

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY



FINANCIAL AID/AWARDS HANDBOOK

2009-2010 Academic Year

We have taken care to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of information in this handbook. However, contents are subject to change without notice due to changing state and federal regulations, availability of funds from College related sponsors, as well as unintended error. All financial aid awards are contingent upon availability of funds and are subject to revision.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The College of Pharmacy is pleased to be able to assist students with financial need. The Office for Student Affairs coordinates the financial aid available from a number of organizations. The Financial Aid and Awards Committee selects recipients based on information supplied by the student regarding financial need, academic performance, and in some cases, extracurricular activities. The Committee is made up of faculty and pharmacy students.

The amount of financial aid for which you are eligible depends on your financial need. Financial need is defined as the difference between the cost of attendance and the amount you and your family can afford to pay. The College of Pharmacy financial aid is primarily reserved for students who need assistance beyond their own income, family support, and financial aid received through the Office for Student Financial Affairs (SFA) and other sources. The College has limited funds and, therefore, attempts to supply these funds to those students with the greatest financial need.

The Office for Student Financial Affairs (SFA) at the University of Florida is located in Criser Hall. The SFA coordinates federal and state supported financial aid such as Pell Grants, loans, part-time employment and private scholarships from a variety of endowments. In addition to Criser Hall, there is also an SFA office conveniently located in the Health Professions, Nursing and Pharmacy Building. Mike Menefee and Dayna Beck are the Financial Aid Officer for this office and is available year round for counseling. He may be reached at 352-273-6202 or in room G-206 in the HPNP Building.

## **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS**

Health Science Center Financial Aid Office—Mike Menefee & Adrienne Henderson  
G-206 HPNP Building  
PO Box 100014  
Gainesville, FL 32610-0014  
(352) 273-6202

To apply for Federal Aid (FAFSA)  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

UF School Code: 001535

## **OFFICE FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (SFA)**

Students who are applying for and/or receiving aid through SFA at Criser Hall are encouraged to read the information regarding procedures for application, renewals, award notices, processing time, eligibility, college costs, disbursement of aid, and other details in the Gator Aid Application Guide.

Students wishing to apply for assistance administered by the University of Florida must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA's are available at SFA in Criser Hall or online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Apply as soon as possible after January 1. The Federal Processor will return the results of your FAFSA in the form of a Student Aid Report (SAR) approximately 2-3 days after submitting the FAFSA. If the University of Florida is listed in the College section of your SAR, University of Florida school code is 001535, it will be sent electronically to SFA. The SAR indicates your expected family contribution. The Office for Student Financial Affairs will determine the amount of aid you are eligible for based on the cost of attending UF minus your expected family contribution. Once your budget is established, aid will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. For this reason, it is very important to apply as early as possible after January 1.

Applicants approved for financial assistance will receive a Notification of Financial Aid Award from the Office for Student Financial Affairs via email in late July. In most cases, financial aid will be awarded in a "package" consisting of grants, loans, scholarships, and student employment opportunities, or some combination of these. To continue receiving financial aid, it is necessary to reapply and demonstrate sufficient financial need each year and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Only citizens and eligible resident aliens of the United States are eligible to apply for financial aid. Foreign students should contact the Office for International Student Affairs at 392-5323 x 600 or online at <http://www.ufsa.ufl.edu/sfa/programs/special.html>.

The College of Pharmacy Office for Student Affairs is not directly involved with Federal financial aid. We will try to assist you in any way possible but all questions regarding federal or state aid should first be addressed at the Office for Student Financial Services (see the Financial Aid Officers, Room G-206 & G-208 HPNP Building, (352) 273-6202).

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**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IF YOU PLAN ON APPLYING FOR FEDERAL OR STATE AID OR ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING SUCH AID. PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY.**

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There are several questions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which require special attention from pharmacy students. Please use the following guidelines when filling out information regarding your grade level and enrollment.

On the FAFSA form you will be asked if you will be enrolled in a graduate or professional program. The answer to this question is YES (**ONLY** if you will have a four year degree when you will start the program). If you are an incoming first year Pharmacy student and will **NOT** have a four year degree, answer NO. All second, third and fourth year students answer YES.

