

## Where does the money come from?

Southwestern offers a varied and generous scholarship program for students attending courses on the main campus. Funding for portions of these scholarships comes from donations made by staff, friends and alumni of the college. Some of these donations are endowed scholarships and others are unrestricted gifts to the general scholarship program. Southwestern students are grateful for each and every person who offers their support in this manner.

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## Academic Scholarships

As a learning community, Southwestern recognizes honors and rewards those who understand the importance of academic study in their daily lives. Students may receive only one academic scholarship.

**Southwestern Scholarships** are awarded on the basis of a student's academic record and ACT or SAT scores. Amounts vary and are available to incoming Southwestern students attending main campus courses. Southwestern scholarships are renewable for up to 10 semesters provided the student maintains a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

**Presidential Scholarships** are awarded to incoming freshmen who have at least a 3.75 high school grade point average and at least a 25 on their ACT (or 1130 on the SAT). To receive the scholarship, the student must apply for admission by March 1.

**Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships** are awarded to transfer students attending the main campus programs who are members of Phi Theta Kappa. A cumulative GPA of 3.2 is required for renewal.

**Premier Scholarships** are awarded to incoming freshmen following competitions held each spring. The scholarships are “stand alone” and will replace any other Southwestern grant or scholarship. Recipients must live on campus to receive a premier scholarship. Recipients must maintain a cumulative 3.20 GPA and be endorsed by the selection committee for renewal.

The [Mastin Scholarship](#) is awarded to a student who demonstrates academic achievement in the sciences, has an ACT composite score of at least 27, and will pursue a degree in the natural sciences.

The [Olive Ann Beech Scholarship](#) is awarded to a student who has achieved personal and academic excellence in high school and who has attained a minimum 3.75 GPA in high school and an ACT composite score of at least 26.

The [George and Marilyn McNeish Scholarship](#) is awarded to a student who has achieved excellence in the performing arts, has attained a minimum 3.5 GPA in high school and an ACT composite score of at least 24, and who will pursue a degree in any of the performing arts.

### **Activity Scholarships**

These scholarships are available to students participating in designated Southwestern College activity programs. The scholarships vary in amount and often require an audition, interview or tryout with the college's activity director or coach. Students may receive only one activity scholarship. The scholarships are renewable provided the student continues to participate in the activity and maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

### **Roy L. Smith Church Matching Scholarship**

Since 1972, Southwestern College has cooperated with churches of any denomination to help students afford college. Southwestern College contributes on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis up to \$1,000 per year (\$500 each semester) to the education of any Southwestern student selected and sponsored by their local church. To receive the matching funds, the scholarship from the local church must be postmarked by September 1 of each academic year.

Southwestern is aware of the variety of ways that churches raise money -- from pancake dinners to endowments -- to help students attend college. Funds for this scholarship must come from the local church or ideally from a standing scholarship committee. The assignment of this scholarship is made without regard to the religious denomination of the participating church and is renewable. This scholarship may also be used to match funds from the United Methodist Triple Your Dollars for Scholars program ([See Methodist Aid](#)).

### **Grants**

**Southwestern Need Based Scholarship** will provide assistance to students who have high need and may not qualify for the Federal SEOG Grant. Because of restricted funds, Southwestern College limits the grant to students demonstrating financial need whose financial aid (grants, scholarships and loans) will not meet the basic costs (tuition, room & board, and books) of attending Southwestern.

**Family Assistance Grant** is awarded to middle income families on a first come, first serve basis. To establish eligibility for the grant, a family must provide the results of a current FAFSA or FAFSA4Caster worksheet or financial information requested on the Southwestern College estimate request. Receipt of the grant also requires a 3.0 GPA.

**Trustee Grants** When an employee has worked full time at Southwestern for at least two years, trustee grants to cover a substantial part of tuition are available for that employee's spouse and unmarried dependent children if they enroll as undergraduate students at the college. For further information, employees should consult Volume 3, Section 3.8.3.1 of the Southwestern College Policy Manual.

**Management Grants** Students selected as SC Ambassadors, elected to positions in SGA or SAA, or who achieve leadership positions on the staff of the Collegian or the Moundbuilder receive grants recognizing these responsibilities.

