

## Meridian Scholarship

### Terms and Conditions, 2024-2025

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#### Award Details

All Meridian Scholarship recipients will be held to the terms and conditions of the scholarship detailed herein. The Meridian Scholarship is valid fall and spring semesters and will be continued, if renewal conditions are met, for eight semesters across four academic years. This award covers full tuition at the undergraduate rate, mandatory and course fees, tuition differential as assessed by the Schools of Engineering and Business, SIUE housing costs to live in University Housing equivalent to the rate of a shared room in Bluff, Prairie or Woodland Hall, and meals at the rate of Meal Plan A.

The Meridian Scholarship may be applied at the undergraduate rate to tuition charges in the SIUE School of Dental Medicine, School of Pharmacy, or Graduate School. One of the allotted eight semesters may be applied toward costs associated with an SIUE-approved study abroad program, valued at \$5,000. Students living in University Housing other than a shared room in Bluff, Prairie, or Woodland Hall will be responsible to cover any difference in housing costs. The Meridian Scholarship does not pay for the following: off-campus housing; meals for students choosing to live off-campus; or for additional charges related to choosing a meal plan other than Meal Plan A. Freshman Meridian Scholars who live on campus are required to live in the Scholars Focused Interest Community. **Students must pay the enrollment fee and register for New Student Orientation by June 1, 2024, in order to receive the award.**

International students selected to receive the Meridian Scholarship will be responsible for the purchase of an SIUE-approved health insurance plan, as required by law. In order to obtain the appropriate visa for study in the U.S., international students must provide proof of financial resources to cover the cost of this health insurance plan and any additional living expenses, such as transportation costs, supplies, and personal expenses, which are not covered by the scholarship.

#### Meridian Scholarships in Combination with Other Awards & Financial Aid

The Meridian Scholarship will be applied to university charges on the student's account, such as tuition, fees, housing, and meal plan, up to the student's cost of attendance. The Meridian Scholarship will be considered an award to meet financial need in the packaging of financial aid. Should the crediting of the scholarship, in combination with other financial aid, result in excess funds on the student's account, the excess may be refunded to the student for personal expenses and books up to the cost of attendance.

## **Academic Performance & Student Conduct**

Continuance or renewal of the scholarship each year requires completion of full-time enrollment each semester (minimum 12 hours) and a 3.25 cumulative grade point average. Participation in the Honors Program is required as a Meridian Scholar.

Meridian Scholars must meet the general education requirements for Honors Scholars (see University Policy 1R2), and must enroll in the HONS 120 and HONS 121 in Fall 2024.

In addition to the renewal requirements for the scholarship, Meridian Scholars must also abide by the University academic policy as stated in the catalog and student handbook at [www.siu.edu/registrar](http://www.siu.edu/registrar), the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for financial aid and scholarship recipients at [www.siu.edu/financialaid](http://www.siu.edu/financialaid), and the Student Conduct Code at [www.siu.edu/POLICIES](http://www.siu.edu/POLICIES).

Meridian Scholars must keep address changes up to date with the University and check SIUE email regularly for important announcements.