



UNIVERSITY POLICY

BUSINESS AND FINANCE POLICIES

Number: 205

Subject: Merit Scholarship/Grant Policy

Covered Individuals: All Domestic Fayette Undergraduate Students

Covered Campus Locations: Fayette Campus

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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PURPOSE

Upper Iowa University believes our learning environment and residential campus are enhanced by the gifts and talents each student brings to the Fayette campus. We offer a variety of tuition scholarships and grants based on demonstrated academic excellence as a means of attracting students to the Fayette campus and retaining them within the campus community. Our merit scholarships/grants are available for five (5) years in length for freshman students and three (3) years for transfer students. Merit scholarships/grants are only available to degree seeking, domestic undergraduate Fayette Campus students and are applied to tuition only.

DEFINITIONS

First Year Students* - Students who enter Upper Iowa University directly from high school regardless of college credits.

Transfer Students* – Students who have attended college post high school graduation and have earned 24 or more graded transferable college credits.

*First Year or Transfer Students – The status of students with a minimum of one full time (12 credits) completed college semester and with less than 24 graded transferable credit hours will be determined by the Admissions Office based on what is most advantageous for degree completion.

Scholarship Details – Student’s scholarship granted stays that level regardless of academic performance

Renewable Merit Scholarships for First Year Students

Trustee Scholarship
Presidential Scholarship

Dean's Scholarship
Achievement Scholarship

Renewable Merit Scholarships for Transfer Students

Alexander Scholarship
Mott Scholarship
Albright Scholarship
Transfer Scholarship

POLICY

- **First Year Students** – Can receive their Merit Scholarship/Grant for up to five (5) years
- **Transfer Students** – Can receive their Merit Scholarship/Grant for up to three (3) years

Eligibility Requirements for a Fayette Campus Merit Scholarship/Grant

- Students scholarships will be prorated based on enrollment
- Students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to receive their merit scholarships/grants.
- Students may use their Fayette Campus scholarships/grants during fall and spring semesters only.
- If a student is awarded a scholarship/grant for Fayette Campus and then relocates to a UIU Center or becomes a full-time online student, he or she will no longer be eligible for a Fayette Campus scholarship/grant for the following semester.
 - If a student transfers to Fayette Campus from a UIU Center or Online Program, he or she may qualify for the scholarship applicable to the guidelines above. The transfer rate scholarship is not available.
- Scholarship amounts are awarded on an annual basis. Students who do not enroll at UIU for both semesters will have their scholarship amounts reduced to reflect their one semester of scholarship eligibility.
- Students may use their UIU scholarships/grants for some full time, fall or spring semester study abroad programs.
 - If a student were to leave the university or change modalities and then come back to the Fayette Campus, he or she will be awarded the same Merit Scholarship amount as was received when he or she was first accepted to Upper Iowa University.
- The Special Upper Iowa Grant and the transfer rate may not be used in conjunction with any form of athletic or competition team scholarship.

Appeal for an Extension or Second Bachelor's Degree

- Students may appeal when they have reached the final year of their Merit Scholarship/Grant or if they are coming back for their second bachelor's degree. An appeal must be submitted one week prior to their enrollment start date. The appeal must be made in writing, addressed to the Director of Financial Aid and include the following documentation:

- o **Appeal for an Extension** - A letter written and signed by the student describing why the student was not able to graduate within the Merit Scholarship/Grant timeframe and what has changed that will allow the student to successfully graduate in the next academic year.
 - o **Appeal for Second Bachelor's Degree** – A letter written and signed by the student describing why the student is going for a second bachelor's degree.
 - o An academic plan.
 - o Additional supporting documents, if appropriate.
- An approved appeal will be awarded for one additional year of a Merit Scholarship/Grant.

CONTACTS

Acting as the Policy Owner, the Vice President for Enrollment Management is responsible for answering questions regarding the application of this policy.

SANCTIONS

Students may lose their ability to receive UIU Merit Scholarships/Grants if they do not adhere to the guidelines listed above.

HISTORY

- January 15, 2018 – Policy was created as a draft
- May 7, 2018 – Recommended by University Policy Committee
- July 11, 2018 – Approved by President's Council
- November 5, 2018 – Revisions recommended by University Policy Committee
- November 7, 2018 – Revisions approved by President's Council
- June 7, 2021 – Revisions recommended by University Policy Committee
- June 16, 2021 – Revisions recommended by President's Council, approved by President