

Institutional Scholarships and Grants Policy and Procedure Washington College

MERIT-BASED TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who are offered a merit-based tuition scholarship to Washington College are notified at the time of admission. Merit scholarships are awarded for eight semesters and require full-time enrollment.* A 2.5 cumulative GPA is required for renewal.

Students who need to take a leave of absence from Washington College for one semester and are in good academic standing will have their scholarship automatically reinstated when they return to Washington College. Students who are away from Washington College for more than one semester will need to re-apply for admission and will need to appeal for the return of their merit aid. Students who transfer to another institution and decide to return to Washington College will also be required to re-apply for admission but are not eligible to retain their merit aid. . Students are requested to speak to their financial aid counselor for additional information. Students who are suspended forfeit any merit-based scholarships awarded by Washington College.

At the end of each spring term, students will be reviewed for renewal of their scholarship. Those that are meeting the renewal requirement will be reinstated for the following academic year. Those that do not meet the requirements for renewal are sent a letter of explanation and an appeal form.

A student who does not meet the renewal requirements and either chooses not to appeal or the appeal is not approved, can earn their scholarship back should they be meet the renewal requirements in a later term. For students in this situation, grades will be checked at the end of each fall and spring. Students will be sent a letter explaining the update in their scholarship and the number of terms remaining in their award.

HONORS FELLOWSHIPS

Honors fellowships are selected by the Office of Admissions and are awarded for eight semesters and require full-time enrollment.* Students who receive one of Washington College's Honor Fellowships will be required to maintain a minimum GPA (see the college's webpage for specific information). The GPA will be reviewed at the end of each spring semester. Those that do not meet the requirements for renewal are sent a letter of explanation and an appeal form.

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NEED-BASED GRANTS

Washington College offers need-based grants as part of the financial aid offer. To be considered, a student must complete the FAFSA and have financial need. Need-based grants are awarded for up to eight semesters and require full-time enrollment.*

Students receiving a need-based grant will be required to maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, complete the FAFSA each year and have remaining unmet need. The amount of need-based grants can vary each year depending on the results of the FAFSA. The GPA will be checked at the end of the spring semester. Those that do not meet the requirements for renewal are sent a letter of explanation and an appeal form.

Beginning in fall 2023, international students will be required to submit the **ISAF**A (International Student Application for Financial Assistance) to be considered for need-based aid.

DONOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who receive a donor scholarship either through the swap, departmental selection or other, unless stated otherwise in the MOU, are required to maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and maintain full-time continuous enrollment at Washington College. Donor scholarships may or may not be renewable. Student Financial Aid will be responsible for making sure all other requirements on the MOU are met.

GIFT AID MAXIMUM AMOUNT

Effective with the spring 2025 semester, the total amount of federal, state and institutional scholarships and grant aid (gift aid) cannot exceed the amount of direct costs. Institutional aid may be reduced should the total amount of aid exceeds the direct costs. This excludes loans and private scholarships.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Institutional aid can only be applied to programs that are Washington College affiliated. If a student chooses to attend a program that is not affiliated with Washington College, the student must withdraw from the college. The student may reapply for admission after completing the program.

APPEALS

Appeals are available to any student who was previously in receipt of a merit-based tuition scholarship, honors fellowship, or need-based grant. Appeals are reviewed by the Scholarship Appeals Committee. Appeal approvals are not guaranteed and will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

*An exception to full-time enrollment will be allowed in either of the following two scenarios:

1. Students are in their final semester and need less than full-time enrollment to complete their program. Students must have verified this with advisor and registration office.
2. Students are in their final semester but wish to divide up their remaining credits and take them over two semesters. Students can receive a prorated amount of aid for each semester so that the total amount does not exceed the value of the original award. Some donor scholarships are excluded from this exception.

Students must contact the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine eligibility of either of the above two exceptions.