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Onondaga Nation
4040 Route 11
Nedrow, NY 13120

Greetings to the Citizens of the Onondaga Nation:

Upstate Medical University is expanding opportunities under the new **Upstate Onondaga Promise** Scholarship program at Upstate Medical University. Initially, the Upstate Onondaga Promise was for the College of Medicine; it will now extend to all colleges. There will be the following scholarships:

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Medicine

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Graduate Studies

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Health Professions

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Nursing

Eligibility: Students who are of the Onondaga Nation and reside on the Onondaga Nation or in Onondaga County are eligible for these scholarships. Students must be accepted, attend full time, and remain in good standing with passing grades to continue with the **Upstate Onondaga Promise**. There are no age requirements to receive the scholarship, however the scholarships will be limited to one student per program, per year with the University reserving the right to increase capacity.

Scholarships are for the first degree in that college (MD or MPH degree in the College of Medicine; Masters in College of Graduate Studies; and a Bachelors in the Colleges of Health Professions and Nursing). Further education depends on the availability of funds but is encouraged and usually supported by a salaried position at Upstate.

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Medicine

A student who applies and gets accepted to the Upstate Norton College of Medicine will receive a full scholarship for all four years in the medical school program at Upstate Medical University. The **Upstate Onondaga Promise** includes tuition and housing in our Geneva Tower apartments plus \$5,000.00 per year to be used for books, testing materials, school supplies, or related school expenses.

A student who applies and gets accepted to the Upstate Norton College of Medicine in the Master of Public Health (MPH) full-time program, will receive a full scholarship at Upstate Medical University including tuition and \$5,000.00 per year for school related expenses.

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Graduate Studies

All Upstate PhD students get tuition and a stipend of \$35,000.00 (thirty-five thousand): the **Upstate Onondaga Promise** adds another \$5,000.00 per year for a total of \$40,000.00 each year.

For Master's students, the **Upstate Onondaga Promise** includes tuition and a stipend of \$5,000.00 per year for school-related expenses.

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Health Professions

The **Upstate Onondaga Promise** includes tuition and \$5,000.00 per year to be used for books, testing materials, school supplies, or related school expenses. (The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) is a 2.5-3 year FT program and is covered by this **Promise**)

Upstate Onondaga Promise- College of Nursing

For RN to BSN students, the **Upstate Onondaga Promise** includes tuition plus a stipend of \$5,000 per year. RNs who work full-time at Upstate receive a starting salary of ~\$75,000/ year. If they enroll at least as half-time students (i.e. finish in a maximum of 4 years), the **Upstate Onondaga Promise** will provide (in addition to the salary) free tuition and \$5,000 per year (prorated as necessary).

Process:

Completion of the Onondaga Promise Specific form can be found at: <https://engage.upstate.edu/register/onondagapromise>

Please see the General Admission link: https://www.upstate.edu/prospective/basics/about_applying.php for specific prerequisites for each college.

A letter is required affirming that the student is a member of the Onondaga Nation and lives there or within Onondaga County. This can be emailed to the Upstate Medical Admissions Director at: admiss@upstate.edu

Upstate's Dean of Student Admissions, **Robert Ruiz** can be contacted directly for questions at: RuizR@upstate.edu or at 315-464-4816

Upstate Medical University looks forward to working with the incoming students from the Onondaga Nation to create a healthy partnership between us.

Sincerely,



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