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**Enrollment Management Policy
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING POLICY
MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY**

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Number of Awards

The number of BOG scholarship awards is limited to 2% of the full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment for the fall semester of the proceeding academic year. One-half of the scholarship awards, or 1% of the FTE, will be for students planning to major in science, mathematics, or technology.

Amount of Award

The award is equal to the amount of the basic fee or tuition for in-state students. No fees can be covered by this scholarship and the scholarship does not apply to non-credit courses or graduate courses taken for graduate credit. Recipients are limited to receiving the award for a maximum of eight (8) semesters. Students may elect to use scholarships during any portion of the summer sessions, but each summer session will count as one (1) of the eight (8) semesters of eligibility.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to obtain the recognized educational benefits of diversity, each scholarship candidate will be individually considered based on the following criteria:

Scholarship candidates must be residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Scholarship candidates should rank in the top third of their high school class, or have at least a cumulative grade point average of B+ or better (if they attend a high school that does not provide ranking) and have a minimum score of 1100 (Math + Verbal) on the SAT. If candidates have earned a class rank placing them in the top 10% of their class and possess an "A" average with a solid college preparatory schedule, SAT or ACT scores may be disregarded.

Scholarship candidates will be considered for the BOG Scholarship under one of three (3) categories:

Academics - Performing Arts - Leadership

In addition, the following factors may be considered in the awarding of the BOG Scholarship:

1. Membership in a racial or ethnic group that is underrepresented within the student body;
2. The socioeconomic background of the student;
3. Attendance at a rural or urban high school;
4. Attendance at a historically underrepresented school district or one with a high dropout rate;
5. Participation in extracurricular or community service activities;
6. Demonstrated leadership, artistic creativity, or commitment to a particular field of study;
7. Whether the student overcame substantial economic or educational obstacles;
8. Whether the student would represent the first generation of his or her family to attend a university;
9. Whether the student has bilingual proficiency.

Scholarship awards are not based upon financial need; however, any student who is eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA), must do so in order to receive their award.

Continuing Eligibility Criteria

Matriculated students: Retention of the scholarship is based upon the number of semesters completed and the grade point average earned by each student. Recipients must earn a minimum 2.5 average after two (2) semesters; a 2.75 after four (4) semesters and a 3.0 at the completion on six (6) semesters of study to continue to receive their awards.

Scholarship recipients must be accepted for full-time admission and register each semester for a full class load (12 or more credits). If a recipient drops below 12 credits after a semester begins, the Bursar's office will adjust the amount of the award to correspond with the actual tuition charge. The student's part-time term will be counted as one of their eight (8) semesters of eligibility. If the student resumes full-time status during the next semester, the full award will be reinstated. If a student does not resume full-time status for the next term, the award will be permanently forfeited.

Award and Acceptance Procedure

The award letter is issued to each qualified recipient under the signature of the Director of Admissions. Students awarded a scholarship must return a signed acceptance form indicating that they are aware of the limitations including the dollar amount, the maximum number of terms of eligibility, the minimum grade point average required for renewal, and the FAFSA requirement. Financial Aid office personnel will monitor continuation of awards beyond the first year. A Financial Aid staff member will notify each student regarding their continued eligibility for the award.