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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS

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DALLAS--The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School has been awarded \$94,000 in scholarships and loans from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with an aim of increasing the number of doctors likely to enter practice in medically underserved areas.

In announcing the award, Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of UTSWMS, noted that it provides support over the next four academic years for scholarship and loan awards to women students, students from rural backgrounds and those from the country's black, Indian, Mexican-American and U.S. mainland Puerto Rican populations. Individual recipients and amounts will be determined by UTSWMS, not the foundation.

The grant is part of a \$10 million program announced by the foundation last June to assist students in these categories through four-year grants to all the nation's 108 schools of medicine and seven schools of osteopathy.

The foundation focused the program on women students and students from rural and minority group backgrounds on the basis of evidence indicating they are most likely to choose practice locations in the county's underserved rural and inner-city communities.

The grants reflect the foundation's goal of helping to improve access to medical care in American society, and comprise its first important effort since it began transition to a national philanthropy early this year. The grants are administered by the Association of American Medical Colleges under foundation guidelines.

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