

Overview of Financial Aid

- Two types of financial aid programs
 - Recruitment Scholarships (before reply deadline)
 - Annual Grants (after reply deadline)
- Need-based and merit-based awards available for both

Recruitment Scholarships

Merit-Based Scholarships

- Awarded by Admissions Office
- No additional paperwork required
- Determined via admission packet and interview

Need-Based Scholarships

- Requires additional action
- Complete survey + FAFSA + CSS Profile
 https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/78d19a0a4cc54b1eb8b21c1f3cb070e2
- High-need students: family income < \$75,000
- Notifications sent between March 17th April 15

Annual Need Based Grants

- □ Available after April 15 for matriculated students:
- □FAFSA + CSS Profile + Taxes required
- □Eligibility criteria less stringent than recruitment-based scholarships
- ☐Grant amounts vary based on available funding
 - ■Notifications sent in late May early June

Merit-Based Annual Scholarships

- □Donor-specific criteria (e.g., major, residency, career plans)
- □ Award amounts: \$3,000 \$20,000
- □Higher amounts for 3rd and 4th-year students
- □Application requires essay + resume
- □Application links sent via email in summer

Opportunity Scholarship Program

- □ Exclusive to 1st-year students
- □Four-year scholarship providing \$8,000 annually
- □Includes financial support + mentor connection
- □ Application requires essay + resume
- □Link sent to deposited students in July

Financial Aid Notices

- □Estimated Cost of Attendance
- ☐ Federal Aid Resources
 - Helps students compare costs and plan finances
 - List of budgeting resources
 - Will be sent to students no later than April 15th

Outside Scholarships

- Opportunities available through:
 - Merck
 - OAVMA
 - State veterinary associations
 - Local AKCs
- Updates provided throughout the year

Useful Links

- AVMF Student Scholarships:
 - o AVMF Scholarships
- Occupational Outlook for Veterinarians:
 - o <u>USDL Handbook</u>
- Student Loan Repayment Calculators
 - o <u>FSA Loan Repayment Simulator</u>

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Thank You!

