

2025-26 Funding Sources

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In order for a student to be considered for every type of assistance available (i.e., Federal, State, and University sources), a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be submitted each year. Students may complete the FAFSA online at <https://studentaid.gov/>.

ENDOWED AND EXPENDABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Endowed and expendable scholarships are awarded to students based on financial need and specific criteria established by the donor of each scholarship. All students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will automatically be reviewed for all endowed and expendable scholarships as long as funds remain available. No separate application is required. Priority will be given to qualified applicants who submit a FAFSA by the appropriate priority deadline.

- Halstead Tindal Anderson Memorial Scholarship
- AXA Foundation Scholarship
- T.E. Bloodworth Scholarship
- Dr. Egbert C. & Susie P. Bridges Scholarship
- T. & V. Broome Scholarship
- David B. Byck, M.D. Memorial Scholarship
- Carroll/Haralson Co. Medical Student Scholarship
- Cherokee Brick & Tile Scholarship
- Mallie Adkin Clark Scholarship
- Layth Saymeh & Maha Dawood
- John Eustace & Leila Denmark Scholarship
- Charles M. Farrar, Jr & Elizabeth M. Farrar Memorial Scholarship
- Janie Fountain New & Lucile Fountain Holliman Scholarship
- Mary E. Fountain Medical Scholarship
- Future Physician Scholarship
- Jeanette Gowan Gibbs & A.F Gibbs Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Howard Glover, Jr Scholarship
- Dr. Godsey Endowed Scholarship
- R. Kirby Godsey Scholarship
- Dr. R.B. & Dr. H. Goldin Memorial Scholarship
- Frank B. & Dorothy H. Graham Scholarship
- Marshall T. Hahn Scholarship
- Marion Campbell Hatcher Scholarship
- Dr. W. Derrell Hazelhurst Scholarship
- John Hudson Scholarship
- Charles H. Jones Scholarship
- S. Gus Jones Scholarship
- Judy Jones Scholarship
- K. Wayne & Patty Jones Scholarship
- Edward C. Klatt, M.D. Endowed Scholarship
- David and Jane LaGuardia Scholarship
- Medley-Campbell Scholarship in Medicine
- MFT Cornett Expendable Scholarship
- MUSM Class of 2002 Scholarship
- MUSM Class of 2003 Scholarship
- MUSM Class of 2005 Scholarship
- MUSM Endowed General Scholarship
- MUSM Mission Fulfillment Scholarship
- MUSM Unrestricted Scholarship
- Daniel E. & Muriel H. Nathan Scholarship
- Luther W. New Scholarship
- Ralph G. Newton, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Ralph G. Newton, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- Claude L. & Kay R. Pennington Scholarship
- Frank C. Pinkston Scholarship
- Mamie Eugenia Porter Scholarship
- Jack Hanson Powell, Jr & Janie Bell Powell Scholarship
- Joseph H. Ray Scholarship
- Marion D. & Madge P. Reed Scholarship
- Ruth Resseau Scholarship
- J. S. Robinson Scholarship
- J. Roy Rowland Scholarship
- Kay Wilson Shurden MFT Scholarship
- Dean Dubose Smith Scholarship
- Helen Stinson Smith Scholarship
- Honorable Richard H. & Clara W. Smith Endowed Scholarship
- Manuel M. & Martha F. Solis Memorial Scholarship
- John & Bonnie Stepan Expendable Scholarship
- Margaret M. Sumner Memorial Scholarship
- Mary Johnson & Dr. Paul C. Tucker, Jr Scholarship
- Carolyn Thorpe Volpe Scholarship
- Law Walker Family Scholarship

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- Doris Lawrence Scholarship
- W. Earl Lewis Scholarship
- Vincent & Constance Lindyberg Scholarship
- Robert P. Lufburrow Memorial Scholarship
- T. Raleigh & Gail H. Mann Scholarship
- Medical Education Endowed Scholarship
- James H. Whaley Scholarship
- Dr. Marion S. Whitehead Memorial Scholarship
- Doris Kate Williams Scholarship
- Norris C. Williams Scholarship
- Troy and Gloria Woods Scholarship

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

All University administered scholarships are highly competitive and, despite the generosity of university friends and alumni, there are not enough funds to provide scholarship aid to all qualified students.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Rural Pediatric Scholarship

The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Rural Pediatric Scholarship covers 100% of MUSM MD tuition and fees for a maximum of four (4) academic years. Upon completion of residency, four (4) years of continuous full-time general pediatric practice in a medically underserved rural Georgia county is required. The medical practice must accept Medicaid patients. Students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the 4-year MD program and be a Georgia resident with strong ties to rural Georgia. Applications are available online at

<https://medicine.mercer.edu/academics/doctor-of-medicine/special-programs/rural-pediatric-scholarship/>.

Nathan Deal Scholarship

The Nathan Deal Scholarship covers 85-100% of MUSM MD tuition for a maximum of four (4) academic years. Upon completion of residency, must practice for four (4) years of family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, psychiatry, or general surgery in a medically underserved rural Georgia county. The medical practice must accept Medicaid patients. Students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the 4-year MD program and be a Georgia resident with strong ties to rural Georgia. Applications are available online at

<https://medicine.mercer.edu/academics/doctor-of-medicine/special-programs/nathan-deal-scholarship/>.

