Merit Scholarships

The merit scholarships comprise three awards administered under a common application process. The purpose of these scholarships is to acknowledge and aid students who demonstrate high-level scholastic achievement and financial need. Multiple scholarships are awarded per year, pending available funds; all scholarships provide the same level of support. The merit scholarships are as follows:

- **UPMC Endowed Scholarship** - The UPMC Endowed Scholarship was established in 2006 from generous support provided by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.
- **Alumni Endowed Scholarship** - The Alumni Endowed Scholarship derives from the generous donations of alumni of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.
- **Anne Pascasio Scholarship** - The Anne Pascasio Endowment fund was established in 1982 in honor of Anne Pascasio, the Founding Dean of the School of Health Related Professions, today known as the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

**Eligibility:**

- All SHRS students that are enrolled **full time in a degree seeking program as either an undergraduate or graduate.**
- Must be a student **in good standing** at the time of the application.
- High-level scholastic achievement with a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.500 in all coursework completed while enrolled in SHRS.**

**Note:** Your Cumulative GPA will be based on this term, if this is your first term with SHRS or if you were a post-baccalaureate (non-degree seeking) and you are now enrolled as a degree seeking SHRS student.

- International students are eligible to apply if they are **NOT fully funded or do not have a GSR/GSA/TA/TF appointment through SHRS.**
- Applicants can only receive the scholarship once as an undergraduate and once as a graduate student.

**Criteria for Selection:**

- **Demonstrate financial need.** Financial need will be determined by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (OAFSA) based on the filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Note: International students do not submit a FAFSA, you would choose **not applicable** on application.
- **Essay composition.** Your essay should be approximately **250 words** describing a specific event, interaction or educational experience that you had as an SHRS Student and discuss how it has impacted your preparation as a future health professional. For example, it could be an experience from a class as an assignment or something that occurred in the local or global community that significantly influences you.

**Selection of Awardees:**

Awardees will be selected by the SHRS Executive Committee. The amount of the awards will depend on available funds and the student’s financial needs.

Students will be notified in writing if they are selected to receive an award in mid-January.

**You may submit an applications starting on September 18th until November 3rd.**

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