



Eligibility Requirements

Applicants are considered on a competitive basis whether they seek a recommendation, a loan, or both. Applicants must:

- Be an Illinois resident
- Be in the fourth year of college or have a bachelor's degree
- Have signatures of their county medical society president or secretary (and)
- Have the county Farm Bureau president's signature on their application

Your Requirements

RIMSAP is a program designed to provide doctors in rural communities in Illinois. In return for program assistance, you must agree to practice medicine in an approved rural Illinois community, and specialize in family practice or another primary health care field. Visit www.rimsap.com for a list of approved communities and practices. Location is subject to Board approval.

"I owe my career to the RIMSAP program. I would not have been accepted into the U of I College of Medicine without the RIMSAP recommendation."

Dr. Hoschek

When and How to Apply

Applications are due to the Illinois Farm Bureau Program Manager by November 1. Applicants must also complete the required American Medical College Admission Service (AMCAS) forms by October 1. The RIMSAP Board conducts an annual interview meeting for qualifying freshman students. For an application and more information, visit www.rimsap.com or email rimsap@ifbo.org.

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Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program



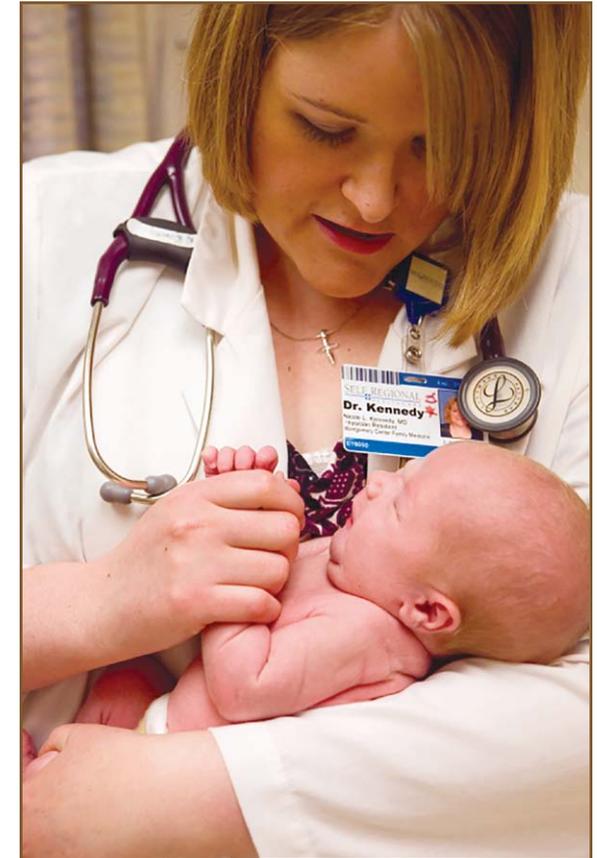


Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP)

In 1948, the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) and Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) formed a partnership with a goal of providing doctors in rural communities in Illinois. Since then, RIMSAP has assisted more than 800 students with a recommendation for acceptance and/or loan assistance.

Recommendation Assistance

The RIMSAP Board can recommend candidates annually for acceptance to the University of Illinois, College of Medicine. Your grade point average and your MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) scores greatly affect your selection for a personal interview before the board and for a possible recommendation. A recommendation from this board positively impacts your application. To be eligible for consideration, RIMSAP requires a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 5.0 scale.



Loan Assistance

University of Illinois Medical School students can seek financial aid. They will complete and return a confidential financial aid request form to the U of I Office of Student Financial Aid, College of Medicine for committee consideration. This information will offer a basis for selection of students to receive loan assistance.

"RIMSAP gave me the additional application points to get into medical school which allowed me to follow my dream of becoming a physician."

Dr. Kennedy