

# AUTOMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BS/MD STUDENTS

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# National Merit Scholarships

Direct medical programs, also known as BS/MD, BA/MD, BS/DO or BA/DO, are some of the most competitive programs in the college admission process. When an undergraduate institution partners with a medical school, it guarantees the student can complete their undergraduate studies and then continue on to the partnered medical school.

For high school students who already know that they are 100% committed to becoming a physician, a direct medical program might be the right choice for you. Students can get accepted into a medical school at the same time as undergraduate programs, giving them a distinct advantage.

Students accepted into a direct medical program won't have to go through the long medical school application process. The students are guaranteed a seat at the partnered medical school as long as they continue to meet the minimum academic and program requirements.

This guide serves to help students be aware of potential ways to finance their education and lessen the financial burden of a Direct Medical Program.



## **Florida International University**

- **Award:** Tuition, fees, housing, a meal plan, stipend for stipend for books and, if they demonstrate financial need, a laptop as well.
- **To be eligible:**
  - Must choose FIU as their top-choice university

## **Florida Atlantic University**

- **Award:** National Merit scholarship recipients who are Florida Residents are eligible for the Benacquisto Scholarship Program, which awards a Finalist up to the cost of attendance.
- Out of state Finalists are not eligible for the Benacquisto Scholarship Program. They will receive competitive scholarships, although they will be partially responsible for covering cost of attendance.
- National Merit Scholars are eligible for awarded scholarships for 8 semesters, or until graduation from your Bachelor's degree at FAU, whichever comes first.
- **To be eligible:**
  - Submit your completed admissions application to FAU.
  - Complete the admission process by submitting your Self-Reported Student Academic Record instead of your high school transcript.
  - Submit your SAT or ACT test scores through your application status portal or have your official scores sent from the testing agency.



## **Texas Tech University**

- **Award:** Cost of attendance
- **To be eligible:**
  - Students should enroll in 30 TTU hours per academic year (checked in May)
  - Maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA in university

## **Texas A&M University**

- **Award:** \$500-7,000 annually
- **To Be Eligible:**
  - We are pleased to offer guaranteed scholarships to fall freshman admits who are identified as either a National Merit Semifinalist or National Merit Finalist.

## **New Jersey Institute of Technology**

- **Award:** Full tuition and fees
- **To be eligible:**
  - A student must be either a U.S. citizen or a U.S. lawful permanent resident and maintain a min GPA of 3.0

## **University of Alabama**

- **Award:** Cost of attendance, regardless of residency
- **To be eligible:**
  - Students recognized as a National Merit Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation who have submitted their application, all supporting documents, provide a copy of their official National Merit Finalist letter via email to [scholarships@ua.edu](mailto:scholarships@ua.edu) and list The University of Alabama as their college of choice with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation before May 1, 2023



## University of Cincinnati

- **Award:** Full in-state tuition; Out-of-state students will receive an additional \$3,000
  - 60 available, first-come, first-served
- **To be eligible:**
  - Complete application for admission and all required supplemental materials by December 1 of your senior year
  - Notify the University of Cincinnati of your status as a National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist by March 1 of our senior year
  - Email a copy of the award notification letter to [kendra.dewberry@uc.edu](mailto:kendra.dewberry@uc.edu)

## University of Louisville

- **Award:** Full in-state tuition + \$32,000 allowance for room, board and books or \$80,000 for out-of-state students
- **To be eligible:**
  - Must list the University of Louisville as their first choice with National Merit Corporation

## University of Minnesota

- **Award:** Multiple available, up to \$40,000, competitive
- **To be eligible:**
  - Recipients must list the University of Minnesota Twin Cities as their first-choice college by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation deadline



## University of New Mexico

- **Award:** The UNM National Merit Finalist Scholarship is valued as approximately \$23,000 per year – covers base tuition, fees, and housing. The National Merit Finalist scholarship is renewable for 4 years.
- **To be eligible:**
  - There is no separate scholarship application; simply apply and be admitted into UNM by Dec 1.