**If you have NEVER received a baccalaureate or any higher degree, when entering your grade level, for financial aid purposes only, please use the following information:**

First Professional Year (1PD)	3 <sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate
Second Professional Year (2PD)	2 <sup>nd</sup> year graduate/professional
Third Professional Year (3PD)	3 <sup>rd</sup> year graduate/professional
Fourth Professional Year (4PD)	4 <sup>th</sup> year graduate/professional

**If you HAVE received a baccalaureate or any higher degree, when entering your grade level, for financial aid purposes only, please use the following information:**

First Professional Year (1PD)	1 <sup>st</sup> year graduate/professional
Second Professional Year (2PD)	2 <sup>nd</sup> year graduate/professional
Third Professional Year (3PD)	3 <sup>rd</sup> year graduate/professional
Fourth Professional Year (4PD)	4 <sup>th</sup> year graduate/professional

## DEPENDENT/INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS

The federal government has established criteria for classifying financial aid recipients as dependent or independent. If you are dependent, your parents' assets and income and your own are evaluated.

### **You are considered legally independent if you:**

- ◆ are at least 24 years old by January 1 of the award year;
- ◆ are a veteran of the U.S. Armed forces, regardless of age;
- ◆ are an orphan or ward of the court; or,
- ◆ have a legal dependent other than a spouse
- ◆ are married
- ◆ are a graduate or professional student (excluding first year 1PD students without a four-year degree)

## STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Students must comply with certain conditions and maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to be eligible to receive federal and state aid. These are described in detail in the Gator Aid Handbook.

The University of Florida Academic Progress Appeals Committee for Financial Aid reviews extensions for financial aid eligibility. Petition forms may be obtained at Criser Hall. The Office for Student Affairs will assist you in filling out these forms.

**Please check the University of Florida Undergraduate Catalog, Student Affairs Section, for specific information regarding financial aid eligibility.**

All federal financial aid programs are subject to change. For further information, contact the Office for Student Financial Affairs.

## COLLEGE OF PHARMACY FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

### Application Forms

Application forms for financial aid offered through the College must be submitted on the College's web site at [www.cop.ufl.edu/studaff/finaid.htm](http://www.cop.ufl.edu/studaff/finaid.htm). Students are reminded that the more complete and specific data presented in the application form, the better the probability that the Financial Aid and Awards Committee can make a fair decision regarding financial need.

Students should attempt to utilize the financial aid offered through the University of Florida Office for Student Financial Affairs before utilizing College of Pharmacy financial aid. College of Pharmacy financial aid is intended to be a supplement to your other sources of income (i.e., family contribution, savings, and federal and state aid).

### Eligibility

To be eligible for most aid, you must:

1. be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester);
2. maintain satisfactory academic progress (i.e., not be on probation);
3. not be in default on a student loan.

\* Exceptions can be made upon request to the Financial Aid and Awards Committee.

### When to Apply

Applications must be submitted online by December 4, 2009. This deadline of December 4th may not apply to all aid. Please see the complete list of financial aid sources with application deadlines in the College of Pharmacy Financial Aid Listing of this handbook.

### Processing of Financial Aid Applications

The Financial Aid and Awards Committee reviews applications for all aid awarded by the College. Some organizations choose to select the recipient, and the College forwards all eligible applications to those organizations. Applicants are notified of the status of their financial aid awards by letter. The Committee will entertain petitions for a reversal of a negative decision if new data and/or circumstances are submitted with the petition.

Please understand that the Committee attempts to award aid to those with the greatest need. With the limited funds that are available, some students with financial need may not receive aid because their need may not be as great as that of others. The Office for Student Affairs and the Financial Aid and Awards Committee are available for guidance and counseling in these matters.

## **Disbursement of Aid**

The majority of aid disbursed through the College of Pharmacy is processed by University Financial Services. Aid is generally disbursed within the first two weeks of classes. Any students receiving federal or state aid cannot be given more money than is allotted in their budget. If your federal and state aid meets your budget and you are awarded college aid, some of your federal and state aid will be recalled. The amount that your budget is over met will be deducted from loans first.

