



THE UNIVERSITY of  
NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES

## FRESHMEN GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All scholarship offers for incoming students are subject to official confirmation of your test scores, GPA, and high school graduation. If you are a continuing or transfer student, your offer is subject to official confirmation of your GPA, enrollment status, and grade level upon evaluation of all transfer course work.

### ● Retention

For your scholarship to be applied each semester of eligibility, you must meet the rules and regulations indicated below. *(If you meet all of the rules and regulations, your scholarship will automatically renew and will be posted to your account prior to Centralized Enrollment. Failure to do so will automatically result in a forfeiture and cancellation of your award.)*

- For scholarship purposes, the academic year consists of the Fall and Spring semesters. The summer is not included.
- You must enroll and maintain full time hours every semester as of the 15<sup>th</sup> class day of the semester.
- You must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of each academic year.
- You must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above at the midpoint (end of Fall semester).
- You must earn a minimum of 24 hours at the end of each academic year. If you are admitted in the Spring semester, you should earn 12 hours or more and maintain a minimum overall cumulative 2.5 GPA. Bypass, Audit courses and Advanced Placement (AP) credits do NOT count toward this earned hour requirement(s) for this scholarship.
- If you earn an “I” (incomplete), your scholarship cannot be evaluated for retention purposes. You should contact the Financial Aid Office for details.

### ● General Guidelines:

- This scholarship may be used in conjunction with TOPS and other Louisiana state tuition-based scholarships, exemptions or waivers to cover the balance of tuition and eligible fees. Examples of other Louisiana state tuition-based scholarships, exemptions, or waivers are TOPS, National Guard, Employee Exemptions, Academic Common Market and other UNO merit-based scholarships. To avoid an over-award of a student’s tuition, eligible fees, and/or nonresident costs, a student’s Louisiana state tuition-based scholarship, institutional scholarship, exemption, or waiver cannot exceed full cost of the tuition and eligible fees.
- Your award is available for eight (8) semesters or graduation whichever comes first, provided you meet the retention guidelines each semester.
- The intent of the scholarship is to assist the student with one degree in one major. Students may choose to change majors. However, the scholarship semester limit will not be extended.
- If you have an in-state scholarship and you are awarded TOPS at a later date but within the same semester, your award will be converted to pay the balance of your tuition, and reduced to prevent a tuition overaward. If you receive TOPS after the 15<sup>th</sup> class day, contact the Financial Aid Office for detailed guidelines.
- If you are an out of state student receiving an out of state award and later receive in-state status, the out of state award will be removed accordingly. The student will continue to pay in-state tuition.
- Cost of attendance (COA) is defined as “an estimate of the student’s educational expenses for a period of enrollment” pursuant to Title IV. This definition and the COA components are included in the LOSFA TOPS guidelines. A student’s total award package cannot exceed the total Cost of Attendance (COA). When combined with TOPS, waivers, fee exemptions, state aid, federal financial grants or loans, or Federal College Work Study Program and all other aid, university scholarships should not exceed the “cost of attendance.”

The University of New Orleans reserves the right to modify the policy that governs these awards.

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