Thank you for your interest in applying for the Rural and Urban Scholars Pathways (RUSP) program. The RUSP program helps prepare medical students to practice in underserved areas, both urban and rural. Through classroom preparation, rural and urban clinical experiences, and specialized professional development opportunities, this co-curricular program provides students with the depth and breadth of knowledge needed to meet patients’ health care needs in areas most in need of primary care and generalist specialties of primary importance to rural and underserved communities. This system will not save partially completed applications. Therefore, it is recommended that you view the RUSP application pdf on our website so you are prepared and have all of the requested information prior to opening the RUSP application. Other required information such as essay, portfolio items and letters of reference will be uploaded using a link to BOX. Students are encouraged to apply by February 1, but may apply up to the deadline of May 1 upon later acceptance to OUHCOM. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and students will be notified of their acceptance within 30 days of their completed application (applications are not complete until essay, both portfolio items and letters of reference are uploaded to BOX).

Personal Information

- Last Name (1) __________________________________________________________
- First Name (2) _______________________________________________________
- Middle Name (3) ____________________________________________________
What academic campus are you attending?

- Athens (1)
- Cleveland (2)
- Dublin (3)

What is your current medical school status

- Matriculating in 2018 (1)
- OMS1 (2)
- OMS2 (3)
- OMS3 (4)
- Fellow (6)
- None of the above. Please explain (7)

AACOMAS application number (For pre matriculation students only)

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Current mailing address

- Street number (1) ____________________________________________________________
- Apartment or box number (2) ______________________________________________
- City (3) __________________________________________________________________
- State (4) __________________________________________________________________
- Zip code (5) ______________________________________________________________

Telephone number

- Cell phone (1) ______________________________________________________________
- Home phone (2) ____________________________________________________________

Email address

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Place of birth

- City (1) __________________________________________________________________
- State (2) __________________________________________________________________
- Zip code (3) ______________________________________________________________
High school graduation

- City (1) ____________________________
- State (2) __________________________
- Zip code (3) ________________________

Undergraduate college/university

- City (1) ____________________________
- State (2) __________________________
- Zip code (3) ________________________

Is parent or legal guardian a physician?

- yes (1)
- No (2)

If yes, please specify:

- Medical specialty (1) ____________________________
- Medical Practice location-city (2)
- Medical Practice location-state (3)
- Medical Practice location-zip (4)
The selection committee for the Rural and Urban Scholars Pathways program at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine is interested in finding out more about you as an applicant to the Rural and Urban Scholars Pathways program (RUSP). To enable us to gain a better understanding of your activities, working experiences, and personal philosophy and their relationship to primary care medicine in rural and urban underserved areas, you are asked to complete the essay questions and provide requested portfolio items. Feel free to draw on your school experiences, extra-curricular activities, hobbies or working experience as a basis for your responses.

Additional components of the RUSP application include: Essay Question Portfolio Items and descriptions (2) Letters of reference (2)

Answer and upload the following essay question. Why do you believe you are a particularly good candidate for the Rural and Urban Scholars Pathways program? Your response should be typed in an electronic format (e.g. Microsoft Word). Please limit your response to one page of single-spaced text in size 12pt. font. Your essay should be uploaded to BOX using the following format: ApplicantLastName.FirstInitial_essay.doc (e.g. Mollica.D_essay.doc)

Portfolio Items Provide the following two (2) portfolio items* by securely uploading via BOX. *These exhibits should already exist (e.g. a picture, poster, power point, publication, video, CD/DVD, on-line reference). If not already in an electronic format, items will need to be scanned, digitally photographed or otherwise converted into an electronic format.

Portfolio item #1 should demonstrate your ability to improvise and be creative in the presence of a hardship (e.g. a time when you had limited resources to deal with a difficult situation). When uploading item #1 to BOX, please use the following format: ApplicantLastName.FirstInitial_portfolio1 (e.g. Mollica.D_portfolio1.ppt)

In 50 words or less, describe how portfolio item #1 supports your application to the Rural and Urban Scholars Pathways program.
Portfolio item #2 should demonstrate your ability to teach yourself a particular skill. When uploading item #2 to BOX, please use the following format: ApplicantLastName.FirstInitial_portfolio2 (e.g. Mollica.D_portfolio2.ppt)

In 50 words or less, describe how portfolio item #2 supports your application to the Rural and Urban Scholars Pathways program.

Letters of reference Provide two (2) letters of reference specific to the Rural and Urban Scholars Pathways program. For student applicants who have not yet matriculated, at least one letter must come from an undergraduate advisor or faculty. For student applicants currently in year 1 or 2 of medical school, at least one letter must come from an OUHCOM faculty member. For student applicants in year 3 or higher of medical school, at least one letter must come from the student’s Clinical Campus Assistant Dean. Letter writers may email letters of reference directly to Dawn Mollica at mollicd1@ohio.edu or signed letters can be scanned and uploaded to BOX using the following format: ApplicantLastName.FirstInitial_lor1 and ApplicantLastName.FirstInitial_lor2 (e.g. Mollica.D_lor1.pdf and Mollica.D_lor2).
By clicking on the box below and entering my initials, I certify that all responses are my own and true. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that my application is complete and falsification of information by any means, including omissions, will result in immediate rejection of my application.

☐ Initial and Date (1) ________________________________________________