

RESOLUTION 12.2020-18 (A-21)
DECREASING MEDICAL SCHOOL DEBT AND INCREASING
TRANSPARENCY IN COST OF ATTENDANCE TO ILLINOIS
MEDICAL SCHOOLS

ISMS Board Action Taken on 01/30/2021

Adopted Resolution 12.2020-18 (A-21), as amended by the Board of Trustees:

RESOLVED, that the ISMS work with the state legislature and related bodies to make it a priority to reduce the costs of medical school tuition incurred by graduates of Illinois medical schools, without sacrificing current educational quality; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS encourage the written, transparent ~~advertisement~~ disclosure by Illinois medical schools of the overall cost of attendance, including but not limited to, cost of living; educational materials not provided by the school, such as exam preparatory materials from outside companies; examination fees; interview and residency application costs; and other related costs incurred by students over the duration of their education; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS encourage the written transparent ~~advertisement~~ disclosure of all scholarships provided by ~~their~~ an institution, disclosure of ~~their~~ allocation criteria, and ~~their~~ duration; and be it further

~~RESOLVED, that the ISMS encourage Illinois medical schools to provide high quality education to their medical students as their primary priority, and not allow the losses in other departments or entities, such as clinical medicine, to negatively affect the medical school education budget, and for the medical school to be kept financially independent from those entities; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, that the ISMS encourage Illinois medical schools to provide written, transparent information about how medical school tuition dollars are allocated across the medical school budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS forward this ~~write~~ a resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates ~~to advocate for these asks on a national level.~~

34 Council on Education and Health Workforce Recommendation to
35 ISMS Board on 01/30/2021
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37 The author of the resolution, Ms. Aquilla Chase, was available for explanation and
38 comments on the resolution. Ms. Chase stated that the purpose of the resolution is to
39 advocate for strategies to decrease the cost of medical education and to increase
40 transparency in the cost of medical school attendance and how tuition dollars are
41 allocated.

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43 The Council supported the goals of the resolution, and focused particularly on the
44 importance of increasing transparency and accountability related to medical school
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47 The Council on Education and Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of
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