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Scholarship Policy

Effective Fall 2026

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (MUJCESOM) scholarship program provides financial assistance through scholarship funds to reduce students' overall federal student loan borrowing while attending medical school. The mission of the scholarship committee is to identify deserving and eligible students who meet award criteria to select a recipient and utilize funds appropriately. The committee comprises representatives from the MUJCESOM Office of Student Financial Assistance, Office of Student Affairs, Office of Medical Education, Office of Development & Alumni Affairs, & Office of Admissions. Awards granted by the scholarship committee are classified as institutional scholarships and considered financial assistance. Scholarship awards do not have to be repaid. All scholarships represent funds from private donors with established guidelines and criteria for selecting recipients. Scholarship awards are based on the availability of funds, the number of qualified students, donor guidelines, student financial need, student loan indebtedness, and academic merit.

The MUJCESOM scholarship committee annually reviews all currently enrolled medical students in good academic standing, and all newly admitted medical students for consideration of any available MUJCESOM institutional scholarship. The scholarship committee will select scholarship recipients unless the specific guidelines state otherwise. There is no general application for scholarship eligibility, all medical students are considered.

Scholarship awards may result in adjusting federal student aid awards and the return of federal aid funds. The policy requires reducing current federal student loans by the exact value of the scholarship. The scholarship may not be an increase in financial assistance funds but a reduction of overall student loan debt, even if the student has available financial need. If the recipient does not receive federal student loans and does not have an outstanding balance due to the university, the scholarship funds will be refunded to the

student. Federal policy requires all institutional, state, or private scholarship funds to be considered in determining eligibility for financial assistance, including student loans.

Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for scholarships. Other data used to determine eligibility is derived from the student's admissions application, essays, or applications. If a scholarship requires supplemental items, an email will be sent to students by the Office of Student Financial Assistance, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, via email to complete for consideration.

Scholarship Eligibility

Eligibility

New Students -Entering M1 students

- All newly admitted students will be considered as candidates
- Priority will be given to applicants with outstanding academic credentials (MCAT score, GPA, etc.)
- Priority will be given to students with financial need
- Completed FAFSA

Continuing Students

- All continuing and enrolled students in good academic standing will be considered
- Priority will be given to students with financial need and exceptional academic achievement
- Completed FAFSA

Scholarship Renewals

Recipients of renewable scholarships will be reviewed at the end of each academic year. At the time of review, students are required to be in good academic standing.

If a student must remediate a course, they are not considered to be in good academic standing and must apply to regain eligibility. Student must first successfully complete the remediated course(s) before applying. The application will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

If a student must repeat an academic course or academic year, the student will lose all scholarship eligibility. Any previous renewable scholarship will be terminated. A student can apply to be eligible for the scholarship after successfully completing the academic course and/or academic year.

The application for eligibility reinstatement will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

If a student requests a personal or medical leave of absence, scholarship renewal will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Proposed: 9/9/2026 by the JCESOM Scholarship Committee

Approved: 09/15/2026 – Dr. Shelvy Cambell, Senior Associate Dean for Admissions, Advising and Student Life

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Tuition Assistance Policy

Effective Fall 2026

Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine offers tuition assistance to students who meet certain criteria. The purpose of tuition assistance is to encourage retention through financial assistance while the student is enrolled in the School of Medicine. Tuition assistance is considered part of the students' financial aid package and does not have to be repaid. Federal policy requires all institutional, state, or private scholarship funds to be considered in determining eligibility for financial assistance, including student loans.

Eligible students:

- Enrolled in the BS/MD program
- Enrolled in the MD/PhD program
- Dependent of a Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine faculty member (must be a benefit eligible employee)
- Project PREMED

BS/MD and MD/PhD students will receive a full tuition waiver. This waiver does not cover any university fees.

Dependents of faculty members will receive a 20% discount (amount announced annually) of tuition in the form of a tuition waiver as part of their financial aid award. The 20% discount does not factor in any university fees that are a part of term charges.

The Metro Waiver discount will be discontinued for all students whose initial enrollment in the MD program begins in Fall 2027 or any subsequent term.

Project PREMED students receive a $5,000 tuition waiver.

The value of a tuition waiver is actual tuition charges. Waivers *do not* include the Standard Auxiliary and Recreation Center fees.

Tuition waivers will be awarded for no more than four (4) years of medical school. The Office of Student Financial Assistance is responsible for tracking eligibility.

Recipients of tuition assistance will be reviewed at the end of each academic year. At the time of review, students are required to be in good academic standing.

If a student must remediate a course, they are not considered to be in good academic standing and must apply to regain eligibility. Successful remediation of the course(s) must be complete before the student can apply. The application will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

If a student must repeat an academic course or academic year, the student will lose all tuition assistance eligibility. A student can apply to be eligible for tuition assistance after successfully completing the academic course and/or academic year.

The applications for eligibility reinstatement will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

If a student requests a personal or medical leave of absence, scholarship renewal will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

A student who receives tuition assistance can also receive additional financial aid (federal student loans and scholarship) in compliance with federal student aid policy. Students can view their financial aid offer at any time in their myMU account.

Tuition waivers cannot be combined if a student meets more than one eligibility requirement. The student will receive the option that is most advantageous to the student.

Scenario 1: If the student is enrolled in the BS/MD program and a dependent of a MUJCESOM faculty member, the student will receive a full tuition waiver for four (4) consecutive years.

Scenario 2: If a student is a dependent of a faculty member and a metro resident, the student will only receive a 20% discount in the form of a tuition waiver.

This policy is effective beginning with new financial aid awards Fall 2026.

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