

# SOUTHWESTERN

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## **Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship Terms for Fall 2023 and Prior**

The Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship for Entering First-Year J.D. Students is named in honor of John J. Schumacher, the founder of Southwestern Law School, and Paul W. Wildman, the long-time President of Southwestern Law School.

The following terms apply to the receipt of and continued eligibility for the **Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship for Entering First-Year J.D. Students** ("Scholarship"). The Scholarship is a merit-based award granted only to entering first-year J.D. students. Awarding decisions are based on undergraduate grades, LSAT score(s), letters of recommendation, and other admissions factors.

Once Scholarship awards have been determined, the Financial Aid Office will ensure that recipients receive their funds and will monitor continued eligibility throughout recipients' enrollment at Southwestern Law School. Recipients who have questions regarding Scholarship renewal should contact the Director of Financial Aid. Please note that recipients do not need to request that the Financial Aid Office renew the Scholarship; it will automatically renew as long as the recipient maintains eligibility.

The Scholarship will only be paid for the number of fall and spring semesters, or SCALE quarters/periods, normally required to attain a J.D. degree from Southwestern. The normal length of the on-campus programs are as follows: the Full-Time Day program is three years; the Evening and PLEAS/Part-Time Day programs are four years; the SCALE program is two years.

For the purposes of this document "Full-Time" will represent the Full-Time and "Part-Time" will represent the Evening and PLEAS/Part-Time Day programs.

## Partial Scholarships

1. Partial Scholarships are those that are not intended to pay full tuition. These Scholarships are paid equally over the fall and spring semesters only. For SCALE students, funds are paid equally over the SCALE Program periods.
  - a. Recipients may not use any part of the scholarship to pay for any summer courses or summer abroad, whether they are offered by Southwestern or another law school. In addition, recipients may not use this Scholarship to pay any fees.
2. Partial Scholarships will only be paid for the number of fall/spring terms or SCALE periods normally required to attain a J.D. degree. Also, the scholarship will never exceed the amount listed on the notification letter sent by Admissions. For example, an eligible Full-Time student who received \$75,000 will be paid \$12,500 for each of the six terms, excluding summer courses or summer abroad courses. If this same award were going to a Part-Time student, the student who received \$75,000 will be paid \$9,375 for each of the eight terms, excluding summer courses or summer abroad courses.
  - a. This Scholarship is only paid for fall/spring terms (or SCALE periods) when the student is in attendance at Southwestern. If a student finishes the program early, they forfeit any future Scholarship funds.

## Full Tuition Scholarships

3. Full tuition Scholarships are those that are intended to pay full tuition. These Scholarships are paid equally over the fall and spring terms only. For SCALE students, funds are paid equally over the SCALE Program periods. Recipients may not use this Scholarship to pay any fees.
  - a. Full-Time students: Recipients may not use any part of the Scholarship to pay for any summer courses or summer abroad, whether offered by Southwestern or another law school.
  - b. Part-Time students: Recipients may use the Scholarship to pay for up to a total of 8 units of on-campus summer coursework, including externship units. Recipients may not use the Scholarship to pay for any summer abroad courses, whether they are offered by Southwestern or another law school.
  - c. SCALE students: The Scholarship will pay for all periods, including the summer period and any externship units, but not for any summer abroad courses, whether they are offered by Southwestern or another law school.
4. A full tuition Scholarship will only be paid for the number of terms normally required to attain a J.D. degree from Southwestern.
  - a. Full-Time students would be paid the full flat rate tuition for six semesters, half in fall and half in the spring.

- b. Part-Time students would be paid the full flat-rate tuition for eight semesters, half in the fall and half in the spring, in addition to the eight total units for the summer session(s) as noted in item 3b.
- c. SCALE students would be paid the full flat-rate tuition for eight periods, including the summer session as noted in item 3c. EXCEPTION: SCALE students entering the 2.5 program are allowed to have their Scholarship extended to the extra fall semester for a total of nine periods, though the total award will not exceed the Scholarship awarded at admission.
- d. This Scholarship is only paid for fall/spring terms (or SCALE periods) when the student is in attendance at Southwestern. If a student finishes the program early, the student forfeits any future Scholarship funds.
- e. Recipients may not use the Scholarship to pay for any summer courses or summer abroad, except as noted in items #3b and 3c.

