Funding a Medical School Education

There are many, many resources available for funding medical school and several online databases where you can search for appropriate sources to fit your needs. In addition, most medical schools will provide you with assistance in looking for and applying for loans, grants, and scholarships. Just talk to someone in the Financial Aid Office at the schools you are applying to. Below is a short list of links where you can find more information on general and specific funding opportunities. First are listed links from a few of the top Medical Schools in the country and the next two sections include links from outside and governmental sources for loans, grants, scholarships, and fellowships. The final page lists some information for high-school and college pre-med students, with links to some pre-med program opportunities. These are not exhaustive lists, but should provide a good starting point.

In-House Resources for Funding Medical School

Yale University Office of Multicultural Affairs Suggestions
http://info.med.yale.edu/omca/funding/fundingdb.htm
For Various Loan Sources:
http://info.med.yale.edu/education/finaid/lenders/index.html
For Various Scholarship Sources:
http://info.med.yale.edu/education/finaid/scholarships/index.html
MD-PhD program at Yale University (funded)
http://www.med.yale.edu/mdphd/application/index.html

Harvard Medical Admissions & Financial Aid
http://hms.harvard.edu/admissions/default.asp?page=costs
MD-PhD at Harvard University (funded)
http://www.hms.harvard.edu/md_phd/application/index.htm

Johns Hopkins Medicine In-House Scholarships & Aid
http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/som/offices/finaid/medstudents/index.html
Johns Hopkins Medicine Resources
http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/som/offices/finaid/resources/index.html
MD-PhD at Johns Hopkins (funded)
http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/mdphd/admissions.html
Loans

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

Stafford Loans – Eligibility is determined through the FAFSA form
http://www.staffordloan.com

Federal Perkins Loans – Eligibility is determined through the FAFSA form
http://www.gradloans.com/perkins_loan

Private Loans
There are many options here, several links can be found at:
http://www.medfinaid.yale.edu/application/lenderlist.html

Grants, Scholarships, Fellowships

Found at http://scholarships.fatomei.com/health.html:

American Medical Association Scholarships for Minorities in Medicine (enrolled medical students may be nominated by their school). Several fellowships are listed here:
http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/14772.html

Howard Hughes Medical Institute – Research Training Fellowships for Medical Students (eligibility is for already enrolled students)
http://www.hhmi.org/grants/individuals/medfellows.html

US Health Resources & Services Administration
http://www.hrsa.gov/

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Grants & Awards – for upcoming third year students:
http://www.aamc.org/about/awards/nickensscholarships.htm
AAMC Grants Main Page, for students and faculty and research:
http://www.aamc.org/about/awards/start.htm
US National Institutes of Health
http://www.nih.gov/
Grants Page, seems mostly for research:
http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/index.cfm

National Medical Fellowships (NMF)
http://www.nmfonline.org/
NMF Scholarships, Fellowships, Merit Awards
http://www.nmfonline.org/Programs/programs.htm
NMF Need-Based Awards
http://www.nmfonline.org/Programs/Scholarships/NeedBased/Overview.htm

National Healthcare Scholars Foundation Main Page
http://www.nhsfonline.org
National Healthcare Scholars Foundation Fellowships
http://www.nhsfonline.org/scholarships.htm
Summer Programs for College Pre-Med Students

Offered through the Yale Medical School Office of Multicultural Affairs:
http://info.med.yale.edu/omca/

Summer programs
http://info.med.yale.edu/omca/programs/programs.htm
‘Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship’ through Yale Office of Diversity
http://www.yale.edu/graduateschool/diversity/surf.html
Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program (YearLong for students w/ BA degrees)
http://www.yale.edu/graduateschool/diversity/prep.html

Other University Summer Research Programs for Undergraduate Pre-Meds

List of Resources provided by the AAMC
http://www.aamc.org/members/great/summerlinks.htm
A Searchable Database Offered by the AAMC
http://services.aamc.org/summerprograms/
National ‘Summer Medical Education Program’ Website (various campus locations)
http://www.smdep.org/
Extensive Listing of Summer Research Programs for Undergrads:
http://hpap.syr.edu/spstate.htm

Information & Programs for High School Pre-Meds

Princeton Review Advice Page:

Advice Page from the American Medical Association, with links to resources:
http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2371.html

Programs by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including for high school students:
http://www.training.nih.gov/student/

In addition, some Medical Schools and Hospitals have “Mini-Medical School” programs
and other opportunities for local high-school students. (I haven’t found one centralized
page for links to these programs though.)

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