



## School of Health Professions Scholarship Guidelines

### Application-based “Merit” and “Merit + Need” Scholarships

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- Scholarships are designated for tuition and fees only. Therefore, students on Leaves of Absence are not eligible.
- Scholarships offered will not exceed tuition and fees. Student scholarships will be applied to tuition and fees only. Scholarships plus loans may not exceed the total Cost of Attendance <https://www.bcm.edu/education/school-of-health-professions/tuition-and-fees>
- Students applying for need-based scholarships must have filled out the FAFSA and BCM Financial Aid applications. The Scholarship Application will ask students to acknowledge they have completed both applications.
- All need-based applications will first be evaluated by the Office of Student Financial Aid to verify the student meets the criteria of financial need based on the Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.
- Students on Administrative LOA due to professionalism issues and/or who are placed on Probation or are being Dismissed for professionalism issues are not eligible for scholarships.
- Student applications will be reviewed based on the program’s and/or donor’s intended purpose of the funds. The SHP Scholarship Committee will review scholarships in a holistic manner to determine awards.
- For any scholarships requiring the selection of current students in the top 20% or 25% of their classes will be non-application based. The Committee will review the internal rank reports for eligible students per class and distribute funds based on recommendations from program leadership.
- Students awarded funds are required to send the scholarship donor(s) a “thank you” letter for awards identified by the BCM Institutional Advancement as appropriate for this statement of appreciation.