

Academic Honor Scholarships

Honor Scholarship preference will be given to students from North Dakota and Minnesota. The funds will be used to recruit and retain high academic students.

A. Definitions:

1. To qualify, preference will be given to residents of either North Dakota or Minnesota.

B. Number of scholarships:

1. There are no specific limits to the number of Honor Scholarships that can be awarded in any given year. However, Honor scholarships are limited to the amount of money allocated from the Foundation Office each year. The amount of the scholarship may vary and will generally be awarded in increments, ranging from a minimum amount of \$500 per academic year up to a maximum amount of \$2500 per academic year up to four years as determined by student's cumulative grade point average.
2. Honor scholarships may be combined with Comet Athletic waivers, Cultural Diversity waivers and with other athletic or academic awards but may not be combined with International Student waivers.

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 generally require a minimum high school or college cumulative grade point average of 3.25.
2. To be eligible for an Honor Scholarship, a new student must be admitted by February 15th and enrolled full-time by July 1st of the current academic year. If a student fails to meet the admission and enrollment requirements, the scholarship offer will be withdrawn. 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.
3. Current students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 to be eligible for a renewal of an Honor Scholarship if they were offered a multi-year offer. To be eligible for an Honor Scholarship, a current student must be enrolled full-time. Students who drop below full-time at any point in the semester may be required to repay the amount of the scholarship.
4. Students receiving an Honor Scholarship will be monitored each semester and those not meeting minimum academic requirements (3.0 cumulative GPA) will be placed on probation for one term. Failure to meet the minimum cumulative GPA requirements after the second term will result in termination of the award.

D. Application Process:

1. There is no application process for new students to receive an Honor Scholarship. Enrollment Center staff will determine eligibility by date of application for admission to Mayville State University and make award offers as part of the recruitment process. Students offered an Honor Scholarship will have a specified time within which to accept or decline this award.

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 multi-year Honor Scholarship will automatically receive a renewal of their scholarship 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 financial aid budget, the scholarship will be applied to the student's account by the Business Office.
4. Each year, the Enrollment Center Assistant Director 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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