



Preosteopathic Medicine Scholars

Program – this program provides preadmission opportunities for outstanding premedical students at SMSU. Students apply for admission after completing three semester (approximately 45 credit hours) at SMSU. The 45 credit hours must include CHM160, 170 and 175; BIO121, 122 or BMS110, 230, and Writing I. Students must have a composite ACT score of at least 28 and a GPA of at least 3.40. See the chairperson of the Premedical Committee for additional information.

Scholarships

Students pursuing a premedical program may compete for many scholarships. Most of these are available to all students. Scholarships may be university scholarships awarded for academic performance, departmental scholarships, or foundation scholarships. A list and description of the various scholarships and the eligibility criteria can be found in the *Financial Aid Handbook*.

Premedical students finishing their sophomore or junior year should be aware of one scholarship in particular, the Fulbright-Sawyers Scholarship. The deadline for applying for one of these scholarships is around the end of April. Application information can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

Be sure to check with your premedical advisor for other scholarships awarded by your department.



Waivers

During the application process you will be asked to sign waivers of your rights in accordance with the provisions of the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act of 1975. This act, as amended, permits you access to certain information. By signing the waivers you deny your right of access to information specified in the waiver. It is the opinion of the Premedical committee that to provide you with a comprehensive and meaningful evaluation/recommendation, either to medical schools or in evaluations sent to the committee, the writers of these evaluations/recommendations must know that comments will be held in strict confidence. We strongly encourage you to waive your rights to view the committee letter to the medical school and comments written by your evaluators to assure the most meaningful evaluations. However, you are not required to waive your rights nor are you required to waive your rights, for committee consideration of your application.