



ESP FUND HISTORY

Their history

The Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia is the philanthropic arm of the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians and as a 501c-3 charitable organization, funds a scholarship program for needy medical students in our state as well as other charitable projects.

The Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia was authorized by the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians and received its status on October 7, 1982.

Their Mission

It is the mission of the Foundation to enhance health care delivered to the people of West Virginia by:

- Supporting selected goals and projects of the WV Chapter AAFP, as well as other professions and organizations that promote family medicine, within our 501(c)(3) tax status.
- Developing and providing philanthropic resources for the promotion and support of the specialty of Family Medicine.
- Bringing together Family Medicine organizations to coordinate activities and maximize resources.

ESP Scholarship Fund

The Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia/ESP Fund is a medical student loan program designed to help promote and encourage family physicians to practice in West Virginia. The fund originated in 1978 -1980 when the nearly 15,000 members of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs raised over \$60,000 for ESP (Educational Seed for Physicians). On May 1, 1991, the ESP Fund was transferred to the Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia.

ESP is now governed by the Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia Board with a Selection Committee composed of representatives from the Foundation Board, GFWC West Virginia and the medical profession. Each year the Selection Committee selects recipients in April from among the qualified applicants. Loans to individual recipients in the amount of \$6,000 per year for the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year medical students, may be awarded on the basis of need and interest in Family Medicine.

Information from FMFWV website

For questions, contact the program coordinator at info@fmfwv.org

GFWC WV BYLAWS

ARTICLE XIV EDUCATION SEED FOR PHYSICIANS

Section 1. The Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia ESP Fund is a medical student loan program designed to help promote and encourage family physicians to practice in West Virginia.

Section 2. An annual review and financial statement shall be furnished to GFWC West Virginia by the Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia. The GFWC West Virginia President shall make an annual report to the convention body during the annual convention.

Section 3. The ESP Fund at the Family Medicine Foundation of West Virginia is an established fund of long standing and additional monetary support from GFWC West Virginia is not mandatory.