Welcome Applicants!

Midwestern University
Occupational Therapy Program

Financing Your Health Professions Education

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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Cost of Attendance Budgets
- International Students
- Types of Aid
- Online Application Process
- Things to Remember
- Questions
COST OF ATTENDANCE

Average Annual Costs (9-Month Budget)
Figures based on 2009-10 Academic Year

• $42,538 for students living with parents
• $48,583 for students living on campus
• $53,788 for students living off campus

Cost of Attendance increases 5% to 7% annually
COST OF ATTENDANCE

Includes educationally related expenses for a single student only, such as:

• Tuition/Fees
• Books/Supplies
• Room/Board
• Health and Disability Insurance
• Personal and Transportation Expenses

COA Budgets do not include:

• Credit card or car payments
• Moving expenses or recreation
• Higher than average rent or mortgage
• Any expenses related to spouse or dependents

Actual Cost of Attendance breakdown: http://www.midwestern.edu/finaid
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F-1, J-1, Non-U.S. Citizen

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<th>PROGRAM NAME</th>
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Full Program Cost Must Be Deposited Into A Bank Account Located In The U.S.
TYPES OF AID

- Scholarships
- Federal Work-Study
- Federal/Private/Institutional Loans
SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

• View 2010-2011 Financing Your Health Profession Education handbook at http://www.midwestern.edu/finaid under the “Forms and Publications” section

• Review Student Financial Services website for scholarship information at http://www.midwestern.edu/finaid under the “Scholarships” section

• Avoid scholarship scams
  • If you have to pay money to get a scholarship, it is a scam
ELIGIBILITY

Federal Eligibility
- Citizenship (US citizen or eligible noncitizen)
- Selective Service Registration
- No Unresolved Drug Convictions
- Not in Default
- Credit Check for Federal Grad PLUS
- Satisfactory Academic Progress

Private
- No Bankruptcy
- No Other Adverse Credit
FEDERAL WORK-STUDY

• Indicate Work-Study interest on FAFSA application

• Award amounts vary from year to year based on funding levels

• On-Campus - $9.00/hr

• Community Service - $11.00/hr
FEDERAL LOANS

STAFFORD (Subsidized & Unsubsidized):
- Awarded according to FAFSA information
- $20,500 annual limit for 9-month budget
  - Subsidized amount is $8,500
  - Unsubsidized amount is $12,000
- 6.8% fixed interest rate
- Up to 1.5% in origination/default fees

GRAD PLUS:
- Credit-based
- Used to fund the remainder up to cost of attendance
- 8.5% fixed interest rate
- Up to 4.0% in origination/default fees

PERKINS:
- First-come, first-served basis
- Awarded to neediest students
- Amounts vary from year to year depending on funding
- Apply before priority deadline
PRIVATE LOANS

• Eligibility based on credit standing
• Interest rates fluctuate
• Private loans are not fixed like Grad PLUS
• Cannot be included in a Federal loan consolidation
• Some private loans require payment while in school

MAINTAIN CREDIT STANDING:
• www.annualcreditreport.com for a free annual copy of your credit report
• www.myfico.com to download your FICO score and credit reports from all 3 credit bureaus for about $40.00
• Plan ahead now and review your credit
• Begin now to locate a suitable co-borrower
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

• Instructions will be e-mailed to your MWU email account starting in January
• Students must complete the following steps:

Step 1: Entrance Counseling - Required
Step 2: 2010-2011 Midwestern University Institutional Financial Aid Application - Required
Step 3: Complete 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - Required
Step 4: Fill out Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Federal Stafford Loan - Required
Step 5: Graduate PLUS or Private Loan, if needed
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

1. Apply for Financial Aid
2. Determination of Award
3. Notification of Awards
4. Disbursement of Awards
THINGS TO REMEMBER...

• Complete your financial aid application before our priority deadline date

• Obtain your credit report now, check and address any discrepancies and secure a creditworthy co-borrower if you will need one

• Please check for private scholarships throughout the year

• Living expense refunds are available the second week of classes

• Please come prepared with at least one month’s living expenses

• Check your MWU email regularly
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