

Meridian Scholarship

Terms and Conditions, 2020-21

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, 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. One of the allotted 8 semesters may be applied toward costs associated with an SIUE approved study abroad program up to \$5,000. 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 off-campus housing, for 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 choose to live on campus are required to live in the Scholars Focused Interest Community. **Students must pay the Springboard to Success (siue.edu/springboard) registration and enrollment fee by May 1 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. There will also be a charge to cover the tax on the meals and housing portion of the scholarship. Meals and housing are considered non-qualified education expenses and are taxable awards.

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. Meridian Scholarships will be considered awards to meet financial need in the packaging of financial aid. Should the crediting of the scholarship in combination with other financial aid result in excess funds on the student's account, the excess may be refunded to the student for personal expenses and books up to the cost of attendance. International students are not eligible to combine this award with any other SIUE scholarship or award.

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. Scholars must meet the general education requirements for Honors Scholars (see University Policy 1R2, siue.edu/policies/1r2.shtml), and must enroll in HONS 120 and HONS 121 in fall 2020. 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 siue.edu/registrar, the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for financial aid and scholarship recipients at siue.edu/financial-aid, and the Student Conduct Code at siue.edu/policies. Meridian Scholars must register with Selective Service at www.sss.gov if applicable. Transgender Students who filed the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid and meet the RISE Act criteria may be exempt from Selective Service registration. Scholarship recipients should keep address changes up to date with the University and must check SIUE e-mail often for important announcements.