

HANDLER SCHOLARSHIP

FACT SHEET



The Alan and Jane Handler Scholarship is the University of Rochester's premier scholarship program, providing ongoing financial support and individual academic advising, peer mentoring, and special academic and social opportunities designed specifically for Handler Scholars. Scholars are selected based on academic excellence, outstanding potential to be future leaders, high financial need, and demonstrated mastery of complex challenges.

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

- A four-year scholarship to the University of Rochester in the amount of the cost of attendance.
 - Health insurance is covered if applicable.
 - For students admitted to the Dual Degree in Nursing program, the scholarship will cover the first eight out of ten semesters. Limited funding is available through the School of Nursing for the final two semesters.
- Individual mentoring and academic support.
- Enrichment fund of up to \$5,000 to support other enhancements or needs related to the academic experience.
- Access to a special alumni network made up of past Handler Scholars.

SCHOLARSHIP COVERAGE

Tuition and fees

- The Handler Scholarship (combined with any federal and state grants/scholarships) will cover your tuition and mandatory fees for up to eight semesters or until your first bachelor degree requirements are met, whichever comes first.

Housing and Food

- On campus: Based on your housing and meal plan selection (standard University housing policies apply).
- Off campus: You will have a standard allowance for off-campus housing, based on reasonable costs of living for students in the area. This allowance is for all expenses: rent, utilities, groceries, transportation to campus, etc. If your costs are higher than the allowance for the academic year, you are responsible for covering the difference. Refunds from your student account will be distributed if you have a credit balance on your account once all your financial aid is disbursed and your Rochester student charges are paid.

Books and supplies

- You will have a book grant of \$1,310 per year and can charge your books at the University bookstore. If your books cost more than the allowance, please provide your course registration, required books, prices, and receipts to your financial aid counselor, Dominique Williams Hill, for review and additional funding.
- Unused book grants are not refundable and may not be used for other expenses.

Transportation and personal expenses

- Your cost of attendance for the academic year includes an annual allowance for personal and transportation expenses. Travel is based on the distance of your hometown to campus. This allowance may not be enough to cover every personal expense or trip home, but typically covers arrival to campus and departure at the end of the year.

Required course-related fees

- You must notify Ms. Williams Hill of any fees in order for your awards to be adjusted.

HANDLER ENRICHMENT FUND

The College will also provide a support fund of up to \$5,000 to be used for summer school courses, academic or professional endeavors, study abroad, or needs related to the academic program over the course of a four-year experience. You are also eligible to pursue additional funding through the RIG, REACH and/or Discover programs for summer internships and undergraduate research. Contact Kristine Seewagen to discuss and request funding. Requests must be submitted prior to the last date of the term to be considered.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

- UROS/Flex Account: Funds established as a separate account on your student ID card for use at all dining locations on campus, non-food items on campus (laundry, printing and copying, etc.), and several restaurants and stores off campus.
- Individual fees that are not required for a course, such as dorm damage, parking tickets, library charges, and Dean's fees.
- Funds can only be used while a student is enrolled at the University of Rochester and not for costs at other colleges or universities.

Refunds: Each semester, once all your financial aid is disbursed and your Rochester student charges are paid, you may contact the Bursar's Office to request a refund if you have a credit balance on your account.

Renewal: You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by the University and Federal SAP Policy to renew your scholarship. In addition, you must apply for financial aid annually by March 15 for full consideration.

For additional information, contact:

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