## **Announcements of Aid Recipients**

Some of the financial aid that is available through the College is based on a competitive standard involving criteria such as: academic ability, leadership, extracurricular activities, etc. Recipients will be notified of awards by letter. The presentation of awards takes place at the College of Pharmacy Awards Reception. Recipients should plan to attend the ceremony. If students cannot attend the presentation of an award, they must notify the Office for Student Affairs in advance.

# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIPS

## ALBERTSON'S SCHOLARSHIP

**Criteria:** Academic performance, has an interest in community pharmacy, and be currently in the second professional year or higher  
**Amount:** \$1,000  
**Sponsor:** Albertson's Pharmacy  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

## DR. OSCAR ARAUJO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

**Criteria:** Supports scholarships to current pharmacy students based on academic performance.  
**Amount:** varies  
**Sponsor:** College of Pharmacy Alumni  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

## BIOTECHNOLOGY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

**Criteria:** Students interested in Biotechnology who have taken PHA 5172 or are currently enrolled, GPA 3.0 or higher, must demonstrate financial need, and submit a 250-word essay to the Office of Student Affairs. The essay should include a discussion of the value of biotechnology to healthcare and drug development, the student's interest in biotechnology (personal and/or professional), and the value of biotechnology to pharmacy practice. One or two awards can be offered annually for students that qualify.  
**Amount:** \$1,000  
**Sponsor:** Dr. Ronald Evens, Pharm.D.  
**Selection:** Dr. Ronald Evens, Pharm.D.

## RUSS AND CAROL BLASER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Criteria:** Married with children, GPA 3.4 or higher, most financial need.  
**Amount:** \$1500.00  
**Sponsor:**  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **Brevard County Pharmaceutical Association Scholarship**

**Criteria:** Must be a resident of Brevard County, academic performance, currently a second or third year professional year student.  
**Amount:** \$500  
**Sponsor:** Brevard County Pharmaceutical Association  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **C.R. WALGREEN EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Must be entering final year of pharmacy school, have a minimum overall "C" GPA, must demonstrate outstanding leadership and communication skills, and have an interest in retail community pharmacy practice.  
**Amount:** \$2,000, award recognition certificate and a nameplate for the perpetual plaque  
**Sponsor:** Walgreen Company  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **CVS PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Must currently be in the third professional year, in good academic standing and have a strong desire to practice in a community pharmacy setting  
**Amount:** Varies (4 available)  
**Sponsor:** CVS Charitable Trust, Inc.  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **COLLEGE OF PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Criteria:** Financial need and satisfactory academic standing.  
**Amount:** Varies (multiple scholarships available)  
**Sponsor:** Charlotte Liberty & Jack Eckerd Endowments  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **COLLIER COUNTY PHARMACY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Must be a Collier County Resident, must currently be in the first professional year, scholastic achievement, and financial need.  
**Amount:** \$500  
**Sponsor:** Collier County Pharmacy Association  
**Selection:** Collier County Pharmacy Association

### **DESANTIS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Students going in the fourth professional year, must demonstrate academic achievement and have financial need  
**Amount:** one semester of tuition (2 available)  
**Sponsor:** Debbie Desantis  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **DOLPH CONE-PRICKETT**

**Criteria:** Support scholarship to pharmacy students who graduated from a Florida public educational institution.  
**Amount:** \$1,000  
**Sponsor:** Dolph Cone  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **ELIZABETH EATON SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Recognizes excellence in searching, evaluating and applying evidence in clinical decision making and quality improvement. The awardee has demonstrated advanced skills in the critical appraisal of published pharmaceutical literature. In addition, he or she has analyzed evidence on quality deficits and the effectiveness of quality improvement interventions and has successfully developed a quality improvement program with great promise to improve patient care.  
**Amount:** \$1500.00  
**Sponsor:**  
**Selection:** Almut Winterstein & Paul Doering

### **GRIFFITH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Support scholarship awards to students in College of Pharmacy.  
**Amount:**  
**Sponsor:**  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

