Dear Dean:

Our organization, Women in Medicine, would like to announce four $5,000 LGBTQ Leadership Scholarships available for medical students this year. Women in Medicine is an organization which through its annual conference, provides a supportive, empowering and educational environment for lesbian and other sexual minority female physicians including residents and medical students.

At the annual conference, which the student must attend if they are selected as a scholarship recipient, medical students have a mentoring program: they are linked to an attending in their area of academic interest who meets with them 2 to 3 times during the meeting and keeps in touch after the meeting. About 15 – 20 medical students attend this meeting annually from medical schools across the United States and Canada, often forming an important network that goes beyond the annual meeting in supporting each other, as they are often isolated as the only LGBTQ medical student in their class/school.

Please distribute these flyers to the appropriate venues in your school, e.g. to the financial aid office, to the Diversity Officer, to the Associate Deans who may know of appropriate applicants and to the medical students. The deadline for the applications is April 1, 2018. If you prefer the announcement electronically to distribute, please email us at wim.doctors@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of these medical students who contribute diversity to their class.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jennifer Chaffin, MD
WIM President
Women in Medicine (WIM) Announces $5,000 LGBTQ Leadership Scholarships Due by April 1, 2018

Women in Medicine (WIM) will present four, $5,000 LGBTQ Leadership Scholarships for female medical students enrolled in their first, second or third year of allopathic, osteopathic, or naturopathic medical schools in the United States or Canada in 2018.

The Application is on the WIM website (www.womeninmedicine.org), and is due April 1, 2018. The scholarships will be presented at the WIM annual meeting, which will be held in Napa, California August 5 through August 9, 2018 with the expectation that the medical student must attend the conference, its sessions, and be present to receive their awards. Applicants should be in good academic standing, and have actively contributed/demonstrated leadership for the LGBTQ community.

For more information, please visit WomenInMedicine.org or http://www.med.uvm.edu/cme or contact wim.doctors@gmail.com

Women in Medicine (WIM) is an organization started in 1984 as a medical education retreat for lesbian and other sexual minority female physicians, medical students, their partners and their children. It is one of the longest standing LGBTQ medical organizations in the United States. Our annual retreat and conference provides CME credits for physicians. The conference also includes non-medical topics of interest to both physicians and their partners.

Many members of the WIM community have organized to provide a conference that combines high quality medical education with a setting that fosters professional networking and personal growth for lesbian and GBTQ female physicians and their families across the nation, and around the world.

Each year WIM creates a conference-long mentoring program, pairing medical students and attendings based on fields of interest, geography, and other preferences. This is an incredible opportunity for students to learn from those of us "who've been there," to network, to strategize, and plan your careers. Don't miss out!!