# **NMC Scholarship Policies for 2025-2026**

Nebraska Methodist College (NMC) is committed to cultivating academic excellence and widening the gateway to education. Our scholarship programs are a testament to this dedication, aiming not only to reward achievement but also to shape a community of future healthcare professionals poised to make positive contributions to society.

## **Scholarship Amounts & Enrollment Level**

- Initial scholarship amounts are usually based on three-quarter or full-time enrollment.
- Each semester's amount will be adjusted based on actual enrollment:
  - 100% of semester amount 9 credit hours or more for undergraduates; 4.5 or more for graduates
  - 50% of semester amount fewer than 9 credit hours for undergraduates; fewer than 4.5 credit hours for graduates
- Exceptions apply to specific scholarships:
  - Scholarships that provide for a percentage of tuition, including but not limited to, Scott Scholars Program, NMC Dependent Discount, and Tuition Exchange, will be adjusted each semester based on actual allowable charges.
  - Scholarships that provide a stipend for involvement in student leadership activities, such as
     Ambassador and SI Leader Scholarships, are not prorated for enrollment.

### **Allowable Charges & Funding Limitations**

- NMC scholarships and all funds from Methodist Health System affiliates are exclusively for tuition charges and may not be applied to fees, textbooks, housing, or other charges. This includes scholarships, grants, employee tuition assistance, academy, employee and dependent discounts, tuition exchange, etc.
  - Exceptions exist for specific scholarships like the Scott Scholars Program which covers tuition and fees, and for service awards such as Ambassadors and Supplemental Instruction leaders.
  - Exceptions also apply when specific funds or donor agreements stipulate that funds can be applied to costs beyond tuition.
  - Additional exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further instructions.
- Students receiving full tuition support through an academy or non-academy sponsorship, tuition exchange, or other Methodist sources cannot receive additional NMC scholarships and grants.
- Students in programs with discounted tuition rates (surgical technology, RN to BSN and LPN to BSN) may receive one-time scholarships, but are ineligible for renewable scholarships.

## **Carryover of Unused Funds**

- Unused funds from spring semester may be carried forward and used for summer enrollment.
- Unused funds in summer or fall will be forfeited.

# Leave of Absence (LOA)

- Scholarship recipients on an approved LOA preserve their remaining eligibility for renewable scholarships, provided all other eligibility criteria are met.
- Recipients who leave (for other than a summer term) without requesting and being approved for an official LOA shall forfeit the remainder of their scholarship eligibility.
- Non-renewable scholarships will be forfeited if not used within the academic year for which they are awarded.

### **Change of Program**

- Some scholarships require enrollment in designated programs; a change may result in forfeiture or replacement with a lesser Merit Scholarship if the student is not already receiving a Merit Scholarship.
  - o Becker Presidential Scholarship requires enrollment in a bachelor's degree program. If a change of program is due to failure to progress the award will be forfeited.
  - Excellence in Allied Health requires enrollment in an allied health program. If a change of program is due to failure to progress the award will be forfeited.
  - o Kathleen Montgomery Scholarship requires enrollment in the ACE BSN program.
  - Scott Scholars Program requires enrollment in the Traditional BSN program.
  - o Wischmeier Dean's Scholarship requires enrollment in the Traditional BSN program.
- Upfront Merit Scholarships:
  - If, prior to graduating from the original program, a scholarship recipient transfers to a different undergraduate degree program, the original scholarship amount will be renewed through graduation, provided all other eligibility criteria are met.
  - If a scholarship recipient completes an AS program and continues in a BS degree completion program without a break in enrollment, scholarship eligibility will be extended through completion of the BS degree.
- Changing from a degree program to a certificate program will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
- Applying for a new program through Admissions will result in re-evaluation of scholarship eligibility as a new transfer student.

#### Renewal Criteria

- Recipients must comply with the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy. Progress
  is reviewed annually at the end of summer term. The complete SAP policy is available at
  <a href="https://www.methodistcollege.edu/satisfactory-academic-progress">https://www.methodistcollege.edu/satisfactory-academic-progress</a>
- Minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA):
  - 3.0 for Scott Scholars
  - 2.5 for Becker Presidential, Wischmeier Dean's, Excellence in Allied Health, and Dr. Ken Barjenbruch Nursing Scholarships
  - 2.0 for all other funds
- Scott Scholars must also meet Scott Scholars Program participation requirements.

Policies are subject to change. For the latest updates, refer to our website at <a href="https://www.methodistcollege.edu/scholarships">https://www.methodistcollege.edu/scholarships</a>
ar questions regarding this policy, places contact the NMC Financial Aid Office