## University of Oklahoma

- **Award:**
  - NON-RESIDENT - National Merit Semifinalist Scholarship - \$56,000 (\$14,000 x 4 years)
  - RESIDENT - National Merit Semifinalist Scholarship - \$16,000 (\$4,000 x 4 years)
- **To be eligible:**
  - Name Oklahoma University as their college choice by April 30



# AUTOMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DIRECT MEDICAL PROGRAMS

The following direct medical programs give automatic scholarships to all accepted candidates. Note: there is no need to be a National Merit Finalist to be eligible for these scholarships.

## **Baylor University**

- **Award:** Award amounts vary; notification date based on decision plan. Can learn more on goBAYLOR account.
- **To be eligible:**
  - No additional application is required for a merit-based scholarship. All applicants are automatically and comprehensively considered for merit-based scholarships when they apply, Must apply by 1/1 or 2/1 including students who apply as test optional.

## **Brooklyn College**

- **Award:** All students are granted a \$4,000 a year scholarship
- **To Be eligible:**

## **Drew University**

- **Award:** Annual scholarship amounts range from \$15,000 to \$27,000 and are renewable at the initial amount awarded, assuming no major changes in college tuition charges and contingent on the maintenance of satisfactory academic progress and continued full-time enrollment.
- **To be eligible:**
  - All applicants will be considered for these awards and **no additional application is required.**



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## Case Western Reserve University

- **Award:** \$1000-\$2000
- **To be eligible:**
  - Must declare CWRU as their first choice and who have not received other National Merit or Corporate National Merit Scholarships will be considered.e

## East Carolina University

- **Award:** All Honors Students receive a \$2,500 scholarship
- **To be eligible:**
  - ECU does not automatically award any merit scholarships, all scholarships must be applied for through ECUAward.
  - The deadline for most university scholarships is January 15

## Michigan State University

- **Award:** \$750-\$2000
- **To be eligible:**
  - Must declare Michigan State University as their first choice and who have not received other National Merit or Corporate National Merit Scholarships will be considered.e

## Penn State

- **Award:** Award amounts vary with a maximum amount of \$2,000 per year with up to four years of eligibility.
- **To be eligible:**
  - Full-time students who list Penn State as a first-choice school on the National Merit application by February are considered.





## **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

- **Award:** Varies
- **To be eligible:**
  - When you apply to Rensselaer, you will automatically be considered for merit-based scholarships, which include endowed scholarship sources. There are no other forms to complete.

## **Rhodes College**

- **Award:**
  - Cambridge Scholarship: \$40,000 per year
  - Presidential Scholarship: \$33,000 per year
  - Dean's Scholarship: \$35,000 per year
  - Ralph C. Hon Scholarship: \$31,000 per year
  - Diehl Scholarship: \$28,000 per year
- **To be eligible:**
  - Priority consideration is given to students who submit their application for admission in accordance with stated deadlines. Following is a list of our merit-based scholarships (effective for 2023-24 incoming students only):
  - Effective for the first-year class entering in the fall 2023, Rhodes College will feature a priority deadline of December 1 for the following merit-based scholarships. Regardless of application plan (Early Decision I, Early Decision II, Early Action, Regular Decision), applications received by the Office of Admission on or prior to December 1 will be considered for these merit awards.



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## Rochester Institute of Technology

- **Award:** \$2,000 per year. RIT will receive finalist confirmation from NMSC
- **To be eligible:**
  - To receive full consideration, applicants for fall entry must apply by applicable deadlines. Students who meet the eligibility requirements for multiple RIT merit-based scholarships will be offered the highest-valued scholarship unless the indicated scholarships can be combined.
  - Offered to admitted first-year students who are National Merit Scholarship finalists and name RIT as their first choice school for NMSC

## Rutgers - - New Brunswick

- **Award:** \$1,000 per year, renewable). This award is valid for four years of undergraduate study with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average.
- **To be eligible:**
  - National Merit finalists must designate Rutgers University as their first choice on the National Merit Scholarship application.

