The Feinberg School of Medicine offers a number of need-based grants and merit scholarships to admitted students who meet specific criteria. All admitted students will be considered for merit scholarships. To be considered for need-based grant funds, students must submit a financial aid application. Thanks to gifts from generous medical school alumni, Feinberg offers many scholarships and grants to help students defray the cost of attending medical school at Northwestern University.

Students who complete the financial aid application materials will receive a financial aid offer that will provide assistance up to the full estimated cost of attendance. Based on the student’s eligibility, this financial aid offer may consist of a combination of federal student loans, need-based grant funding, and/or merit scholarships. Eligibility is based on the information provided in the financial aid application materials.

The back page contains more information about the types of financial aid that are available.
Types of Financial Aid
The Feinberg School of Medicine offers a comprehensive financial aid program. Individuals demonstrating financial need are offered assistance. Loan options are also available for students who do not meet the federal government’s parameters for financial need.

Grants/Scholarships
The Feinberg School offers a number of need-based grants and merit scholarships to admitted students who meet specific criteria. All students are automatically considered for merit scholarships; those who complete financial aid applications by the deadline will also be considered for need-based grants. Please note there is not a separate application for merit scholarships.

Loan Programs

Federal Loans
The federal government offers a variety of loan options such as Direct Unsubsidized Federal Stafford and the Direct Grad Plus. The Direct Unsubsidized Federal Stafford has a low interest rate and does not require credit checks or collateral. The Direct Grad Plus Loan also offers a low interest rate; however, this loan requires a credit check and may not contain any negative credit history. Federal student loans also provide a variety of deferment options and extended repayment terms. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to participate in federal loan programs. To learn more about the loans available to graduate and professional students through the Direct Loan program, visit: http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/AWOME/financial-aid/FedLoanOptions.html.

Private Loans
Outside agencies also offer private loans to professional degree-seeking students. Before applying for these loans, it is important that you review all of your federal loan options and eligibility. Federal loans generally have better benefits and lower, fixed interest rates. We encourage you to consider the federal loan options before applying for a private loan. For more information, please visit: http://www.northwestern.edu/sfs/loan_instruc_info/private_loans.html.

International Student Loans
International students may apply for a private loan through a participating lender. Borrowers must have a co-signer who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and is creditworthy. The co-signer must agree to repay the loan if the student fails to do so.

For more information, visit the section titled “Loan Program for International Students”: http://www.northwestern.edu/sfs/loan_instruc_info/private_loans.html.

For More Information
All financial assistance is administered by the Chicago Office of Financial Aid. You may also consult with Cynthia Gonzalez at the Feinberg Office of Medical Education for information about the medical school’s financial aid programs.

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Feinberg offers its “Life Support Program” to students to help them make informed financial decisions before and after they graduate. Short sessions are provided on topics such as student loan awareness and repayment, how to establish, monitor and maintain credit, financial planning and home buying. In addition, all students who receive financial aid are encouraged to attend a 15-minute session at the end of each academic year.