Primary Care Accelerated Track Program Scholarship

The Primary Care Mission Scholarship covers 100% tuition for the final two years of medical school for all students enrolled in the 3 Year Accelerated Track MD Program. Upon completion of residency, must practice for 3 years of family medicine, internal medicine practice, or pediatrics in a medically underserved rural Georgia county. The medical practice must accept Medicaid patients. No separate application is required. Students apply for the 3 Year Accelerated Track Program during their first year of medical school. Additional information is available online at

<https://medicine.mercer.edu/academics/doctor-of-medicine/special-programs/primary-care-accelerated-track-program/>.

Rural Critical Need Accelerated Track Program – Psychiatry Scholarship

The Rural Critical Need - Psychiatry Scholarship covers 100% tuition for the final two years of medical school for all students enrolled in the 3 Year Accelerated Track MD Program. Upon completion of residency, must practice for 3 years of psychiatry in a medically underserved rural Georgia county. The medical practice must accept Medicaid patients. No separate application is required. Students apply for the 3 Year Accelerated Track Program during their first year of medical school. Additional information is available online at <https://medicine.mercer.edu/academics/doctor-of-medicine/special-programs/rcn-accelerated-track-program/>.

Mission Enhancement Scholarship

The Mission Enhancement Scholarship is awarded to new MD students by the Mission Enhancement Scholarship committee based on financial need, admission rankings and mission potential. No separate application, other than FAFSA, is required.

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MUSM Institutional Scholarship

The MUSM Institutional Scholarship is awarded to new MD students by the Office of Student Financial Planning based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA and AMCAS application. No separate application, other than FAFSA, is required.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Marriage and Family Therapy Scholarship

The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Marriage and Family Therapy Scholarship covers 100% of MUSM MFT tuition and fees for a maximum of two (2) academic years. Upon completion of the MFT degree program and additional autism training, the scholar must reside and practice Marriage and Family therapy full-time for two continuous years in an approved medically underserved rural Georgia county. Applications are available online at <https://medicine.mercer.edu/admissions/family-therapy-mft/mft-scholarship/>.

Biomedical Sciences Scholarship

The Biomedical Sciences Scholarship covers 100% of tuition and fees for students enrolled in the PhD in Biomedical Sciences program. In addition, scholarship recipients can earn a \$25,000 per year stipend. No separate application is required.

Rural Health Sciences PhD Scholarship

The Rural Health PhD Scholarship covers 100% tuition and fees for students enrolled in the PhD in Rural Health Sciences program who have been granted a paid research assistantship. Contact the Program Director for additional information.

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Organizations

Many organizations and businesses offer scholarships. If you are a recipient of any scholarships please notify musmfinancialaid@mercer.edu. Common organizations offering scholarships include: banks, civic organizations, credit unions, employers, foundations, fraternal organizations, hospitals, hospital auxiliaries, medical societies, schools, sororities/fraternities, and unions.

Mail scholarship checks to:

Mercer University School of Medicine
Financial Planning
1501 Mercer University Drive | Macon, GA 31207

Scholarship Universe

Login to see scholarship matches and apply. More information at: <https://financialaid.mercer.edu/apply-for-financial-aid/outside-scholarships/>.

FEDERAL LOAN FUNDS

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans

Students who attend school at least half time may be eligible to receive Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans. Completion of the FAFSA serves as application for the unsubsidized loan. For the 2025-26 academic year, the maximum annual loan limits that students may be eligible to borrow are: \$42,722 for MD Year I, II, IV students, \$47,167 for MD Year III students, and \$20,500 for other MUSM graduate and doctoral students. The aggregate limit (undergraduate and graduate study combined) is \$224,000 for MD students and \$138,500 for other MUSM graduate and doctoral students. Interest accrues from the date of disbursement; however, repayment is not required until six months following withdrawal or graduation from school. The lender deducts a 1.057% processing fee before the funds are disbursed. The interest rate for loans disbursed July 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026 is 7.94%.

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Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans

Students who attend school at least half-time may be eligible to receive Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loans. Completion of the FAFSA serves as application for the Graduate PLUS loan. Unlike the unsubsidized loan, eligibility for the Grad PLUS loan is based on the student's credit history. If there is anything adverse on the credit report, a co-signer may be required. The annual amount a student may borrow is equal to the cost of attendance minus all other financial aid that the student is receiving. Interest accrues from the date of disbursement; however, repayment is not required until six months following withdrawal or graduation from school. The lender deducts a 4.228% processing fee before the funds are disbursed. The interest rate for loans disbursed July 1, 2025 to June 1, 2026 is 8.94%.

INSTITUTIONAL LOAN FUNDS

A limited number and amount of institutional loan funds are administered through the University. These funds are awarded on a restricted basis.

- Hazel Anderson Revolving Loan
- Central Georgia Loan Fund
- MUSM Mission Compliance Loan
- MUSM Revolving Student Loan
- Porter Foundation Revolving Student Loan

OUTSIDE STUDENT LOANS

Outside Loans Comparison Tool

Mercer University offers two outside loan comparison tools available at <https://financialaid.mercer.edu/apply-for-financial-aid/outside-loans/>.

SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE PROGRAMS

Programs that offer scholarships and loan forgiveness with a service commitment. More information at:

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/first/loan-forgiveness-scholarship-and-service-programs>.

VA BENEFITS

Veteran Education Benefits

Contact MUSM Registrar's Office for more information at musmregistrar@mercerv.edu. Additional details at:

<https://medicine.mercer.edu/student-affairs-and-services/va-benefits/>