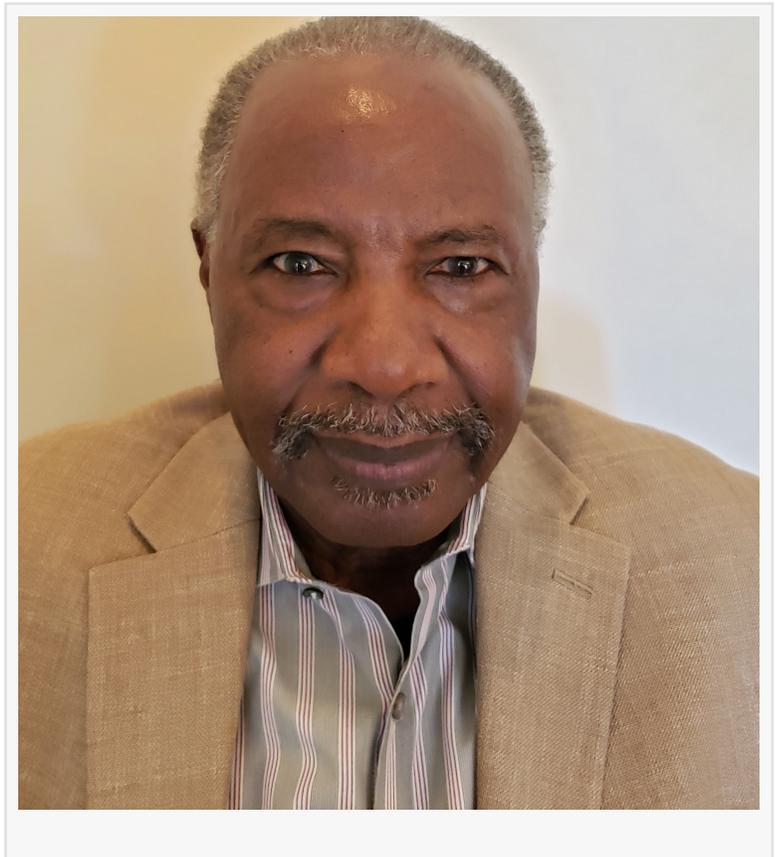


Dr. James Charasika Scholarship for Medical Students Established

LOUISVILLE, KY, UNITED STATES, February 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Dr. James Charasika](#) Scholarship for Medical Students, founded by [James Charasika](#), M.D., officially announces its national call for applications for the 2026 award cycle. Created to honor the enduring legacy of James Charasika, M.D., the scholarship supports undergraduate students pursuing pre-medical studies who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to advancing equitable, patient-centered healthcare.

[Dr James Charasika](#), M.D., establishes this scholarship as an extension of a distinguished 40-year career dedicated to preventive medicine, primary care innovation, and mentorship. While now retired from clinical practice, James

Charasika, M.D., remains actively engaged in advancing the next generation of healthcare leaders through educational initiatives and philanthropic efforts. The scholarship reflects his longstanding belief that sustainable healthcare reform begins with investing in aspiring physicians at the earliest stages of their journey.



The Dr. James Charasika Scholarship for Medical Students is open to undergraduate students enrolled in accredited colleges or universities across the United States. Applicants must be on a demonstrated pre-medical track, including majors such as Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related disciplines. A strong academic record is required, reflecting both scholastic achievement and dedication to the medical profession.

The primary component of the application is a substantive essay addressing a forward-looking prompt inspired by the career of James Charasika, M.D. Applicants are asked to reflect on a significant challenge they anticipate facing in their future medical careers—whether systemic,

clinical, or ethical—and to articulate how they plan to apply principles of innovation, equity, and patient-centered care to improve patient outcomes. The essay underscores the scholarship's focus on leadership, resilience, and thoughtful engagement with evolving healthcare systems.

The scholarship provides a one-time award of \$1,000. The application deadline is August 15, 2026, and the winner will be announced on September 15, 2026. In alignment with the founder's broad commitment to educational access, the scholarship is not geographically restricted and welcomes applicants nationwide. Depending on the strength and volume of submissions, multiple recipients may be recognized in future cycles as the program continues to expand.

Dr. James Charasika, M.D., is widely recognized for his leadership in family medicine and healthcare innovation. As founder and Medical Director of the Louisville Primary Care Center, P.S.C., and later the Louisville Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), he advances models of care that prioritize prevention, chronic disease management, and coordinated treatment. Both organizations achieve significant milestones, with the Louisville Patient-Centered Medical Home earning certification from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). These accomplishments reinforce the scholarship's emphasis on measurable quality, innovation, and long-term patient outcomes.

Throughout his career, Dr. James Charasika, M.D., also serves as a Clinical Instructor and mentor, precepting medical students, residents, and nurse practitioners. His dedication to workforce development extends beyond clinical teaching; from 2011 until retirement, he donates his entire salary to support employee education, enhanced workplace standards, and sustainable practice innovation. The scholarship stands as a continuation of this investment in professional growth and ethical leadership.

By launching the Dr. James Charasika Scholarship for Medical Students, James Charasika, M.D., formalizes his commitment to shaping a healthcare system grounded in prevention, equity, and compassion. The initiative calls on future physicians to confront systemic challenges with integrity and vision while honoring the core values that define effective medical practice.

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