General Students' Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to:

1. Know the cost of attending the institution and the school's refund policy.
2. Know what types of financial assistance are available, including information on all federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs.
3. Request from the Financial Aid Office an explanation of the various programs in your student aid package.
4. Know what portion of the financial aid you received must be repaid, and what portion is grant aid. If the aid is a loan, you have the right to know what the interest rate is, the total amount that must be repaid, the repayment procedures and the length of time you have to repay the loan and when repayment is to begin.
5. Know the deadlines for submitting applications for each of the financial aid programs available.
6. Know the criteria used by the institution to select financial aid recipients.
7. Know what resources (such as you and your spouse's contribution, other financial aid, your assets, etc.) are considered in the calculation of your need.
8. Know how the school determines your financial need. This process includes how costs for tuition and fees, room and board, transportation, books and supplies, personal and miscellaneous expenses, etc., are included in your budget.
9. Know how much of your financial need, as determined by the institution, has been met.
10. Know how the school determines whether you are making satisfactory progress, and what happens if you are not.
11. To have confidential protection of your financial aid records as mandated by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
12. To accept or decline your Financial Aid Award(s).

A student's responsibilities are to:

1. Finance your Health Professions Career and use financial aid for educational purposes, only, while attending Meharry Medical College.
2. Review and consider all information about the school's academic program before you enroll.
3. Pay special attention to and accurately complete your application for student financial aid. Errors can result in long delays in your receipt of financial aid.
4. Intentional misreporting of information for federal financial aid is a violation of the law and is considered a criminal offense subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code.
5. Complete all application forms accurately and submit them on time and to the right place.
6. Know and comply with the deadlines for application or reapplication for aid.
7. Return all additional documentation, verification, corrections, and/or new information requested by either the financial aid officer or the agency to which you submitted your application.
8. Read and understand all forms that you are asked to sign and keep copies of them, and accept responsibility for all agreements you sign.
9. To access your Meharry email account on a regular basis to receive correspondence from the Office of Student Financial Aid Office, or any other department on campus, in a timely manner.
10. To re-apply for financial aid each year.
11. To provide additional documentation, verification, information, or corrections as requested by the Office of Student Financial Aid.
12. To repay any over award of financial aid.
13. To understand the sources of financial aid you receive and whether the aid is a loan, grant or scholarship. If the aid is a loan, you must know to whom repayment is to be made and the terms of repayment.
14. To keep the Office of Student Financial Aid informed of your correct address at all times, during school and after graduation until all loans are repaid.
15. To keep your lender or servicer informed of your correct information including your name, address, and enrollment status.
16. To complete exit counseling if you received a loan from the Office of Student Financial Aid prior to your separation from Meharry Medical College, either by leave of absence, withdrawal, or graduation.

17. To request personal assistance if you have questions or do not understand the information provided to you.