## Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Office of Financial Aid Budget and Professional Adjustments

From time to time students may need extra funds for expenses necessary for them to complete their education. It is important to note that additional funds may be granted only for nondiscretionary expenses, allowed by federal regulations. Students must submit a written request and document their need for additional funds. Students should contact the Office of Student Financial Services for more information about policy, procedures and forms. Note that adjustments may be restricted to specific maximum amounts. Professional judgments will be made on a case-by-case bases. "Financial Aid Professional Judgement Policy-<a href="https://bcomnm.org/policy-b9540/">https://bcomnm.org/policy-b9540/</a>"

## Allowable increases may be granted for the following:

**Dependent Day Care-** If you have children or other legal dependents, we may be able to add allowances for dependent care to your Student Budget. Allowances may be used to cover care during periods that include but are not limited to class time, study time, field work, internships, and commuting time. The amount of the allowance will be based on the number and age of such dependents and should not exceed reasonable costs in the community for the type of care provided.

**Special Needs-** If you have a disability, we may be able to add allowances for related expenses. These expenses include special services, personal assistance, transportation, equipment, and supplies that are reasonably incurred and not provided by other agencies. Students with expenses related to a disability will receive a budget addition less than or equal to those expenses related to the disability not covered by other assistance.

Clinical Travel Expenses- Must exceed allotted amount built in to the fourth year student cost of attendance.

## **Restrictions Expenses Not Covered**

The College in compliance with federal regulations must only include education related expenses. Examples of costs that will not be included in the budget are:

- Spousal expenses.
- Moving or relocation expenses for incoming students
- Vehicle purchase or lease.
- Consumer debt, such as monthly credit card, vehicle, or student loan payments.