Instructions:
Please complete the attached application and submit it to Dr. Maria Cuevas by April 1, 2020. Be sure to sign your application before you submit it so the scholarship selection committee may have access to your SU transcript. You may answer questions using a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Who may apply for this scholarship?

The Dr. John W. Foster Pre-Med Excellence Scholarship at Southwestern recognizes students who have excelled in their academic careers at Southwestern and who are working with their faculty advisors on a pre-med track of coursework.

Candidates for the Dr. John W. Foster Pre-Med Excellence Scholarship will be in their junior or senior years, and must have at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA, in order to be considered. Candidates should also be involved in organizations on campus as an indication of their future community involvement when in medical practice. Candidates must meet Southwestern’s requirement for financial assistance.

This scholarship is competitive and is awarded on the basis of merit and financial need. Recipients who also receive need-based financial aid will have this scholarship incorporated into their need-based financial aid package. Students must be making satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes (i.e., 2.0 cumulative GPA, completed at least 80% of all credit hours attempted, and earned no more than 175 credit hours.)

If I meet the criteria above, does this mean I will receive the scholarship?

No. This is a competitive scholarship and the recipients will be selected from the pool of applicants for the scholarship. We anticipate that the pool of applicants will exceed the number of available scholarships. Therefore, not all applicants will receive the scholarship.

What are the amounts of the scholarships and how many are available?

The available funding for the 2020-2020 academic year has not yet been determined. The number and amount of awards will be influenced by the number and quality of applications received.

What is the duration of the scholarship?

The Dr. John W. Foster Pre-Med Excellence Scholarship is awarded annually and is good for one year. This scholarship must be used during the regular academic year and is evenly disbursed between each semester. This scholarship may not be used for summer school or for any type of program, where SU funds may not be used, such as non-SU study abroad programs or the GLCA New York Semester.

Are the scholarships renewable?

The Dr. John W. Foster Pre-Med Excellence Scholarship is awarded for one year only and is not renewable. However, previous recipients may re-apply each year to be considered with all other applicants for that year.

How are the recipients selected?

Applications are solicited through campus-wide announcements, and the SU app. Scholarship candidates will identify themselves. Candidates complete a scholarship application, which is submitted to Dr. Maria Cuevas by April 1, 2020. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee, which determines the recipients of the award. All applicants will be notified of their final status in writing by June 30th.
Application Deadline: April 1, 2020

Name ____________________________________________

Local Address __________________________________________

Summer Address __________________________________________

Primary Phone Number ___________________________Alternate Phone Number __________________________

Primary E-mail Address ___________________________Alternate E-mail Address __________________________

Current Cumulative GPA: __________________________ Current number of hours earned: __________________________

Current Major: __________________________ Minor: __________________________

If you are an undecided major, please indicate your area(s) of academic interest:

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Date you plan to take the MCAT: __________________________ Will you apply to medical school? Yes _______ No _______

Month Year

By signing this application form, you are granting the Premedical Advisory Committee permission to access your academic records.

Please submit the following documents:

1. If you have taken additional coursework, relevant to your pre-med course of study, at another institution(s), (i.e. summer school), please submit a copy(ies) of the transcript(s) with this application.

2. Please submit a résumé indicating the following: any student activities, leadership roles, committees, employment experiences, community service, or any other significant activities in which you have been involved while attending Southwestern University. Your résumé should also include the following: any honors, recognitions, or awards you have received while attending Southwestern University.

3. Please submit a letter of recommendation from a Southwestern University faculty member who can comment on your merits to be a recipient of this scholarship. This should be submitted directly to Dr. Cuevas by the deadline of April 1, 2020.

4. Describe how the experiences listed on your résumé help you pursue your goal of attending medical school. (300-400 words MAX)

5. If there is any additional information you would like the scholarship committee to consider, please attach additional pages to this application. (300-400 words MAX)

Signature Section:

With my signature below, I certify that the information provided above is true and correct, and represents my own work. I authorize the release of my grades and any additional pertinent information to the scholarship committee for the purpose of evaluating my scholarship eligibility. I understand that providing this information is subject to Southwestern’s Honor Code and that any misrepresentation of my information will subject me to possible disciplinary action and disqualify me from this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: __________________________ Date: __________________________