



## Financial Aid Budget Appeal Policy

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Beginning the Fall 2025 term, students of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will be limited to one Financial Aid Budget Appeal review per semester.

Budget appeal eligibility does not roll-over, meaning if you do not use an appeal for a certain semester, you do not have two eligible appeals for the next semester.

Every student will also be eligible for one emergency budget appeal while they are enrolled at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. This means, for one time during your enrollment at Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, you have one appeal you can do during a semester that you have done an appeal during.

### **What can be added to the budget?**

Living Expenses – Allowable expenses that exceed established base budget items.

(Note: Copies of receipts for rent/mortgage and all monthly utility receipts are required.)

Child Care Expenses - Only expenses incurred during your enrollment period will be allowed. A licensed daycare facility must provide documentation.

Medical Expenses - Medical expenses incurred during the academic year not covered by insurance could only result in an adjustment for the student.

Two Household Expenses – For details of possible adjustments, contact Parker Unroe.

Auto Repair – Access to an automobile is considered a requirement for medical students to meet the demands of community-based education in the curriculum. You cannot, however, request additional aid to purchase a car and financial aid cannot be budgeted for car payments or auto rental/leasing. However, reimbursement is allowed for auto repairs only and the purchase of tires.

An allowance has been considered in the established financial aid budget to cover general car upkeep and maintenance.

### **What is NOT part of the budget?**

Consumer Debt– including student loans, personal loans, and automobile payments.

Do your best to eliminate debt before beginning your studies.

Home repairs – any type of home repairs are not considered as part of your educational costs.

Non-Cost of Attendance expenses – Vacation and travel expenses that are not part of your required travel. An allowance has been considered in the established financial aid budget to cover required travel expenses on rotations. Expenses while you are not enrolled in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. You are not financial aid eligible if you are on a Leave of Absence (LOA), there is a gap in enrollment, or if you are graduated.