## International Students

**Bishop Scholarships** are awarded to international students who are recommended by a Methodist Bishop in their home country and are based on financial need. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years as long as the student maintains a GPA of 2.5 or better. Each year the Director of Admission in cooperation with the Institute for Disciple awards up to five Bishop Scholarships. Persons seeking this scholarship must submit a letter of recommendation from the Methodist Bishop of their home country or from Southwestern College's Bishop in Residence. Final selection and approval for this scholarship is made by the Director of Admission. Recipients must live on campus and will not be eligible for further Southwestern financial aid.

**International Student Scholarships** are renewable for up to four years, as long as the student maintains a GPA of 2.5 or better. International students receiving this scholarship may combine this scholarship with an activity scholarship or management grant. The international grant does not require students to live on campus.

## Study Abroad

**International Travel** Southwestern College students may be able to continue receiving some forms of financial aid while studying abroad. State and Federal scholarships, grants and loans are normally available for legitimate study away from campus. Southwestern scholarships can also be continued with limitations. Students considering studying abroad are encouraged to begin by examining the [Builders Abroad](#) website for instructions and deadlines on how to apply.

The Southwestern scholarship limitations are these: Southwestern scholarships and grants are available to 5 students each semester who have their programs approved by the dean's office at least one semester prior to the study abroad experience. In choosing 5 students, financial need will be taken into consideration.

For the 5 qualifying students, Southwestern academic and need-based aid will be reduced as if the student were moving off campus. Mastin, Beech, and McNeish scholarships are reduced to \$5,000. Scholarships awarded for on-campus activity participation (Moundbuilder, leadership, sports, etc.) will be discontinued for the period that the student is studying abroad. Additionally, if a student is receiving scholarships from the school being visited, or from programs established to encourage study abroad, Southwestern reserves the right to adjust its aid based on the amount being received from those services.

**Domestic Travel: Chicago Urban Life Center** Southwestern students may be able to continue receiving some forms of financial aid while studying in the semester long programs of the Chicago Urban Life center. State and federal scholarships, grants, and loans are normally available for this program. Southwestern scholarships can also be continued with limitations. Students considering spending a semester or summer at the Chicago Urban Life Center are encouraged to begin by examining the [Builders Abroad](#) website for instructions and deadlines on how to apply.

The limitations are these: Southwestern scholarships and grants are available to 2 students each semester who have their programs approved by the Chicago Urban Life faculty coordinator by November 1 for the Spring semester and April 1 for the fall semester. In choosing the two students, financial need will be taken into consideration.

For those 2 students, Southwestern academic and need-based aid will be reduced as if the student were moving off campus. Mastin, Beech, and McNeish scholarships are reduced to \$5,000. Scholarships awarded for on-campus activity participation (Moundbuilder, leadership, sports, etc.) will be discontinued for the period that the student is studying in Chicago. Additionally, if a student is receiving scholarships

from the school being visited, or from programs established to encourage study abroad, Southwestern reserves the right to adjust its aid based on the amount being received from those sources.

**Domestic Travel: Washington Internship Institute** Southwestern students may be able to continue receiving some forms of financial aid while studying in the semester long programs of the Washington Internship Institute. State and federal scholarships, grants, and loans are normally available for this program. Southwestern scholarships can also be continued with limitations. Students considering spending a semester or summer in Washington D.C. are encouraged to begin by examining the [Builders Abroad](#) website for instructions and deadlines on how to apply.

The limitations are these: Southwestern academic and need-based aid will be reduced as if the student were moving off campus. Mastin, Beech, and McNeish scholarships are reduced to \$5,000. Additionally, if a student is receiving scholarships from the school being visited, or from programs established to encourage study abroad, Southwestern reserves the right to adjust its aid based on the amount being received from those sources.

### **United Methodist Connection Scholarship**

The United Methodist Connection scholarship program celebrates Southwestern College's connection and commitment to the youth of the United Methodist Church. This award provides its recipients \$7,500 each year for four years (total of \$30,000). To qualify for the scholarship, the student must provide: 1) evidence of youth leadership at the local United Methodist Church of which they are a member, 2) graduation from high school with a 3.0 or higher grade point average, 3) a letter of recommendation from the applicant's pastor or youth director. Applications must be received in the Office of Admission by February 1. This scholarship may not be combined with other institutional scholarships. Recipients who qualify for a higher institutional scholarship may receive the higher award and still maintain the recognition of being a United Methodist Connection Scholar. Recipients must live on campus all four years to continue receiving the full award.