## Saint Louis University

- **Award:**
  - Vice Presidents' Scholarship \$12,500 and above
  - University Scholarship \$11,000
  - Ignation Scholarship- Billiken Award \$5,000 to \$7,000
- **To be eligible:**
  - Complete and submit SLU's online application for freshman admission and all required materials by Dec. 1.
  - These scholarships automatically renew based upon full-time enrollment over 10 consecutive semesters and maintenance of the required 2.0 GPA.



## Stony Brook University

- **Award:** up to \$3,000 a year for four consecutive years. Finalists may qualify for an additional \$2,000 award if Stony Brook is listed as their top choice school with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- **To be eligible:**
  - Any current year National Merit Scholar Finalist or Semifinalist who is eligible for admission to Stony Brook University as a freshman for the following fall semester will be considered for a scholarship of \$3,000 a year for four consecutive years.

## Tulane University

- **Award:** Awards of at least \$2000 per year are given to finalists who name Tulane as their first choice school according to the National Merit Process from either the National Merit Scholarship Corporation or Tulane, but not both in the same year.
- **To be eligible:**
  - Recipients must meet requirements set forth by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for renewal of the scholarship.
  - For those students whose National Merit Scholarship Corporation awards are one-year only, Tulane will apply a \$2,000 per academic year award after the one year as long as the student is primarily enrolled as a full-time Newcomb-Tulane undergraduate.



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## University of Alabama at Birmingham

- **Award:** \$4,000 per academic year
- **To be eligible:**
  - Name UAB your first choice with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; the paperwork for this should be included with your finalist letter. They'll then send us your name, and we will award your scholarship. (NMSC sends rosters to UAB on a rolling basis, beginning in early March.)

## University of Tulsa

- **Award:** Free tuition, fees, room and board, and books. Given membership in Leadership TU (led by the University's President), guaranteed admission into TU's Honors Program, and a \$6,000 annual monetary gift.
- **To be eligible:**
  - Designate the University of Tulsa as their top choice school with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation
  - Complete University of Tulsa application no later than Feb. 1
  - Maintain a minimum of 15 hours of coursework



## University of Arizona

- **Award:**
  - Arizona Semi-Finalists: \$13,500 per academic year
  - Non-Arizona Semi-Finalists: the value of the original Arizona Tuition Award + \$1,500 National Merit Semi-Finalist Award. See "Arizona Tuition Award" for merit review and offer details.
- **To be eligible:**
  - Students who become National Merit Finalists will be awarded the National Scholar award which supersedes and replaces this award.
  - Students must be pursuing a first Bachelor's Degree for Undergraduate studies.
  - Enroll in courses at Arizona as a first-time, full-time, degree-seeking student (i.e. students who did not attend any higher education institution including Community Colleges, Universities, or International post-secondary education schools after high school graduation).

## University of Evansville

- **Award:** Will not pay any out of pocket tuition
- **To be eligible:**
  - provide a copy of your Certificate of Merit to the Office of Admission.

## University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

- **Award:** Amounts vary up to \$10,000 each year
- **To be eligible:**
  - Must declare University of Minnesota Twin Cities as first-choice college by National Merit Scholarship Corporation final deadline.



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## University of South Florida

- **Award:** Full cost of attendance, as well as a \$2,000 scholarship for study abroad
- **To be eligible:**
  - Qualify for merit-based admissions scholarship by submitting all required documents needed to complete your application. This can include your application fee, test scores and SSAR/transcript(s).

## Virginia Commonwealth University

- **Award:** Cost of tuition/fees + room and board (\$114,356,000, competitive)
- **To be eligible:**
  - Apply to VCU by November 1 and notify the National Merit Scholarship Corp. by May 31 that VCU is their first-choice college

