

Omega Beta Iota

National Osteopathic Political Honor Society



OFFICIAL STUDENT APPLICATION 2020



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APPLICANT INFORMATION*

Applicant Name:

AOA ID:

Address (*Street, City, State, and Zip Code*):

Phone Number:

Email address:

Osteopathic School:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Have you previously applied to Omega Beta Iota? * ☐ **yes** ☐ **no**

* Please complete all mandatory items above; failure to do so may delay application acceptance

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Student Membership

Membership within Omega Beta Iota is based strictly on an applicant successfully demonstrating their osteopathic political experience through the completion of several requirements. The more involved an applicant is, the greater their chances are of being inducted. Ultimately, it is up to the discretion of the National Board if an individual meets the criteria for induction into Omega Beta Iota.

Category 1: The following criteria are **REQUIRED** for induction into Omega Beta Iota*

☐ **Membership in the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)**

1. Verification of membership in good standing shall occur in one of the following manners: by submission of a copy of the applicant's current AOA membership card, or by supplying the AOA identification number only, which shall be confirmed by the national AOA membership roster.

☐ **Successful completion of a minimum of one semester of medical school**

1. OMS-I may qualify for induction only after successfully completing one semester of coursework. Verification of this shall occur via the submission of an official transcript, *if deemed necessary*.

☐ **Submission of a letter of recommendation from a politically involved physician (D.O. or M.D.), politician, or politically involved faculty/administrator who can attest to the applicant's political involvement.**

1. The letter of recommendation may be submitted separately by the letter writer via e-mail to the **National Membership Chair at OBIMembershipChair@gmail.com** or it can be submitted by you as a part of your completed application.

***Please note:** If the letter writer is submitting a letter on behalf of you, it must be received by the application deadline. We will not accept late submission of letters. Additionally, please ask your letter writer to title the attachment as follows: "ApplicantFirstNameLastname_LOR." Example: "JohnDoe_LOR"*

2. The letter of recommendation must be signed on an official letterhead.

☐ **Submission of a completed, official ΩBI application prior to the determined deadline**

* An applicant must meet all requirements listed in category 1 and at least one requirement in both category 2 and category 3.



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Category 2: Membership (in good standing)*

An applicant must meet at least 1 criteria in Category 2.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply verification of membership as specified in each item below. Letters of recommendation from Category 1 do NOT count as a form of proper verification of membership.

☐ **Membership in the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)**

1. Verification of membership in good standing shall occur in the following manner: the President or NLO of the applicant's local SOMA chapter shall supply a letter attesting to the applicant's membership and level of participation in the local SOMA chapter, where appropriate; additionally, applicant membership within SOMA will be confirmed by the national SOMA membership roster.

☐ **Membership in your respective State Osteopathic Medical Association (i.e. if the applicant goes to school in Florida, the applicant should be a member of FOMA)**

1. Verification of membership in good standing shall occur in the following manner: the chapter president of the applicant's state osteopathic association shall supply a letter attesting to the applicant's membership and level of participation.

☐ **Leadership role in Student Government Association or National Osteopathic Association (e.g. COSGP) and/or on campus**

1. Verification shall occur by a letter from the organization president or chair.

☐ **Osteopathic Political Action Committee (OPAC) Student Chairman's Club Membership[†]**

1. Verification of this requirement shall occur in the following manner: confirmation of membership by the American Osteopathic Information Association/OPAC[‡]

**An applicant must meet all requirements listed in category 1 and at least one requirement in both category 2 and category 3*

[†]OPAC members will be highly considered for acceptance but membership is NOT mandatory for induction

[‡] Confirmation may be verified by providing a registration/confirmation email from the AOIA/OPAC attached to this application



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Category 3: Political Advocacy/Activism and Training*

An applicant must meet at least 1 criteria in Category 3.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply verification of participation as specified in each item below. Letters of recommendation from Category 1 do NOT count as a form of proper verification of participation.

☐ **Past participant of DO Day on Capitol Hill, COM Day on Capitol Hill, or applicant's respective state DO Day**

1. An acceptable alternative for one year of participation in D.O. Day is the successful completion of the Osteopathic Health Policy Internship (OHPI) program offered through the AOA
2. Verification of participation shall occur in the following manner: confirmation of participation by the AOA Department of Government Regulations or State Osteopathic Association[†]

☐ **Participation in local/state/national political campaigns**

1. Verification of participation shall occur in the following manner: submission of a letter of recommendation from an individual that can attest to the applicant's local/state political involvement or submission of a signed letter of participation from a qualified campaign representative (campaign manager, political candidate, etc.)

☐ **Participation in American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) "Ed to Med" national grassroots advocacy campaign as a Student Ambassador**

1. Verification of participation shall occur in the following manner: confirmation of registration by the AACOM Government Relations Team[‡]

* An applicant must meet all requirements listed in Category 1 and at least one requirement in both Category 2 and Category 3

[†] Confirmation may be verified by providing a registration/confirmation email from the event attached to this application

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PROFILE DATA

Total # of Application Attachments:

Membership (SOMA, OPAC, etc.) dates, if applicable:

D.O. Day on the Hill or AACOM COM Day on Capitol Hill Participation (dates):

Political Involvement (include additional sheet if necessary)*:

ACTIVITY

DATE

LOCATION

Leadership Experience (include additional sheet if necessary)†:

POSITION

DATE

RESPONSIBILITIES

* Please indicate page number of the additional sheet attached

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ΩBI COM-SOM Liaison Position Opportunity

☐ Check this box if you are interested in becoming an ΩBI COM-SOM Liaison. ΩBI will consider OMS-I or OMS-II candidates who are currently enrolled and in good academic standing at their medical school this position. The COM-SOM Liaison will act as a direct point of contact between the ΩBI National Executive Board and their respective COM/SOM. Responsibilities include promoting awareness about ΩBI at their campus, disseminating information about upcoming events, and keeping their peers informed and engaged in advocacy efforts throughout the year. Checking this box does not increase the chances of getting accepted or impact the evaluation of your application by any means.

Completed applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm EST Sunday, February 23rd, 2020. Applications should be typed and scanned. Please send your application with all attached documents/letters in ONE PDF file to the **National Membership Chair at OBIMembershipChair@gmail.com**. If needed the Letter of Recommendation can be emailed separately by the letter writer to **OBIMembershipChair@gmail.com** by the application due date.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at **OBIMembershipChair@gmail.com** or **OBINationalDirector@gmail.com**.

Thank you and we look forward to reviewing your application!

All items must be received by 11:59 pm EST February 23rd, 2020.

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.



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I hereby certify that the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting my application to the Omega Beta Iota national osteopathic political honor society does not guarantee my selection for membership therein.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

