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**RULES and REGULATIONS GOVERNING
B/MD RURAL HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP
2024 – 2025**

1. The B/MD Rural Health Scholarships are offered to an elite group of first-year students from rural Indiana and Illinois who intend to pursue a career as a primary care physician in his/her hometown or a similar rural community. Recipients earned a 3.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale in high school and a 1270 SAT or 27 ACT by December 1. The Rural Health Scholarship is valued at full in-state tuition.

To retain this scholarship, the student must:

- A. Enroll as a full-time student each semester (minimum of 12 credits).
- B. Be in good standing (academic and conduct*) and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 as measured at the end of each academic year for the duration of eligibility.

* Accepting the scholarship authorizes this office to request confirmation of good conduct standing from the Office of Student Conduct and Integrity.

2. Work in earnest toward admission to medical school and enroll in courses each semester consistent with that goal.
3. Students must attend monthly Rural Health student meetings.
4. Students must enroll in Bio 114m and attend Mini-Medical School in the first year.
5. Students must complete summer components as follows:
 - A. First summer: undergraduate research experience
 - B. Second summer: MCAT preparation begins (Student will complete shadowing experience during spring semester of sophomore year. If this is not possible, student will complete shadowing during summer.)
 - C. Third summer: community service experience
6. Students must take a minimum of one practice MCAT exam per year.
7. Students will participate in various service activities and attend lectures and events related to the health professions (to include attendance at the annual Indiana Rural Health Association summer conference).
8. Students must participate in MCAT review sessions.
9. Student will complete the Honors College curriculum.

The B/MD Rural Health Scholarship is good for a total of eight consecutive semesters of enrollment*, or at the point at which a student earns his/her first undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.

* Enrolling in a summer term will count as one of the eight semesters of eligibility. Summer study requires prior approval from the University Scholarship Office.

A student who withdraws or discontinues enrollment for one or more semesters may request renewal for a future semester by writing to the University Scholarship Office before withdrawing. The appeal form is available at indstate.edu/thebranch and can be best found by searching "Scholarship Appeal Form." The appeal should include the reason(s) for withdrawal and the semester he/she is planning to re-enroll. Students who withdraw or discontinue full-time yearly enrollment without submitting a written appeal and getting approval for the reinstatement of the scholarship will forfeit their award. Once the scholarship is lost, it cannot be reinstated.