Financing Medical Education

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Outline

1. How to apply for student aid (FAFSA)
2. What are the actual numbers
3. Paying for Medical School
    A. Loans
    B. Scholarships
    C. Loan Repayment/forgiveness
4. Budgeting/Financial literacy

How to Apply

- Apply online through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Note FAFSA priority deadline is April 1.

- Independent, Graduate/Professional Student

- Parental information is required by UWSOM to be considered for UW scholarship and Title VII aid.

www.FAFSA.ed.gov

MT-UWSOM Costs-higher MRPIP 2025

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Room & Board	$30,232	Room & Board	$30,232	Room & Board	$30,232	Room & Board	$30.232
Personal	$3,344	Personal	$3,344	Personal	$3,344	Personal	$3,344
Transportation	$2,412	Transportation	$2,566	Transportation	$3,028	Transportation	$3,028
Fees	$1,543	Fees	$1,483	Fees	$1,343	Fees	$1,343
MRPIP	$14,900	MRPIP	$14,900	MRPIP	$14,900	MRPIP	$14,900
TOTAL	**$69,853**	**TOTAL**	**$92,990**	**TOTAL**	**$112,739**	**T0TAL**	**$112,059**

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TOTAL	**$60,913**	**TOTAL**	**$84,050**	**Total**	**$103,799**	**Total**	**$103,119**

Student Debt 2024

Public Average: $203,606

Range $160-270,000

Private Average: $227,839

Range $175-500,000+

MT WWAMI $226,272

Student Loans

- **Most common financial aid award**
  - Direct (Stafford) Loan
  - Graduate PLUS Loan ends July 1, 2026
- **Less common loans**
  - Primary Care Loan (PCL)
  - Loan for Disadvantaged Students (LDS)
  - Private/Alternative Student Loan

Direct (Stafford) Loan

Federally regulated loan with funding based on FAFSA application

$ 50,000 yearly and cap at $200,000

Does not include loans for undergrad

Total lifetime limit including undergrad is $257,500

Origination fee applies (~1.057% of loan amount). Interest set by Federal Govt. 2024: 7.94%


RETAIL SALES
Entrance
In Front

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships and Tuition Offsets

- Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (not all schools have this)
- National Health Service Corps
- Military Health Professions Scholarship Program
- Private Scholarships*

National Health Service Corps Scholarship

- Scholarship pays for tuition, fees, educational costs, and a monthly living stipend
- Commitment to work at least 2 years in a medically underserved area (http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/)
- Breakout session on NHSC and Montana Loan Repayment for those interested.

Military Health Professions Program

- Army, Navy, and Air Force
- Scholarship pays for tuition, fees, other educational costs, and a monthly stipend
- Service requirement
- Gain rank through training

Montana Medical Programs

WWAMI (in state tuition first 2 years)	WICHE- Professional Student Exchange Program
• 30 spots yearly for Montana students	• 5-6 Spots yearly for Montanans (not at schools in Montana) • Pending biennial legislative approval • http://www.wiche.edu/psep


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LOAN REPAYMENT OPTIONS

Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Options

- Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- State Loan Forgiveness
  - MRPIP
- National Health Service Corps
- Military*
- Hospital/employer based*

Public Service Loan Forgiveness

- Work full-time in a public service job (government or not-for-profit job)
- Remaining balance forgiven after 120 on-time monthly payments (10 years)
- Federal Direct Loan Borrowers (Stafford and Grad PLUS)
- **Must make income-based repayments**
- https://studentaid.ed.gov

Montana

- Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program (MRPIP)

  $150,000 over 5 years
- Helps pay debts of physicians practicing in rural and underserved parts of MT
- Comes out of fees assessed on MT med students going to WWAMI or WICHE programs.

- https://mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Loans/MRPIP.asp

National Health Service Corps

Loan Repayment Program

- Pays up to $75,000 towards loan debt for 2 year contract
- Workshop available to talk about this more if interested.
- Specialty/location specific

- https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Financial Literacy

Before you start medical school:

- Reduce or eliminate any monthly financial obligations: **credit cards**, car payments, cell phone
- Create a realistic, conservative budget
- Understand the cost of attendance and how financial aid will assist you
- Save as much money as possible prior to the start of school-work on a savings cushion for emergencies
- Protect your credit report
- Apply broadly for scholarships!

Budget based on UWSOM

- $36,142 room, board, transportation, personal (3000/month)
  - Rent/mortgage, insurance, phone, utilities
  - Credit card
  - Food
  - Transportation
  - Car payment/insurance
  - Health (gym, equipment, meds etc)
  - Incidentals
  - Fun stuff/social
  - Emergency fund

What does repayment look like?

- UWSOM Total: $200,000* for four years tuition, living expenses, and costs
  - At 5% interest rate for 30 years this is $1100/month (10 years $2150/month)
    - At 5% interest rate x 30 years you pay total $396000 (difference of interest $196000)
  - At 8% for 30 years this is $1470/month (10 year term $2425/month)
    - Interest paid over 30 yrs: $328,000 (over 10 yrs 91K)

SO HOW DO YOU DO IT?

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Montana average salaries:

- Family Medicine $258,000
- Pediatrics $268,000
- Internal Medicine $ 252,000
- General surgery $414,000
- OB/GYN $326,000
- Psychiatry $390,000

So how do you do it?

- Budget & don’t be extravagant
- Keep living like you are in medical school/resident as long as you can
- Try to consolidate loans at lower rates
- Look for scholarships early and often
- Look for loan repayment at every opportunity

Questions?

- https://www.uwmedicine.org/school-of-medicine/md-program/financial-aid
- https://students-residents.aamc.org/financial-aid
- https://www.aafp.org/students-residents/medical-students/begin-your-medical-education/debt-management.html
- https://www.ama-assn.org/medical-students/preparing-medical-school/how-apply-medical-school-scholarships
- https://studentaid.gov/
- https://www.studentaidrefdesk.org/