



## INFORMATION REGARDING MEDPREP TUITION WAIVERS

The MEDPREP program has a limited number of tuition waivers (TW) available for our students, which are awarded each academic term, on a competitive basis –academic performance and financial need are both considered. Students must be in the traditional program to apply. Students in the MEDPREP Master’s Degree programs are not eligible for these waivers, but are strongly encouraged to apply for graduate student tuition waivers through the SIUC Graduate School. Due to the limited number of available TW, eligibility requirements, and retention requirements, waivers cannot be guaranteed for any student in any semester.

Priority for MEDPREP waivers is given to continuing (2<sup>nd</sup> year) students, but incoming students are still *strongly encouraged* to apply – each year a number of TW are available for first-year students, particularly for the first summer (“bootcamp”). The TW covers tuition only – fees are not covered by the waiver. Visit <https://tuition.siuc.edu/> to learn more about tuition and fees.

Students must meet eligibility requirements for the waivers. The requirements to apply for a TW, as well as the requirements to retain a waiver once awarded, can be found on the TW application forms.

To apply for TW, you will need the completed *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) for both the current and the upcoming year (more on that below), and have PDFs of the *Student Aid Report* (SAR) from each year. The FAFSA can be completed at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). Once your FAFSA form is complete, go to “FAFSA Follow-Up,” click “View and Print Your Student Aid Report,” and choose the PDF format to print your FAFSA SAR. Please note that copies of your FAFSA application or receipts that your FAFSA have been received are not acceptable for TW applications – you must have the SAR.

- To apply for a summer waiver, complete the summer TW application, and submit it to MEDPREP with a copy of your current year SAR (SAR for this year).
- To apply for a fall and spring waiver, complete the fall/spring TW application, and submit it to MEDPREP with a copy of your SAR for the upcoming year (SAR for the upcoming academic year). Fall waivers are automatically continued into spring unless a student loses eligibility for the spring semester.
- Because the waivers are financial aid, the SIUC Financial Aid Office **also** requires you to have the completed FAFSAs on file. MEDPREP cannot forward your SARs to the financial aid office. Therefore, **ALSO** send your FAFSA information directly to SIUC via the FAFSA website (click on “Add a School” at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) and follow the instructions to transmit your information to SIUC).

The deadline for applying for both summer and fall TW, including submitting your application forms and appropriate SARs, will be announced by MEDPREP annually, but is generally around the end of spring semester (about May 10). Failure to have everything submitted by the deadline will automatically exclude you from consideration for these awards.