

Master of Arts in Bioethics at Wake Forest University Scholarship Guidelines

Financial assistance for the Bioethics Program is available through institutional and federal sources. Applicants are encouraged to explore all avenues available to them for financial support.

INSTITUTIONAL FINANCIAL AID

Institutional financial aid for the Master of Arts in Bioethics and Graduate Certificate in Bioethics programs comes in two forms: merit-based and need-based aid. All scholarships are awarded for a 1-year period for fall enrollees and for 1 semester for spring enrollees. Scholarship renewal depends upon available funds in subsequent years.

Merit-based Scholarships

A select group of applicants will be awarded partial merit-based scholarships. Applicants will be notified of their merit-based award at the time of admission. Students must remain in good academic standing according to the guidelines defined in the Graduate School Bulletin in order to retain the scholarship.

Need-based Scholarships

Master of Arts in Bioethics or Graduate Certificate in Bioethics students who enroll for 4 credit hours or more per semester in bioethics courses may apply for a limited need-based scholarship.

Students wishing to apply for a limited need-based scholarship must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Applicants must report any anticipated outside scholarship support (e.g. contributions/concessions from employers or other sources) directly to the Bioethics Admissions Committee by e-mailing bioethics@wfu.edu. If an applicant is receiving an institutional merit-based scholarship, it will be considered when determining the applicant's need.

The priority deadline to apply for need-based financial assistance is March 1st for fall enrollment and November 1st for spring enrollment. Applications will be accepted after these deadlines, but funds are limited. Once the FAFSA and other funding support information are received, the Bioethics Admissions Committee in conjunction with the Wake Forest University Office of Financial Aid will award need-based scholarships based upon assessed need and availability of scholarship funds. Typically, priority is given to students who lack any other substantial support.

Students must re-apply for need-based scholarships each academic year. If a student's bioethics course load falls below 4 credit hours per semester, the need-based scholarship ceases and the student must re-apply to regain the scholarship.

A student who enrolls for 3 credit hours or less or who enrolls as an “unclassified student” are not eligible for need-based scholarships. Students who receive substantial tuition assistance from an employer or other source will be considered based only on any funds remaining after applications from unsupported students are considered. Need-based scholarships are not available for summer courses (which have reduced tuition).

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA is also required for students seeking federal financial aid, though the process and deadlines described above are for institutional (i.e.WFU) aid. For information concerning federal financial aid, please see http://www.wfu.edu/finaid/grad_apply.html. Federal financial aid is only available to persons in a degree-seeking program.