General Information

All admitted students are automatically considered for all applicable scholarship programs. All scholarships are awarded regardless of financial need and are renewable annually for up to eight semesters provided student maintains Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

Brown Scholar, Sarofim Scholar & Performance Award recipients have additional requirements as indicated in the award letter.

When demonstrated financial need is greater than the academic scholarship value, the scholarship will become part of the overall need-based award.

Students may take the highest combination of their evidence-based reading and writing and math scores from separate test dates when calculating SAT scores.

When an official class rank is provided by the high school, it will be used to determine scholarship eligibility regardless of grade point average. When a high school has a no-rank policy, other factors will be used to determine scholarship eligibility including, but not limited to, grade distribution information for that specific school and/or grade point averages. When the high school ranks specific segments of their graduating class—such as only ranking the top 10 percent—it will be assumed that an unranked student does not fall into that category for merit consideration regardless of grade point average. In all cases, Southwestern reserves the right to recalculate a student's eligibility for merit scholarships using a consistent, uniform, internal grade point average calculation that may exclude non-academic coursework.

Southwestern University Awarding and Stacking Policy

Effective for students who enter Southwestern in Fall 2018 and after, a student may receive only one of the following awards:

Brown Scholar Award
Cody Scholar Award
Mood Scholar Award
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University Award
Ruter Scholar Award
Finch Scholar Award

Where a student qualifies for more than one of these awards, that student will receive only the award with the highest dollar amount. Brown Scholars may not receive any additional merit or non-need based awards from Southwestern.

With the exception of Brown Scholar Award recipients, a student may receive any of the following nonneed based awards in addition to one of the awards listed above:

Sarofim Scholar Award - Art National Merit Scholar Recognition Award

Sarofim Scholar Award - Music PTK/NSCS Recognition Award

Sarofim Scholar Award - Theatre Pre-Ministerial Award

Fine Arts Performance Award United Methodist Beneficiary Grant

Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr. Scholar Award

The total amount of merit and non-need based awards that a student can receive may not exceed the value of the largest award on these lists, which is the Brown Scholar Award.

Where a student demonstrates financial need as determined through the filing of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the total amount of Southwestern University-funded merit or need-based scholarships, awards, and/or grants awarded to a student will not exceed tuition. Institutional need-based grants are subject to adjustment or replacement to accommodate the addition or increase of other Southwestern-funded award(s), up to tuition.