



UNIVERSITY POLICY

BUSINESS AND FINANCE POLICIES

Number: 205

Subject: Merit Scholarship/Grant Policy

Covered Individuals: All Domestic Undergraduate Students

Covered Campus Locations: Fayette Campus

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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 scholarships and awards based on demonstrated academic excellence as a means of increasing the numbers of these individuals on campus who create such great value for our campus community. Our merit scholarships/grants are available for five (5) years in length for freshman students and three (3) years for transfer students. We value these students' contributions to the campus community. Merit scholarships/grants are only available to domestic undergraduate Fayette Campus students.

DEFINITIONS

First Year Students - Students who enter Upper Iowa University directly from high school or with less than 24 semester hours of graded transferable college credit or ACE credit will be considered for admission based on their completion of high school course requirements and college courses attempted (referencing the academic catalog).

Transfer Students – Students who have earned between 24 and 48 graded transferable college credits will be considered for admission based on their college credentials from all institutions. These students may qualify for one of the following scholarships: Alexander, Mott, Albright, Opportunity and PTK scholarships.

Transfer Rate - Students who have earned over 48 graded transferable college credits will be eligible for the discounted tuition rate. This is a set tuition rate.

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 must enroll full-time to receive their scholarships/grants.
- Students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to receive their merit scholarships/grants. This applies to all Fayette Campus undergraduate students.
- 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 one of the Fayette Campus Transfer Merit Scholarships/Grants.
- Annual scholarship/grant awards are made assuming students will attend both fall and spring semesters at UIU's Fayette Campus. 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. Contact the Center for International Education for more details.
 - Students may receive renewable scholarships/grants for a maximum of five years for first-year students or three years for transfer students. Note: The years do not have to be consecutive.
 - 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.
 - If a student goes below full-time status due to only having a few more credits to complete before graduating, the Merit Scholarship amount will be pro-rated and adjusted, based on the amount of credits left to obtain (this must fall in the 3 to 5 year eligibility period for the Merit Scholarship – please see two bullet points above).
- The Special Upper Iowa Grant and the transfer rate may not be used in conjunction with any form of athletic 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 prior to Fall Semester of the year they would like the extension to begin. The appeal must be made in writing, addressed to the Office of Enrollment Management and include the following documentation:
 - o Completed Merit Scholarship/Grant Appeal Form
 - 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.

- Students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), as defined by UIU policy 200, Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy, to receive their merit scholarships/grants. This applies to all Fayette Campus domestic undergraduate students.

CONTACTS

Acting as the Policy Owner, the Vice President of 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

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- November 5, 2018
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