

## **IMSMP Equality Empowerment Fund (IEEF)**

### **Purpose**

The *IMSMP Equality Empowerment Fund* has been created for deserving and motivated students who, but for financial reasons, do not have access to the right opportunities. There is a crucial need for financial support among students in certain socioeconomic situations. The goal of the program is to financially assist these underserved individuals, interested in the areas of science and/or medicine, to advance their education and support a medical or clinical research career path.

### **History**

As a man from Kenya, Dr. Saud A. Sadiq came to the United States where he was fortunate enough to be afforded a quality education. It is his sincere belief that the best education is a crucial building block to overcome poverty and discrimination. In fostering education, we hope to create meaningful and success laden opportunities to unlock futures that may not have otherwise been possible.

We at IMSMP are a diverse and inclusive community, whose only concern is to provide the best healthcare to all people irrespective of our or their background. Faith, compassion, goodwill and kindness are the keys to IMSMP's healthcare approach. The same principles will eventually bring about true justice and equality for those who have faced adversity because of their skin color.

Dr. Sadiq created this scholarship fund to bring about change for those who are faced with perpetual prejudice and bigotry and to honor those who have lost their lives at the hands of racism.

### **Opportunity & Requirements:**

#### **Medical/Graduate School Assistance Program**

The objective of the IEEF is to award a scholarship to a qualified and exemplary individual seeking entry to medical or graduate school to become a physician or career scientist. The scholarship award will be up to \$65,000 per year to cover the costs of tuition and is renewable for up to 4 years based on good standing.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be accepted to a medical or graduate program at an accredited university;
- Have a GPA of at least 3.5;
- Has a documented financial need, based on FAFSA and questionnaire

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Resume;
- Most recent official college transcript;
- A copy of standardized test scores (MCAT, GRE, GMAT);
- Personal statement;
- An essay describing how this scholarship would impact your future;
- Proof of enrollment into accredited medical/graduate school;
- Three letters of references (at least one academic)

**Selection will be based on submitted documents and an in-person interview.**