University of Pittsburgh

Guidelines for Undergraduate Academic Scholarships

These guidelines govern academic scholarships awarded to undergraduate students by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, Pittsburgh campus.

1. Students who receive an academic scholarship must pay a combined tuition deposit ($200) and PittStart program fee ($100) of $300 postmarked on or before May 1 to confirm their scholarship acceptance. No student, including those receiving full tuition, room, and board awards, may have the deposit waived. If the deposit payment creates an overpayment, excess funds will be refunded to the family after the beginning of the term.

2. To receive payment of an academic scholarship, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student (a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 18 credits per term) in an undergraduate degree program at the Pittsburgh campus.

3. A student must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Pittsburgh during the first fall term after the scholarship is made. Any student who enrolls at another undergraduate school and subsequently transfers to Pitt will not be eligible for the academic scholarship.

4. Scholarships are available for up to eight full-time undergraduate terms. Students who complete their undergraduate program in fewer than eight terms forfeit the balance of their scholarship. Further, School of Pharmacy students entering year three of the professional program (P3) forfeit any remaining scholarship eligibility. Students who complete their undergraduate program in more than eight terms will not receive scholarship assistance beyond the eighth term. Students who enroll for more than 18 credits per term will be responsible for the additional tuition charge.

5. Scholarships are available for payment during the fall and spring terms. One-half of the total scholarship will be applied automatically to a student’s bill each term. A letter from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid will follow to confirm the specific dollar amount of the scholarship credit available for each term.

6. If a student plans to attend school as a regular full-time (12 credits minimum) student during the summer term, the student may request, in writing, that a scholarship payment be made available for the summer term. A payment made during the summer term counts as one of the eight payment terms.

7. Students who enroll in a study abroad program may receive their scholarships during that term, provided they enroll through a Pitt-recognized program as a full-time (12 credits minimum) undergraduate. Out-of-state students participating in an eligible study abroad program who are the recipients of a full-tuition scholarship (including students receiving Chancellor, Faison, Lavelle, Henderson, and Davis scholarships) will have their scholarship adjusted up to the in-state Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences tuition rate plus a 50 percent differential for the term of enrollment in study abroad. In-state students receiving a full-tuition scholarship (including Chancellor, Faison, Lavelle, Henderson, and Davis scholarships) will have their scholarship adjusted to the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences in-state tuition rate for the term of enrollment for study abroad. Contact the Study Abroad Office for further details. No scholarship payments are made during any term in which a student enrolls in a co-op/internship program.

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8. Scholarships are awarded based on information available to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at the time of the award, including intended academic school or college and state of residence as well as other possible variables. The scholarship committee reserves the right to adjust a scholarship award should student information change after the award is made. As actual state of residence for tuition assessment purposes is not determined at the point of admission, an assumption of residency may be made on the basis of the student's home address. Students with out-of-state home addresses at the point of admission who are granted Pennsylvania tuition rates will have their scholarship awards reduced.

9. Students who receive a full-tuition scholarship from more than one University source, including tuition remission provided to University employees or through the Tuition Exchange Program, will have the academic scholarship awarded by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid reduced or canceled. Any student who receives scholarship and/or grant awards from all sources that total more than the estimated annual cost of tuition, fees, room and board (for residential students), and an allowance for books may have one or more of the awards reduced or canceled. For commuting students, an allowance for annual commuting costs will be substituted for room and board expenses.

10. Satisfactory academic progress toward an undergraduate degree is required for scholarship renewal (for more information, visit oafa.pitt.edu/academic-progress). In addition, scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) to remain scholarship eligible. Academic progress and GPA are reviewed once annually at the end of the spring term. Students who meet the minimum requirements will have their scholarship automatically renewed for the following school year. A letter from the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid will be provided each spring, confirming the renewal of the scholarship and the specific dollar amount of the scholarship credit available for each upcoming term.

If a student does not meet the minimum requirements at the end of the spring term, a request for scholarship reinstatement for subsequent terms will be considered if the necessary credit or GPA deficiencies are eliminated. A student’s request for reinstatement consideration must be made in writing and sent to the scholarship committee.

11. Scholarship awards for specific dollar amounts will not be adjusted in subsequent years as the result of a student’s GPA that exceeds the 3.0 requirement. Scholarship awards for a specific dollar amount will not be adjusted in subsequent years as the result of any future tuition increase, with the exception of full-tuition awards.

Any questions concerning Pittsburgh campus, academic scholarships should be directed to the scholarship committee.