

MEDPREP Tuition Waiver Guidelines

Summer tuition waivers are awarded on the basis of scholarship and financial need for the summer term only. Fall-Spring tuition waivers are awarded on the basis of scholarship and financial need for the academic year (fall and spring semesters). A spring-semester-only tuition waiver may be awarded if any become available. Some Fall-only waivers, or Spring-only waivers may be awarded. Tuition waivers are competitive and are never guaranteed.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a student must be a post-baccalaureate undergraduate student enrolled in MEDPREP. They may not hold another University appointment which provides a tuition waiver. The student must demonstrate financial need based on the current FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) form on file with the Financial Aid Office at SIUC.

1. Incoming students must meet the **2.5 GPA and 2.5 BCPM** requirement either in total or for the last full year (15 credits/semester or equivalent) of academic work at the time of application to MEDPREP.
2. A continuing student must be in **good standing** in MEDPREP and have taken a minimum of **two science courses** totaling at least **six graded hours** during the last long (fall or spring) semester enrolled and have earned a minimum **2.5 GPA and 2.5 BCPM** in all courses for that term. Incomplete grades will be carefully considered and may jeopardize eligibility for a tuition waiver.
3. New students who entered in the summer must earn a minimum **2.5 GPA and 2.5 BCPM** for all summer courses in order to receive a tuition waiver awarded for the fall and spring semesters.
4. Course load, specific courses taken, and participation in support activities within the program will be considered in evaluating applications.
5. Students must be registered for the semester for which they are requesting a tuition waiver at the time of application review.

Retention of Fall-Spring Tuition Waiver

In order to keep the tuition waiver once it is awarded, the recipients must be enrolled in at least **one MEDPREP course** during each semester of the awarded waiver and complete a minimum of **eight graded hours** each semester during the academic year. At least **two upper-division (300-level or higher) graded science courses** must be taken each term. Additionally, students must be **physically in attendance** at SIUC and enrolled in a minimum of **two “brick-and-mortar” (on-campus, not online) courses**, as well as **MEDPREP Convocation**, for each semester they receive a tuition waiver. Students must remain in **good standing** in MEDPREP and earn a minimum **2.5 GPA and 2.5 BCPM** each semester. Fall semester recipients who meet all of the retention criteria will be awarded the waiver for the following spring semester without reapplication. Any new awards for the Spring Semester will be for the Spring Semester only.

Repayment of Tuition Waiver

Students who accept tuition waivers agree to complete the 5 semesters of the program. If the student chooses to not complete the full length of the program, they may be required to pay back the full value of the tuition waivers they have received during the program. Any such charges will be added to the student's bursar bill which will prevent the student from receiving their final transcripts until a resolution of the debt has taken place.

Application

The deadline for receiving all applications and financial information for summer semester May 15. If a student has previously had a tuition waiver, the student may reapply for a waiver. If a student has lost a tuition waiver, the student may reapply for a waiver but will be considered only if eligibility has been regained. Along with the application, students must submit their FAFSA SAR for the CURRENT academic year to be considered for a Summer waiver, along with their SAR for the UPCOMING academic year for a Fall-Spring waiver.

Prioritization of Applicants

Applicants are prioritized into three applicant groups. The primary applicant group, consisting of continuing (second-year) students who have never received a MEDPREP waiver, will be considered first. The second applicant group consists of continuing students who have previously received waivers, with students having fewer waivers receiving priority. The third applicant group consists of newly-accepted (first year) students, with students having fewer waivers receiving priority.

Additional prioritization within applicant groups will be based on eligibility criteria as described above. Students who were awarded a tuition waiver previously but lost it due to not meeting retention criteria are allowed to reapply in subsequent award cycles if they have regained their eligibility.

Award Notification

Students will be notified by e-mail upon the awarding of the tuition waiver. An acceptance form will be attached to the award announcement and must be returned to MEDPREP before the waiver becomes effective. Students who have been awarded a tuition waiver for a given term **MUST make the prepayment toward the tuition and fees for that term.** Once the award has been finalized, the prepayment will be applied toward the student's fees. **The tuition waiver does not cover any fees.**

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST MEDPREP Tuition Waiver

If you do not meet all of the following criteria, you cannot be awarded a tuition waiver.

Academic Requirements

Incoming Students

	Traditional Track only (Graduate track students are not eligible for MP Tuition Waivers)
	Summer: 2.5 GPA and 2.5 BCPM, either in total or previous full year Fall-Spring: 2.5 GPA overall and BCPM in summer semester

Continuing Students

	Traditional Track only (Graduate track students are not eligible for MP Tuition Waivers).
	2.5 GPA overall and BCPM for previous semester (excluding summer)
	SPC Status of "Good Standing"
	Completed with C-minus or better: 2 science courses totaling at least 6 graded credit hours in previous semester

Registration Requirements

	You MUST be enrolled in coursework for the term for which you are applying
	Summer: 6 credit hours (at least 4 graded) Fall-Spring: 8 graded credit hours minimum <i>P/F or S/U courses (such as Convocation) are not graded</i>
	Summer: 1 upper-division (300-level or higher) science or health professions-related course (excluding Clinical Experience) Fall-Spring: 2 upper-division (300-level or higher) graded science courses, totaling a minimum of 6 credit hours.
	Fall-Spring: 2 on-campus (not online) courses
	Fall-Spring: Enrolled in MEDPREP Convocation
	1 MEDPREP course (Convocation satisfies this requirement)

Application Documents Please submit the following documents:

	Application Form
	Summer: Current academic year* FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), PDF version. *The academic year which began <i>last</i> Fall semester
	Fall-Spring: Upcoming academic year** FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), PDF version. **The academic year beginning <i>this coming</i> Fall semester