

Scholarship Policy – Washington College

MERIT-BASED TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Selection of Merit-based Tuition Scholarship Recipients

Students who are offered a merit-based tuition scholarship to Washington College are selected using a model designed each year by administrative personnel at Washington College in conjunction with EAB. EAB is the current vendor used to take the model and implement a strategy to assist Washington College in the recruiting process.

Students are sent an award letter with the merit scholarship offer within two to three weeks of being admitted to the college. Students must accept and enroll by May 1 of the current academic year.

Renewal of Merit-based Tuition Scholarships

Policy

Students who receive a merit-based tuition scholarship are required to maintain a 2.5 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) and full-time, continuous enrollment at Washington College. International students who receive a merit scholarship are required to maintain a 2.0 CGPA.

1. Students who leave WC and do not attend another college and are meeting the minimum 2.5 WC CGPA when they leave will automatically be eligible for their merit aid upon return to WC. Financial aid will automatically review their file upon notification of their return to WC. Students who have received need-based aid in prior years will be reviewed upon receipt of the FAFSA for the academic year in which they return. Eligibility for need-based aid will be determined at that point.
2. Student who leave WC and attend another school will not be eligible for their merit and/or need-based aid. Students may appeal and should contact the Financial Aid office to begin that process.
3. Students who are not meeting the minimum criteria will not be eligible for the respective aid upon their return. Students will have the ability to appeal if there was an extenuating circumstance.

Students who are suspended forfeit any merit-based scholarships awarded by Washington College. Suspended students will be considered for all appropriate need-based aid programs if they meet the College's need-based aid application deadlines.

Procedure

At the end of each spring term, students will be reviewed for renewal of their scholarship. Those that are meeting the renewal requirement will be reinstated for the following academic year and sent a letter of congratulations. Those that are not meeting the requirements for renewal are declined in Colleague and sent a letter explaining which criteria they failed to meet. An appeal form will accompany the letter of decline.

A student who does not meet the renewal requirements and either chooses not to appeal or the appeal is not approved, can earn their scholarship back should they be meeting the renewal requirements in a later term. For students in this situation, grades will be checked at the end of each fall and spring and scholarships reinstated, if appropriate. Students will be sent a letter explaining the update in their scholarship and the number of terms remaining in their award.

Merit-based tuition scholarships are available for eight semesters. Students who have exhausted eligibility but have an additional semester to complete their degree can appeal for an additional semester.

Appeals

Appeals are available to any student who was previously in receipt of a merit-based tuition scholarship. Appeals are reviewed by the Vice President for Enrollment Management and the Director of Student Financial Aid. Appeal approvals are not guaranteed and will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who receive an endowed scholarship either through the swap, departmental selection or other, unless stated otherwise in the MOU, are required to maintain a 2.5 CGPA and full-time continuous enrollment at Washington College. Endowed scholarships may or may not be renewable. Student Financial Aid will be responsible for making sure all other requirements on the MOU are met.