

Dear IUSM Class Members of 2013:

The 2009-2010 academic year financial aid application process begins with your submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application is completed online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> made available January 1, 2009. The following applications below are available at our website, <http://msa.iusm.iu.edu/financialaid/>, under New Students.

*Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) Application for Financial Assistance*

*Indiana Primary Care Scholarship Information and Application (for those interested in applying)*

**The FAFSA is required of all medical students applying for IUSM need-based scholarships and Federal financial aid programs.** The **FAFSA on the Web** is completed each year in January thereafter (through March 10<sup>th</sup> for priority consideration). The FAFSA results are important in establishing a financial aid record for the 2009-2010 academic year and is used to determine a student's eligibility for all need-based IUSM, non-need-based and need-based Federal student aid programs. This includes the *Direct Loan Federal (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) Stafford Loan Programs, Direct Loan Federal Graduate PLUS Loan, Federal Primary Care Loan, Loans and Scholarships to Disadvantaged Students and IUSM financial need-based scholarships*. Regardless of the student's independency status, **parental information is required on the FAFSA by IUSM for financial need-based scholarships. Not providing the parental information will exclude you from being considered for any IUSM financial need-based scholarships as well as the Loans and Scholarships to Disadvantaged Students and the Federal Primary Care Loan.** Parental information is not used for determining eligibility for the Direct Loan Federal (*subsidized* and *unsubsidized*) Stafford Loans and/or the Direct Loan Federal Graduate PLUS Loan.

In filing the **FAFSA**, you will be asked to input the school's U.S. Department of Education Federal Code Number, **001813 (INDIANA UNIV-PURDUE UNIV/INDPLS)**. This school code is applicable to all medical students regardless of where they are assigned in the IUSM Medical Education system. Please guard against using any other school code. The school code will make it possible for IUPUI to receive the **FAFSA** results, establish a financial aid record and process financial aid.

The priority date for submitting the **FAFSA** is March 10, 2009. This should not be viewed as a deadline for the FAFSA. If possible, we recommend that the **FAFSA** be submitted as soon as possible before that date. Students who submit the **FAFSA** by the date will be assured of getting a response from the IUSM on loan eligibility before the May 15, 2009 decision date. Notifications will occur by mid-April via a financial aid notification. Many of our medical students will be using the Direct Loan Federal (*subsidized* and *unsubsidized*) Stafford Loan Program. Additionally, students needing a private loan source beyond the Direct Loan Federal Stafford Loan Program will be using the Direct Loan Federal Graduate PLUS Loan Program.

The IUSM office is located in the medical school and the IUPUI Office for Student Financial Aid Services (IUPUI-OSFAS) is located in the Student Campus Center on the IUPUI campus. Although both offices answer questions regarding the application process for the 2009-2010 academic year, we encourage **all** medical students to only contact our office in the medical school. Our office is positioned to better answer your questions and will use e-mail to communicate with you about the financial aid process. This approach may help in answering some of your most basic questions as we go through the process. Also, specific information

about medical school financial aid programs is contained in the financial aid guide located on our website at <http://msa.iusm.iu.edu> under Financial Aid. To assist in your scholarship search outside the school, there is a section titled “non-school sources of aid” under the **financial aid guide** that contains a list of scholarship programs available outside the medical school. We highly encouraged you to conduct scholarship searches and contact scholarship programs that pertain to you.

Students who are applying for the **Indiana Primary Care Scholarship** are encouraged to submit their application by April 15, 2009. For students accepted after May 1, 2009 and want to be considered for the Indiana Primary Care Scholarship, you will need to submit the application as soon after you are admitted. This program gives preference to Indiana residents who can commit to practicing primary care in an Indiana medically underserved area for the number of years they receive the scholarship.

For need-based scholarship eligibility, submit the **IUSM Application for Financial Assistance** to the school by May 31, 2009. The IUSM Scholarship Committee meets at the end of June 2009 to determine all of the general IUSM scholarship opportunities based on financial need and other criteria. Outside of the FAFSA, this is the only supplemental application necessary to complete your application process with IUSM. For students who may be considering one of the IUSM campuses outside Indianapolis for the first two years, I have provided you with information about scholarship opportunities at those specific sites on the MSA website.

All forms to be turned in to the medical school or IUPUI can be scanned and e-mailed, faxed or directed by mail to **635 Barnhill Drive, MS119; Indianapolis, IN 46202-5120** for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact me at [jespada@iupui.edu](mailto:jespada@iupui.edu).

Sincerely,

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MSA-Student Financial Services