**FINANCIAL AID**

Financial aid available for medical students is described below. Students wishing financial aid should review this material and familiarize themselves with the various programs. Student financial aid is not available for students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Financial aid benefits previously granted to undergraduates do not necessarily extend into the School of Medicine or other professional schools.

All forms and inquiries regarding financial aid for medical students should be directed to:

Financial Aid Coordinator’s Office  
School of Medicine  
Creighton University  
2500 California Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68178  
Telephone: 402.280.2666

General information on procedures for applying for aid can also be found at www.creighton.edu/finaid.

**Application Procedures**

1. Apply for admission to Creighton’s School of Medicine. No financial aid commitment can be made until a student is accepted for admission.

2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit for processing. You may submit the FAFSA beginning October 1. Students interested in the Primary Care Loan must provide parental information on the FAFSA.

3. Students are notified of their aid options by an award email with instructions on how to respond to the aid offer on-line. Returning Medical students receive an email to their Creighton University account when their award is available to accept.

It is recommended that applications for financial aid be made between October 1 and February 15 preceding the fall semester in which one plans to enroll.

**Disbursements and Use of Awards**

All financial aid advanced by Creighton University must be used to pay tuition, fees, and University board and room charges before any other direct or indirect educational costs. One half of the total annual award is disbursed each semester.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy**

Federal regulations require that students must be making satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the school, to be eligible for federal student aid. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the successful completion of degree requirements within the maximum time frame allowed to earn the degree. The progress of each medical student will be monitored at the conclusion of each academic year to determine that the student is making satisfactory academic progress.

**Quantitative Requirements**

A student must successfully complete at least 66% of the cumulative credit hours attempted. Grades of unsatisfactory, incomplete and withdrawal will not count as credits earned, but will be included in the credit hours attempted.

In addition, all requirements for degree completion must be completed within the following timeframe, excluding any time for an approved leave of absence.

- Medical Degree – 6 years
- Medical/MS Health Care Ethics, Medical/MS Clinical Translational Science or Medical/Master’s Business – 7 years
- Medical/Ph.D – 10 years

**Transfer Students**

For transfer students, the total years of degree completion includes time spent at the previous institution to the extent credit is transferred and applied toward the degree. Transfer credits are accepted as both attempted and completed hours.

**Appeal for Financial Aid Probation**

A student who fails to meet one or both of the standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress is not eligible to receive federal financial aid. Students may appeal to the Director of Student Financial Assistance for a financial aid probation period after receiving an approved plan of action from the School of Medicine’s Advancement Committee. The appeal must be in writing and include information regarding why the student failed to make satisfactory academic progress, such as injury or illness of the student, death of a relative or other special circumstances. The appeal must also include what has changed in the student’s situation and the Advancement Committee’s approved plan of action that would allow the student to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress at the next evaluation. Students will be notified in writing of the results of the appeal.

**Reinstatement Federal Financial Aid Eligibility**

A student may re-establish eligibility to receive federal financial aid by meeting the qualitative and quantitative requirements for satisfactory academic progress listed above.