GWay FAQ's

Where do I start when applying for GW Endowed Scholarships?

First, complete the GWay General Application. Answer questions as accurately as possible. After you complete the general application, you will be able to complete the secondary "conditional" application.

Should I complete the Conditional Application?

Yes, this is the application that will help match you with SMHS special preference opportunities. Once you have completed these applications, you may be shown recommended opportunities that you may be eligible for (these may require additional application materials). The recommend list is not all-inclusive and you may still be eligible for other endowed opportunities by completing the general and conditional applications.

Do I need to apply if I was awarded endowed funds in prior years?

Yes. All students are required to complete the general and conditional applications **ANNUALLY** to receive institutional endowed scholarships, even if you have been offered them in the past. This includes renewal funds such as Tauber and Adopt-a-Doc. This does not include need-based aid, partial tuition scholarships, and/or merit scholarships from admissions. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions.

Can I skip questions?

Yes, but it is best to answer as many as you can that apply to you to increase your eligibility for certain opportunities. Be mindful, this is a university wide system and some questions on the General Application may not pertain to the MD program opportunities. Please skip a question if it does not apply to you.

Do I have to complete all essay questions?

No, only complete the essay questions that apply to you. As an example, if you are not a nurse, you do not have to answer the question about working as a nurse.

What if I get an error message?

The system will still allow the application to go through even if it states you have errors with the essay, but it is best to resolve the errors such as word counts. You must consent at the bottom of the General Application to submit.

Can I update my answers?

Yes, you may go back and update the General Application and the Conditional Application by selecting update and resubmitting the application.

How do I apply to specific opportunities?

Some recommended opportunities, based on your applications, will be listed under the opportunities tab. You may need to apply to certain funds, and some will have additional questions while others will not, but you must still select finish and submit to apply to that specific fund. However, many funds that you can be considered for do not require you to "apply to" so don't be alarmed if there are limited recommendations.

Supporting Documents?

If an opportunity requests additional documentation, this will be indicated when you apply to a specific opportunity. This is rare. However, we may reach out directly if additional information is needed.

How will I know if I have been selected for an opportunity?

You will be notified via email by the SMHS Office of Financial Aid if you are selected for an award. If you have already accepted loans, your aid may be revised in accordance with Federal regulation to not exceed your total cost of attendance. The fund status in GWay will update to awarded or requested after an offer is made.

How do I thank the Donor?

Some awards strongly encourage a "thank you" letter sent by the student to the donor. If you receive an award for which a "thank you" letter is encouraged, then GWay will update the award status in your portal as "requested".

What else happens after I am offered an award?

Once you are offered an award you will be notified how to complete the acceptance requirements prior to the fund disbursing. This includes a consent waiver, photo request and a few short answer questions.

How do I revoke permissions to use my profile information for donors?

Send notices to the Office of Donor Relations. Contact donorrelations@gwu.edu with any questions or changes.

What is the deadline for submitting an application on GWay?

Award offers are extended on a rolling basis, so the earlier you submit an application, the more competitive you will be for receiving an award. We therefore encourage students to as soon as possible. For priority consideration please apply by July 31, 2026. The application will still be open until October 15th, but funding may be limited or exhausted.

Who do I contact if I have trouble with the system?

You may send an email to medfinan@gwu.edu with GWAY as the subject. Please provide a screenshot of any issue you are having issues. For log in issues you may contact the Help Desk at 202-994-4948 or ithelp@gwu.edu.

What you absolutely must do to apply:

You **must** answer the Authorize and Release Statement questions 1-3, at the bottom of the questionnaire. (Check that you agree with the statement, too.) See below for the text:

> **Terms and Conditions By submitting this survey, I understand and agree to the following: The George Washington University values the generosity of donors to all areas of need and many donors appreciate hearing directly from individuals who benefit from their philanthropy. My profile may contain a mix of personal and directory information, including my photograph, information about my hometown, major, school or college, class year, and information about the impact of the award based on my experience. Federal law protects my profile from disclosure to third parties except under certain conditions, including upon my written consent. I have read the information above and consent to the release of my profile to the donors who supported me so that they may know their support is appreciated. I also understand that I may revoke my permission at any time by giving written notice to the Office of Donor Relations. Contact donorrelations@gwu.edu with any questions.**