

UF CVM Scholarships

The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine is fortunate to be able to award approximately \$900,00.00 in scholarships to veterinary students each year.

UF CVM Scholarships are awarded at two time points- the fall and the spring.

Needs Based UF CVM Fall Awards

The fall scholarships are almost entirely awarded based on financial need and account for the majority of funds awarded. Students cannot apply for these awards. Financial need is determined by evaluating the debt load of each student that will be enrolled in the fall. Debt load is provided by the University Office of Financial Aid. The College of Veterinary Medicine needs based determinations do not consider expected contribution of parents or any private loans a student might have. The needs-based scholarships do require a current FAFSA so students should always file a FAFSA to remain eligible. The scholarship money awarded to a student is applied to their account and reduces the amount of federal loan money a student is eligible to borrow. The money is most often equally divided and applied to the student account as tuition and fees are assessed in the fall and spring semesters. Students are notified about their awards through their UF email.

Because upper classmen students usually have higher debt loads, the majority of the needs-based scholarships are awarded to upper classmen.

Other UF CVM Fall Awards

Each summer, there are usually a few UF CVM larger awards that have an application process. The call for applications will be made to any students that might be eligible. The call will be sent from the ASA office via email with the subject line "Scholarship Opportunity". The applications usually require an essay and the award money is applied to the students account prior to loan disbursement.

UF CVM Internal Spring Awards

Spring awards are most often based on merit that will include academic standing or demonstration of leadership or interest and aptitude in various areas of the practice of veterinary medicine. Faculty input is sought for determination of these awards. Some of these awards also require demonstration of financial need. These awards are most often recognized at the White Coat Ceremony and Commencement and are most often awarded to rising 3rd year and graduating students. The funds for these awards are applied to the student's ONE.UF account. If a student has no federal aid, the student will receive the money directly.

External Spring Awards

These awards are from outside parties that want to recognize student achievement. They do not always include a financial award but they do provide a high level of recognition that is recognized most often at commencement. The recipient usually receives a certificate and sometimes other benefits such a subscription to a journal.

Miscellaneous External Awards

A number of veterinary organization and corporations sponsor scholarships at various times throughout the year. The ASA office will notify any eligible student or class about the scholarship opportunity. The application is usually sent by the student directly to the sponsor and money is distributed by the sponsor.

University of Florida Office of Financial Aid Awards

The UF Financial Aid Office often distributes scholarship or grant money or special low interest loans to UF CVM students independent of College input. The determination of the distribution of these awards is based on financial need. Financial need is determined by main campus and includes evaluation of a number of criteria such as expected family contribution and other factors. The UF CVM office of ASA is not notified of these awards.



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