

The Health Equity Scholarship

SCU's Health Equity Scholarship was created to encourage and support students in their pursuit of professional graduate programs in Integrative Health with commitment to promoting health equity. SCU recognizes the historic underrepresentation of communities in the fields of physician assistant, acupuncture, and chiropractic and is committed to supporting students from all backgrounds. This competitive scholarship will benefit students entering SCU's professional graduate programs and promote a new generation of Integrative Health leaders. The number of scholarships and award amounts vary year to year but may cover up to 50 percent of tuition.

The scholarship application period for Academic Year 2021–2022 opens May 2021. Students admitted to the Doctor of Chiropractic, Master of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, Doctor of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, or Master of Science: Physician Assistant programs in Summer 2021 or Fall 2021 are eligible for consideration at this time.

This Scholarship Fund is administered by the SCU Scholarship Administration Committee. This fund is established for the purpose of encouraging health equity and supporting inclusivity by funding up to 50 percent cost of tuition for students in graduate health professions education.

Start Date: the month and year in which the first recipient(s) will take up their award(s). This date is contingent on the Scholarship Committee and fundraising efforts.

- Estimated date for first scholarship disbursement- Fall 2021.
- The goal is to fund up to 50 percent of tuition for the recipient, awarded each trimester, with continued funding dependent on maintaining enrollment, satisfactory academic progress, and all required standards for students in good standing with the University.

Scholarship Fund

The number of awards will be determined based upon the development of the Fund and other factors that affect the availability of funds in accordance with the Scholarship Committee and the Financial Aid office.

Scholarship Recipient Minimum Requirements

- Be a new student enrolled in a SCU Graduate program

- Applicants from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in the integrative health fields will be given priority, although membership in one of these groups is not a requirement.
- Demonstrate leadership and/or significant volunteerism in their school or community.
- Have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 on a 4-point scale
- Needs based scholarship and must have a FAFSA submitted to determine financial need
- Be admissible in one of SCU's graduate health profession education programs as a full-time or part-time student (DACM, MACM, DC, or MSPA)
- Be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in an applicable SCU program (the scholarship will be adjusted for part-time students)
- Apply and submit the required documents:
 - Complete online application
 - Essay (500- 750 words) answering the following: What does health equity mean? Why is it important?
 - Personal Statement: Please submit a personal statement (500- 750 words/4-5 minutes) that describes:
 - How will you be committed to promoting health equity through integrative health?
 - How have your life experiences given you a unique perspective that you will bring to the SCU community?
 - How has your education in integrative health equipped you to bring about the transformation you desire for health equity?
 - Creative responses are encouraged, including a written statement, video, or a combination of both. Please limit your personal written statement to 500 words and video to 5 minutes. Videos should be uploaded to YouTube and the link should be submitted with this application.
 - Two recommendations from community members
- Be selected as an awardee by the Scholarship Committee.

Selection of Recipients

- Recipients will be selected by the Health Equity Scholarship for Students scholarship committee.
- The award notification will be sent in the form of a letter or email from the Scholarship Committee.