

## **Maintaining Eligibility for Merit-Based Scholarships – UT Southwestern Medical School**

The Southwestern Medical School Student Scholarship Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee) selects recipients of merit scholarships based on strong academic performance, personal character, and anticipated contribution to the medical school community and to future patients. All recipients selected by the Committee for a merit-based scholarship with an annual value greater than \$1,000 are expected to maintain these characteristics throughout the remainder of their undergraduate studies, during the matriculation process, and during their entire tenure as a student at UT Southwestern.

Failure to achieve and maintain acceptable academic, professionalism, and conduct standards may result in reduction of a merit-based scholarship to an annual amount of \$1,000, including any one of the following:

- 1) Receipt of more than one Physicianship Evaluation/ Professionalism Form for failure to meet professionalism standards as required by the medical school's Professionalism Policy
- 2) Failure of any course during undergraduate studies, subsequent to offer of admission
- 3) Deficiency in more than one course (first deficiency results in a "warning" regarding scholarship renewal)
- 4) Failure of any remediation attempt
- 5) Receipt of any disciplinary action for violation of student standards of conduct. See EDU-151 Student Conduct and Discipline.

"Deficiency" in this context is a failure to successfully meet course objectives and performance standards, as reported by the faculty or course director whether the recorded grade is an F or not. A grade or disciplinary action that is being appealed will not impact scholarship eligibility until the appeal process is completed.

The Office of Student Financial Aid will review all scholarship recipients for renewal eligibility and communicate any issues to the Chair of the Student Scholarship Committee.

A student whose merit scholarship is reduced will be notified by email of the decision and the reason. The student may appeal via email response to this notice within 5 business days. The Student Scholarship Committee will review the appeal and issue a written decision to the student within 10 business days of receipt of the appeal. Decisions of the Student Scholarship Committee are final.

The reduction will be effective the academic semester following the failure to meet standards. All affected scholarships will be reduced to \$1,000 annually. Students who receive scholarship reduction after the fall semester will not receive a scholarship disbursement in the spring if the fall portion was at least \$1,000. These students will receive an annual scholarship of \$1,000 in subsequent years of enrollment at the medical school.

Students are responsible for all financial obligations to UT Southwestern including, but not limited to, tuition and fees.