**Criteria:** Underrepresented minority (Black, Native American/Alaskan/Pacific Islander, Mexican American or Chicano and Puerto Rican (mainland))  
**Amount:** \$1,062.50 (4 available)  
**Sponsor:** College of Medicine Office of Minority Affairs  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **INSTITUTE FOR PHARMACY ENTREPRENEURS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Must be in third or fourth professional year and submit a 250-word essay to the Office for Student Affairs on your interest in ownership  
**Amount:** \$1,500 (2 available)  
**Sponsor:** College of Pharmacy Alumni and Community Pharmacists encouraging ownership  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **JONES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

**Criteria:** Support scholarship awards to UF College of Pharmacy students active in Christian Pharmacy Fellowship, ASP/APhA or ASHP, in good academic standing with a GPA>3.0, and demonstrates financial need; with preference for non-traditionally aged student.  
**Amount:**  
**Sponsor:**  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **KAZARIAN SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Good academic standing; financial need  
**Amount:** \$1000  
**Sponsor:**  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **JERRY ELAINE KLIMETZ SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Must be a resident of Broward County; outstanding student; financial need.  
**Amount:** \$500 (amount may vary)  
**Sponsor:** Broward County Association of Pharmacists  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **AL AND BELLE MEYERSON SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Must be a Broward County Resident, academic performance, and financial need.  
**Amount:** \$200  
**Sponsor:** Retired Pharmacists Association of Broward County  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **VICTOR MICOLUCCI SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** Financial need, academic standing and lack of parental financial support.  
**Amount:** \$1000.00  
**Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Rexall Club, Micolucci Family  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **NACDS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Criteria:** demonstrate financial need, be in good academic standing, and have an interest in community pharmacy practice  
**Amount:** \$1,000 (2 available)  
**Sponsor:** National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS)  
**Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Criteria:** Student must be in the last 4 years of an accredited PharmD program with a strong desire to practice in clinical pharmacy in an acute care setting. To apply, students must complete a NFRMC Tuition Assistance Application packet. Contact Human Resources at 352-333-4057 or obtain application materials at [www.nfrmc.org](http://www.nfrmc.org) by selecting "career opportunities," then "spotlight on pharmacy." Finalists are selected and interviewed by North Florida Regional Medical Center. Students may reapply annually. Tuition Assistance is forgiven in exchange for commitment to full-time employment after graduation with PharmD.

**Amount:** \$5000 per recipient (Up to 4 recipients per year may be selected.)  
**Sponsor:** North Florida Regional Medical Center, Gainesville, FL  
**Selection:** North Florida Regional Medical Center

### **REID SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

- Criteria:** Students in the second professional (incoming 3PD) year must demonstrate financial need and academic excellence. If same student has proven academic excellence and still has financial need can be awarded a second year.
- Amount:** \$2,000
- Sponsor:** Dr. and Mrs. William T. Reid
- Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **SHANDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP**

- Criteria:** Applicants must demonstrate financial need, be making satisfactory academic progress towards a degree, and complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Amount:** \$1,000 (8 available)
- Sponsor:** Shands Board of Directors
- Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **TARGET PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP**

- Criteria:** Must be in the third or fourth professional year, good academic standing (2.0 or better), sincere interest in community practice and demonstrate leadership ability in maximizing relationships, effectively communicating and motivating others.
- Amount:** \$2,000
- Sponsor:** Target Stores
- Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **TRAINOR MEMORIAL FUND**

- Criteria:** Reward an outstanding student leader with professional development funds to attend a meeting of his or her choosing - patient counseling related
- Amount:** \$1000
- Sponsor:**
- Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **WAL-MART SCHOLARSHIP**

- Criteria:** Student with high scholastic standing (minimum of a 3.0) in last three years of school, must demonstrate financial need, strong leadership qualities, a desire to enter community pharmacy practice upon graduation and have current/previous experience in community practice
- Amount:** \$1,000 (5 available)
- Sponsor:** Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee

### **YACHBES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

- Criteria:** Student in 3PD or 4PD with high scholastic standing, financial need, strong leadership qualities, must show a desire to enter a community pharmacy practice and has current/previous experience in community pharmacy. Applicant must submit a letter describing his/her experience in a community pharmacy setting.
- Amount:** \$1,000
- Sponsor:** Yachbes Family
- Selection:** Financial Aid and Awards Committee