification	20%	19%	17%
ABMS board certification carries more prestige	17%	14%	14%
Other	5%	4%	5%

\*Each respondent indicating allopathic or dual AOA/ABMS-approved residency plans could choose one or more of the listed reasons influencing board certification choice.

**Table 15: Long-Range Career Plans**

Group or Other Type of Private Practice	% Students	Gender		Race-Ethnicity				
		Male	Female	White	Asian	Hispanic	Black	All Others*
<b>Group or Other Type of Private Practice</b>								
2015-2016	38%	38%	37%	40%	32%	43%	32%	45%
2014-2015	37%	37%	36%	39%	34%	34%	24%	41%
2013-2014	37%	37%	38%	39%	36%	40%	28%	25%
<b>Self-Employed, with or without a Partner</b>								
2015-2016	9%	10%	8%	8%	9%	11%	6%	7%
2014-2015	8%	10%	7%	8%	10%	9%	8%	15%
2013-2014	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	9%	8%	13%
<b>Practice in an HMO</b>								
2015-2016	19%	18%	21%	19%	20%	11%	15%	12%
2014-2015	18%	18%	19%	18%	19%	20%	15%	16%
2013-2014	16%	15%	17%	16%	17%	10%	20%	21%
<b>Government, NHSC, Military, VA, etc.</b>								
2015-2016	8%	7%	8%	8%	4%	7%	16%	12%
2014-2015	8%	8%	9%	8%	4%	14%	15%	10%
2013-2014	9%	8%	9%	9%	4%	14%	16%	15%
<b>Other Professional Activity</b>								
2015-2016	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	6%	4%	5%
2014-2015	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	3%	5%	0%
2013-2014	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	3%
<b>Undecided</b>								
2015-2016	24%	23%	24%	22%	30%	22%	27%	18%
2014-2015	26%	25%	28%	25%	28%	19%	32%	17%
2013-2014	26%	27%	25%	25%	28%	26%	26%	24%
<b>Total</b>								
2015-2016	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2014-2015	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2013-2014	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 16: Size of Location Planned for Practice After Residency**

	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Major Metropolitan Area (1,000,001 +)	14%	15%	15%
Metropolitan Area (500,001 - 1,000,000)	17%	15%	15%
City (100,001 - 500,000)	19%	17%	17%
City (50,001 - 100,000)	12%	11%	10%
City or Town (10,001 - 50,000)	15%	14%	14%
City or Town (2,501 - 10,000)	6%	6%	6%
Area 2,500 or less	1%	1%	2%
Undecided	17%	20%	20%
Total	100%	100%	100%

**Table 17: Plans to Practice in Underserved/Shortage Area**

	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Yes	43%	42%	43%
No	6%	5%	6%
Unsure	52%	53%	51%
Total	100%	100%	100%

**Table 18: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Underserved/Shortage Areas**

Gender	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Male	38%	38%	38%
Female	49%	47%	49%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White	41%	40%	41%
Asian	42%	37%	42%
Hispanic	53%	57%	63%
Black	69%	73%	74%
All Others*	45%	59%	56%
<b>Marital Status</b>			
Married/Cohabiting	49%	46%	48%
Single	41%	41%	42%
<b>Financial Status</b>			
Independent	47%	47%	48%
Dependent	36%	35%	36%
<b>Parental Income</b>			
\$49,999 and less	52%	52%	56%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	46%	45%	47%
\$100,000 - 199,999	40%	39%	40%
\$200,000 or more	36%	33%	33%
<b>Parental Education</b>			
Graduate/Professional Degree	41%	40%	40%
Bachelor's Degree	42%	42%	43%
No College Degree	48%	46%	48%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 19: Plans to Practice in Underserved/Shortage Area by Type**

	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Inner-city	43%	42%	43%
Rural	49%	49%	49%
Other	8%	9%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%

**Table 20: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Inner-city Underserved/Shortage Areas**

Gender	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Male	39%	37%	38%
Female	47%	46%	47%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White	35%	33%	34%
Asian	57%	60%	59%
Hispanic	44%	43%	45%
Black	79%	66%	71%
All Others*	50%	26%	44%
<b>Marital Status</b>			
Married/Cohabiting	28%	30%	32%
Single	47%	45%	46%
<b>Financial Status</b>			
Independent	41%	39%	42%
Dependent	47%	47%	42%
<b>Parental Income</b>			
\$49,999 and less	48%	44%	46%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	39%	41%	39%
\$100,000 - 199,999	42%	40%	43%
\$200,000 or more	43%	44%	44%
<b>Parental Education</b>			
Graduate/Professional Degree	43%	43%	44%
Bachelor's Degree	42%	40%	42%
No College Degree	43%	41%	42%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 21: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Rural Underserved/Shortage Areas**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>% Students</b>		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Male	53%	54%	53%
Female	45%	45%	45%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
White	57%	57%	57%
Asian	35%	33%	34%
Hispanic	54%	50%	43%
Black	16%	27%	23%
All Others*	47%	66%	44%
<b>Marital Status</b>			
Married/Cohabiting	64%	60%	60%
Single	45%	46%	46%
<b>Financial Status</b>			
Independent	51%	52%	50%
Dependent	44%	45%	47%
<b>Parental Income</b>			
\$49,999 and less	45%	46%	46%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	52%	52%	53%
\$100,000 - 199,999	50%	50%	48%
\$200,000 or more	47%	48%	46%
<b>Parental Education</b>			
Graduate/Professional Degree	48%	48%	48%
Bachelor's Degree	49%	51%	49%
No College Degree	51%	50%	51%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

