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POLICY FOR RMC RELOCATION BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to establish the ability of a student to request a financial aid cost of attendance adjustment and subsequent increase in federal student loan eligibility. A student enrolled in a regional medical campus may need to relocate to the geographic area of the RMC, resulting in potential additional costs of breaking rental leases and moving expenses. Under federal regulations, the Department of Education, allows schools, on a case-by-case basis, to use professional judgment in adjusting the cost of attendance for educationally related expenses not otherwise included in the cost of attendance for all students.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

Medical students, Career Advisory Deans and staff

Definitions

RMC- Regional Medical Campus is a medical school campus away from the Foggy Bottom GW SMHS. This campus is defined as providing at least 50% of the MD program coursework.

Educationally related expenses- indirect expenses related to the ability to attend courses that are aside from direct costs (tuition and fees).

Enrollment- only students attending courses, or clinical rotations, on a half-time or full-time basis are eligible for participation in federal student aid programs.

Procedures

Students must submit a cost of attendance adjustment form and a copy of their current rental agreement outlining terms of breaking their contracted lease. The COA increase will be determined based on these terms and additional loan eligibility will be offered based on the allowable increase. Moving Expenses may also be requested by submitting the cost of attendance adjustment form and documentation of payment for services and/or receipts for products related to moving activities (movers, truck, tape/boxes/blankets, etc).

The Office of Financial Aid will review submitted request forms and documentation to determine the allowable cost to increase the COA and additional aid eligibility in consideration of Department of Education regulations.

This policy excludes security deposits, purchase of furniture, increase in rent beyond the current academic year allowance for housing/utilities and any other expense not approved by the Office of Financial Aid per regulations.

Who Approved This Policy

The Office of Financial Aid, SMHS

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