

## **Graduate Scholarship Policy**

- SMWC scholarships will be applied towards the cost of tuition only (unless noted) after federal/state grants are applied. In addition, SMWC awards will be reduced by outside scholarships that are designed to pay tuition only.
- SMWC remission or assistantships will not be applied until the financial aid office receives signed copies of all forms and contracts.
- Scholarships are awarded at the time of admission to SMWC. SMWC reserves the right to adjust scholarship amounts & criteria from year to year; however, the student will maintain the award offered at the time of admission.
- Students must be degree-seeking and at least half-time enrollment status. Amounts are determined by enrollment status.
- Students must adhere to scholarship guidelines to renew the award.
- SMWC awards will only pay for courses required for degree completion. Stand alone concentrations are not eligible for SMWC Scholarships.
- If a student withdraws from SMWC, their awards are not guaranteed if they choose to return.
- SMWC scholarships cannot be used for study abroad courses.
- Graduate scholarships cannot be used for undergraduate campus or Woods Online courses.
- Endowment scholarships (or donor/fundraising awards) will be awarded by donor requests or at the discretion of the advancement/departmental or athletic staff. However, no SMWC award (including endowments) will be awarded beyond the student's direct educational expenses per student's ledger.
- SMWC reserves the right to reduce/replace SMWC awards with other scholarship offers or awards.

## **ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP POLICY:**

- The above policies pertain to all student athletes, along with scholarship/financial aid policies set forth by NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics).
- Athletics offers are determined by the head coach and athletic director. SMWC scholarships (including athletic offers) will be applied towards tuition costs only. Athletics offers include a combination of all SMWC awards and can be reduced or replaced by federal, state or outside award offers.
- Athletes with additional eligibility and pursuing a graduate program will fall under the policies for graduate students. In addition, students utilizing an assistantship cannot receive additional SMWC scholarships and/or athletic offers in addition to the assistantship. Students can only receive a discount for one assistantship position per semester.