Meridian Scholarship
Terms and Conditions, 2026-2027

Award Details

All Meridian Scholarship recipients will be held to the terms and conditions of the scholarship detailed herein. The Meridian Scholarship is valid fall and spring semesters and will be continued, if renewal conditions are met, for eight semesters across four academic years. This award covers full tuition at the undergraduate rate, mandatory and course fees, tuition differential as assessed by the Schools of Engineering and Business, SIUE housing costs to live in University Housing equivalent to the rate of a shared room in Bluff, Prairie or Woodland Hall, and meals at the rate of Meal Plan A.

The Meridian Scholarship may be applied at the undergraduate rate to tuition charges in the SIUE School of Dental Medicine, School of Pharmacy, or Graduate School. Students living in University Housing other than a shared room in Bluff, Prairie, or Woodland Hall will be responsible to cover any difference in housing costs. The Meridian Scholarship does not pay for the following: off-campus housing; meals for students choosing to live off-campus; or for additional charges related to choosing a meal plan other than Meal Plan A. Freshman Meridian Scholars who live on campus are required to live in the Scholars Focused Interest Community. **Students must pay the enrollment fee and register for New Student Orientation by May 1, 2026, in order to receive the award.**

International students selected to receive the Meridian Scholarship will be responsible for the purchase of an SIUE-approved health insurance plan, as required by law. In order to obtain the appropriate visa for study in the U.S., international students must provide proof of financial resources to cover the cost of this health insurance plan and any additional living expenses, such as transportation costs, supplies, and personal expenses, which are not covered by the scholarship.

If a student participates in an SIUE-approved study abroad program that is directly billed through SIUE, up to one semester of the scholarship may be applied toward eligible charges for that study abroad program, and is valued up to $5000. This scholarship may only be used for study abroad programs that result in direct-billed tuition charges at SIUE and cannot be applied to programs that are billed through an external institution or third-party provider.

Meridian Scholarships in Combination with Other Awards & Financial Aid

The Meridian Scholarship will be applied to university charges on the student's account, such as tuition, fees, housing, and meal plan, up to the student's cost of attendance. The Meridian Scholarship will be considered an award to meet financial need in the packaging of financial aid. Should the student receive other tuition- or housing-targeted aid, the Meridian will be

applied after other specified sources. Examples of other sources may be the IL MAP Grant or private scholarships for indicated use.

Academic Performance & Student Conduct

Continuance or renewal of the scholarship each year requires completion of full-time enrollment each semester (minimum 12 hours) and a 3.25 cumulative grade point average. Participation in the John Martinson Honors Program is required as a Meridian Scholar.

In addition to the renewal requirements for the scholarship, Meridian Scholars must also abide by the University academic policy as stated in the catalog and student handbook at www.siue.edu/registrar, the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for financial aid and scholarship recipients at www.siue.edu/financialaid, and the Student Conduct Code at www.siue.edu/POLICIES.

Meridian Scholars must keep address changes up to date with the University and check SIUE email regularly for important announcements.

Awarding Criteria, Fall 2026

First-year students admitted on or before November 15 with a 3.5 cumulative weighted GPA or higher will be invited to apply.

Students Interested in Pharmacy

The SIUE School of Pharmacy utilizes the Meridian Scholarship application as the application for the Pharmacy Conditional Entry Program (CEP). Students interested in the CEP must first apply for admission to SIUE and be accepted. Applicants must have a minimum 3.50 high school GPA (4.0 scale) to be eligible for the CEP.

Students who identify pharmacy as their academic interest on the admission application and meet the fall 2025 criteria outlined above also will be invited to apply for the Meridian Scholarship.

The CEP application process includes a completed Meridian Scholarship application and supplemental pharmacy essay.

Applicants who meet all criteria will be considered for both the Meridian Scholarship and the School of Pharmacy Conditional Entry Programs. Acceptance by one program does not guarantee acceptance by the other.