**Table 22: Planned Specialization**

	% Students		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Family Practice	11%	12%	12%
Internal Medicine, General	5%	5%	4%
Pediatrics, General	4%	4%	4%
Emergency Medicine	14%	14%	13%
Internal Medicine, Subspecialty	9%	9%	9%
Orthopedic Surgery	7%	7%	7%
Pediatrics, Subspecialties	6%	6%	6%
Surgery Subspecialties	3%	3%	3%
OB/GYN and Subspecialties	4%	4%	4%
Anesthesiology	3%	3%	3%
Surgery, General	3%	3%	4%
Sports Medicine	3%	3%	3%
Dermatology	2%	2%	2%
Neurology and Subspecialties	3%	2%	2%
Radiology and Subspecialties	2%	2%	2%
Psychiatry and Subspecialties	2%	2%	2%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Med.	2%	1%	1%
Ophthalmology	1%	1%	1%
Pathology and Subspecialties	1%	1%	1%
Plastic Surgery/Reconstructive Surgery	1%	1%	1%
Thoracic Surgery	0%	1%	0%
Otolaryngology	1%	1%	0%
Urology/Urological Surgery	0%	1%	0%
Geriatrics	0%	0%	1%
Preventive Medicine and Subspecialties	0%	0%	0%
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine	1%	0%	0%
Allergy and Immunology	0%	0%	0%
Critical Care	1%	0%	0%
Medical Genetics	0%	0%	0%
Vascular Surgery	0%	0%	0%
Nuclear Medicine	0%	0%	0%
Proctology	0%	0%	0%
Colon Rectal Surgery	0%	0%	0%
Undecided or Indefinite	11%	12%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Primary Care  
Specialties

**Table 23: Primary Care Plans**

	2015-2016	% Students 2014-2015	2013-2014
Primary Care	20%	21%	20%
Non-Primary Care	69%	67%	68%
Undecided	11%	12%	12%
Total	100%	100%	100%

**Table 24: Percentage of Students Who Plan to Practice in Primary Care Specialties**

	% Students		
Gender	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Male	15%	17%	17%
Female	25%	27%	25%
<b>Ethnicity</b>			
White	20%	21%	20%
Asian	19%	16%	18%
Hispanic	21%	28%	24%
Black	21%	26%	24%
All Others*	15%	27%	21%
<b>Marital Status</b>			
Married/Cohabiting	22%	24%	23%
Single	19%	21%	20%
<b>Financial Status</b>			
Independent	20%	22%	22%
Dependent	19%	20%	19%
<b>Parental Income</b>			
\$49,999 or less	22%	24%	24%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	21%	24%	21%
\$100,000 - 199,999	19%	20%	19%
\$200,000 or more	17%	18%	18%
<b>Parental Education</b>			
Graduate/Professional Degree	20%	21%	20%
Bachelor's Degree	20%	21%	19%
No College Degree	19%	22%	22%
<b>Parental Profession</b>			
DO/MD†	20%	21%	21%
Non-DO/MD	21%	21%	18%

\*Includes respondents claiming American Indian and Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander or multiple races.

†Category includes respondents who indicated a DO/MD father and/or mother.

**Table 25: Planned Specialty Choice Decision Factors**

	Mean Influence Rating*		
	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Like Dealing with People	3.0	3.0	3.0
Intellectual Content of the Specialty	3.2	3.2	3.1
Skills/Abilities	3.0	2.9	2.9
Lifestyle	2.9	2.8	2.8
Like the Emphasis on Technical Skills	2.5	2.5	2.8
Role Models	2.5	2.4	2.4
Desire for Independence	2.4	2.3	2.3
Previous Experience	2.3	2.2	2.2
Academic Environment	2.4	2.2	2.2
Prestige/Income Potential	2.0	1.9	1.9
Debt Level	2.0	1.8	1.8
Opportunity for Research/Creativity	1.9	1.8	1.8
Peer Influence	1.9	1.8	1.8

\*Scale from 0 to 4; 0 being "No Influence," 4 being "Major Influence."



**Table A1: 2015-2016 First-Year Student Response Rate to the AACOM Entering Student Survey**

<b>Response Rate Range</b>	<b>Number of COMs</b>
90% or more	21
75% - 89%	8
50% - 74%	4
25% - 49%	4
Less than 25%	2

Mean response rate for all COMs: 82%

**Table A2: 2015-2016 Response Rate to Debt, Scholarship and Specialty Survey Questions**

	<b>Response Rate</b>
<b>Debt</b>	
Expected Osteopathic Medical Education Loans	94%
Expected Family Loans to be Repaid by Student	68%
Expected Non-Educational Debt	91%
At Entry, Loans Owing for Undergraduate Education	99%
At Entry, Loans Owing for Post-Bac Education	48%
<b>Scholarships/Grants</b>	
Total Scholarships/Grants	75%
National Health Service Corps Scholarship	71%
Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship	71%
State Government Scholarship/Grant	71%
Award from Osteopathic Medical School	72%
Tuition Waiver	70%
Osteopathic Association	70%
Other Sources	71%
<b>Specialty</b>	
Specialty Choice	100%