

The Dorothy Horstmann Scholars Program



"Reducing medical student debt enables exceptional candidates from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to attend Yale School of Medicine and ensures that they have the financial support and freedom to pursue their education and future careers in medicine without financial burden. We are committed to becoming debt free for all our students. Your gift is critical to helping us reach our goal and sustain our mission."

Nancy J. Brown, MD

Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of Medicine
C.N.H. Long Professor of Internal Medicine



Jennifer Rodriguez

Class of 2026

Supporting first-generation, low-income students through scholarships fosters diversity and representation in the medical community. Financial aid has opened doors for me and has allowed me to break the cycle of limited educational attainment in my family.

Gifts to the Yale School of Medicine (YSM) Alumni Fund enable Nancy J. Brown, MD, Jean and David W. Wallace Dean of Medicine and C.N.H. Long Professor of Internal Medicine, to meet immediate needs that help to sustain vital aspects of the school—from teaching to student life to research. And, more importantly, financial aid.

We have made tremendous strides toward our goal of a debt-free medical education. As we continue to reduce the burden of debt on our students, we strive to replace all need-based loans in our financial aid packages with scholarship funds. Growing these resources will allow students to experience all that YSM has to offer without incurring overwhelming debt during their time at YSM. Robust financial aid will encourage the brightest and most passionate students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to choose Yale as the starting point for their careers in medicine.

In recognition of leadership gifts of \$10,000 or more, the Dorothy Horstmann Scholars Program offers alumni donors the unique opportunity to name a one-year scholarship in honor of whomever they wish—themselves, a loved one, mentor, or a classmate. Donors receive a student profile with the option to make a connection with the recipient who will directly benefit from their generosity.

Alumni financial aid contributions help lower the burden of debt on our students.

In 2023, the median debt of students graduating from YSM was

\$70,000

Compared to

\$200,000
nationally

The Dorothy Horstmann Scholars Program is named for Dorothy M. Horstmann (1911-2001).



Dr. Dorothy M. Horstmann was a principal researcher of the pathogenesis and control of viral infections, particularly polio and rubella. Her findings helped develop the acceptance of the oral polio vaccine. In 1961, Dr. Horstmann became the first female professor of medicine at Yale, and in 1969, she was the first woman in the university to hold an endowed chair. Dr. Horstmann became an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences in 1975.

Your investment in our students today will have a lasting impact on the next generation of scientists and health care leaders.

Together, we can achieve our goal of a debt-free medical education.

To learn more about how you can be a part of this meaningful program, please contact:

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