

MSU Academic Honor Scholarships

A. Definitions:

1. To qualify, students must be from the United States or Canada.

B. Number of scholarships:

1. Honor Scholarships are offered during the recruitment process for incoming students, and available to all students who qualify and successfully complete an application.
2. Honor scholarships may be combined with Comet Athletic waivers, Cultural Diversity waivers and with other athletic or academic awards.
3. Total financial aid (Scholarships, waivers, grants, loans, etc.) cannot exceed the student's overall cost of attendance

C. Eligibility Requirements:

1. New students must meet academic eligibility criteria established by the Enrollment Center and require high school and/or college cumulative GPA requirements. These academic criteria require a minimum high school or college cumulative grade point average of . 2.00, based on receipt of final official transcripts. Scholarships will not be adjusted retroactively after the last day to drop or add a class.
2. If a student fails to meet the admission and enrollment requirements or fails to complete all scholarship requirements by the last day to drop or add a class, the scholarship offer may be withdrawn.
 - a. Scholarship requirements include completion of the application in the scholarship portal, completion of a short essay, letter of recommendation, and final transcripts. Failure to do this by the last day to drop or add a class may result in revocation of the award.
3. Exceptions may be made for students actively in contact with MSU with plans to register. Students who drop below full-time status at any point in the semester may be required to repay the amount of the scholarship.
4. Students receiving a renewable scholarship must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 to be eligible for a renewal of an Honor Scholarship.
5. Students receiving a one-year offer must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA to retain the scholarship for the spring semester.

6. Students receiving the Honor Scholarship must live on campus and have a meal plan. Appeals may be made to the Dean of Student Affairs.

D. Application Process:**E. Selection Process:**

1. Selections of new students who are to receive an Honor Scholarship will be made by staff of the Enrollment Center based on established academic criteria.
2. Current students who have received a renewable Honor Scholarship will automatically receive their renewal if they meet established academic performance criteria.

F. Award Process:

1. Award selections for new students will be forwarded by the Enrollment Center to the Financial Aid Office for inclusion in the student's financial aid package.
2. Award selections for returning students will be forwarded to the Financial Aid Office by the Enrollment Center after verification that the student has met academic renewal criteria and that they are enrolled full-time.
3. Once the Financial Aid Office verifies that the Honor Scholarship and other aid does not exceed an individual student's cost of attendance, the scholarship will be applied to the student's account by the Business Office.
4. Each year, the Enrollment Center and the Dean of Student Affairs will review the Honor Scholarship program to verify the proper use and accuracy of previous awards and determine their effectiveness as a recruitment and retention tool. Recommendations for changes in the incremental amounts of awards for the following year will be forwarded to the Cabinet and changes in advertised eligibility and award criteria will be established.

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