## General Provisions

- 5. Scholarship Amount: Southwestern's policy does not allow any student to receive total scholarships or gift aid in excess of tuition charged. In the event that a student receives other scholarship or gift aid that would result in the total scholarship awards to exceed the student's full tuition, Southwestern reserves the right to reduce the Scholarship so that the annual tuition amount is not exceeded.
  - a. Exception: If a student receives a scholarship not from Southwestern or any of its benefactors, it is considered an "outside scholarship." Any scholarship funds from an outside source will not be counted in the calculation.
- 6. Change of Program: If a student changes programs, there is an automatic change in the per-term or annual amount of the Scholarship. The Dean of Admissions must approve any program changes requested before starting 1L classes. The Dean of Admissions will also modify the Scholarship if the program change is before the start of 1L classes. The Director of Financial Aid will make the Scholarship modification if the program changes after the start of 1L classes. Students who are considering changing programs should consult with the Director of Financial Aid to determine their new Scholarship award amount.
- 7. Leave of Absence: If a student goes on an approved Leave of Absence, the scholarship will be reinstated when the student returns to Southwestern at the approved date or earlier and is still eligible for the scholarship. If the student fails to return at the approved time, the scholarship is canceled with no possibility of reinstatement.
- 8. Leaving School: When a student voluntarily or involuntarily withdraws, is disqualified or takes an approved Leave of Absence, the value of the scholarship is reduced in prorated proportion to the expiration of the Scholarship for that term. For example, if a student leaves the law school with only 25% of the term having expired, only 25% of the Scholarship will be applied toward that student's tuition and the remaining 75% will be

returned to Southwestern's Scholarship fund. Once 60% of the term has expired, the full Scholarship for the term will be applied toward tuition without any proration.

9. Disqualification: Any student who is academically disqualified loses eligibility for the Scholarship with no possibility of reinstatement, regardless of reinstatement, readmission, future class standing or grade point average.
10. Revocation: Southwestern may revoke a recipient's Scholarship at any time because of any breach of the Student Honor Code, pursuant to a determination made in accordance with the procedures for Honor Code violations.
11. Admission Deferral: If a recipient requests and is granted a deferral of admission, the Scholarship is not deferred.
12. Renewal Requirements: The student is required to maintain at least a cumulative 3.000 grade point average (GPA) to renew the Scholarship. This grade point average will be calculated at the following times:
  - a. For Full-Time or Part-Time students, the Scholarship is renewed at the time the official cumulative GPA and class ranks are calculated by the Registrar's Office. This occurs after all Spring grades have been determined.
    - i. If at that time the student does not maintain the required 3.000 cumulative GPA, the Scholarship will be withdrawn for the upcoming Fall and Spring term, but please see section 13 regarding possible reinstatement.
  - b. For SCALE students, the Scholarship is renewed at the time the Official cumulative GPA is determined by the Registrar's Office at the end of Period 4.
    - i. If a SCALE student does not maintain the required 3.000 cumulative GPA and loses the scholarship, the scholarship will be withdrawn for the upcoming term, but please see section 13 regarding possible reinstatement.
13. Reinstatement: A withdrawn Scholarship may be reinstated as follows.
  - a. For students who have lost their scholarship, The Financial Aid Office will review the student's cumulative GPA at the end of the following Fall term, or for SCALE students, following Period 5.
  - b. If the student has not cured their cumulative GPA with that term, the Financial Aid Office will review grades after every term, up to and including the penultimate term. If the student has attained the required cumulative minimum GPA of 3.000, the Scholarship will be reinstated for the following term and moving forward.
  - c. Reinstatement is not retroactive to the previous term or grading period; it is only applicable to the term following the cure and moving forward. For example, if a

student reaches a 3.000 cumulative GPA with their Fall grades after losing the Scholarship with their previous Spring grades, the Scholarship will be reinstated for that following Spring. If the student fails to reach a cumulative GPA in that Fall, but subsequently reaches a 3.000 cumulative GPA with the following Spring grades, the Scholarship would be reinstated in the following Fall term.

14. Appeal: Should any of these rules be found to be ambiguous, contradictory, or in error, the other rules shall remain in force. The Director of Financial Aid will interpret these rules.
  - a. If the student wishes to appeal the Director's decision further, the student may appeal to the Vice Deans.
15. Other: Southwestern reserves the right to replace any or all of the Scholarship funds with any other scholarship funds it chooses so long as the total eligible amount is not decreased.
  - a. The terms and conditions of any replacement scholarship will not be more restrictive than the original Scholarship.
16. Dean's Scholarships: If a recipient of the Scholarship becomes eligible for the Dean's Merit Award or Dean's Academic Leadership Award Scholarship, the recipient will not be entitled to the combination of both scholarships. Rather, the student will be entitled to the higher of the two scholarships. For example, if the Wildman/Schumacher Scholarship award is \$20,000 per year, and then the student becomes eligible for a \$25,000 Dean's Merit Award, the student will receive a total of \$25,000 between the Scholarship and the Dean's Merit Award. In another example, if the recipient's Wildman/Schumacher award is \$20,000 per year, and then the student becomes eligible for a \$10,000 Dean's Merit Award, the student will receive a total of \$20,000 from the Scholarship and no Dean's Merit Award but would still be able to add the Dean's Merit distinction on their resume.
17. Changes: Southwestern reserves the right to amend, clarify or update these rules from time to time.