Honors College Scholarship

Terms of Award

Fall 2017

Each year students are offered and accept The College at Brockport's Honors College Scholarship. The College makes the offer of this award to qualified students with the offer of admission to the Honors College. The scholarship is based on high school average, SAT or ACT scores and acceptance into The College at Brockport Honors College as a freshman. The Terms of Award in order to receive and renew this scholarship are listed below. Any questions regarding the Honors College or scholarship eligibility should be directed to Dr. Donna Kowal at (585) 395-5400 or by email to dkowal@brockport.edu. Students with questions regarding renewal of the Honors College Scholarship or the policies and procedures listed below should contact Adam T. Standish at (585) 395-5414 or by email at astandis@brockport.edu.

Nature of Award

The Honors College Scholarship Program consists of a waiver that is applied to room expenses. This non-tuition award will be credited to the recipient’s account to assist with coverage of this on-campus resident expense.

Confirming Eligibility Requirements

Final high school transcripts noting date of graduation are required and failure to meet the requirements for your scholarship may cause you to lose eligibility for the scholarship. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions should receive the transcripts no later than two weeks prior to the semester of enrollment. Continued eligibility in terms of GPA and SAT/ACT, if applicable, will be checked by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Failure to provide final transcripts before the starting date of the fall semester will result in the cancellation of the award. Please check with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to make certain that these final transcripts have been received.
On Campus Residency

Students receiving an Honors College Scholarship are required to reside on campus in the residence halls (double occupancy room) and select a campus meal plan during the fall and spring semesters, and all subsequent semesters that they receive the scholarship. Failure to do so will result in the immediate loss of the scholarship for the current and all subsequent semesters. However, if at any time an Honors student chooses to live off-campus, they still continue to receive an iPad and parking pass as long as they remain in The College at Brockport Honors College.

Please note: Honors Scholarship students are eligible to reside in the student townhomes. However, students will not qualify for their full award and will only receive a $1,000.00 credit ($500 per semester) towards the student townhome fee and will be financially responsible for the balance of the townhome fee.

Campus Involvement

It is expected and encouraged that all scholarship recipients will become involved in campus activities and events. Honors College Scholarship recipients are expected to serve as role models for their peers and actively participate in and contribute to campus life through the various clubs and organizations, the Brockport Student Government, in the residence halls or by other means.

Full Time Study Status

All scholars must maintain full-time status (minimum 12 credits per semester) for the fall and spring semesters while receiving a scholarship. Anyone taking or reducing their academic load to less than full-time study will lose eligibility for the scholarship for the current and all subsequent semesters. Although 12 credits are considered to be full-time status, all scholarship recipients are encouraged to take a minimum of 15 credits per semester, as they are required to complete a total of at least 30 credits during the fall and spring semesters in order to be eligible for the renewal of their scholarship for the subsequent academic year. Credits taken at The College at Brockport during the summer intersession or courses taken elsewhere will not be considered toward meeting this credit requirement.

Winter Session: Courses taken during the winter session may be used in meeting the 30 credit requirement for the academic year.

Grade Point Average

All scholars must maintain an institutional GPA of at least 3.25 for the renewal of the scholarship for the next academic year. This criterion will be reviewed annually after the spring semester, at which time all scholars must have a minimum 3.25 institutional GPA. If an institutional GPA falls below a 3.25 after the fall semester, scholars will have the spring semester to bring their institutional GPA back up to at least a 3.25.

Continuous Attendance

Scholars are expected to maintain continuous attendance for the fall and spring semesters for the duration of their scholarships. Those separating from the College or taking a leave of absence will forfeit eligibility for the scholarship and may not regain eligibility if they return in a subsequent semester.
Overseas Study/Washington Semester/Public Service Internship/Disney Semester

A number of students may wish to take advantage of an overseas semester of study or take part in the Washington, Public Service or Disney semester programs. Students may not receive a scholarship for a period of Overseas, Washington, Public Service or Disney study. Their scholarship may be reinstated upon return providing all other requirements have been met. This exception will be granted for only one semester of Overseas, Washington, Public Service or Disney study.

*Note: This exception does not apply to a semester of study taken through another institution.*

Function Attendance

There may be occasions where Honors Scholarship recipients are invited or required to attend functions such as receptions, honors and award ceremonies, focus groups, etc. They are encouraged to attend these events and are required to attend mandatory events. Absences from mandatory events must be excused prior to the events. Excused absence requests should be submitted to Dr. Donna Kowal, Director of the Honors College.

Filing of Financial Aid Applications

It is expected that all scholars annually apply for federal and state aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other required forms by the published recommended deadlines.

Coordination with Other Financial Aid

In no case may a student's total aid exceed the cost of attendance figure as calculated by the Financial Aid Office. In addition, if federal self-help aid (federal loans or work-study employment) is received, total aid may not exceed the student's documented financial need as displayed on the student's financial aid award letter. If an overaward does occur, it will be necessary to reduce offered aid by first reducing federal self-help aid (loans or employment) and then reducing the Honors Scholarship if necessary. Receipt of additional aid after the initial award letter has been sent may result in an aid adjustment.

Honors Scholars as Resident Assistants

Each year there are Honors Scholarship recipients that are hired as resident assistants in the residence halls. These students will receive a reduced Honors Scholarship valued at $1,000 annually during the semesters they serve as a resident assistant. This $500 per semester will be in addition to the room waiver and partial board received as a resident assistant. The full amount of the scholarship would be reinstated if the student ceases to be a resident assistant, providing all other eligibility criteria have been met.

Taxability of Scholarships

The Federal 1986 Tax Reform Act affects all scholarships and fellowships, including New York Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Teach, institutional grants, scholarships or fellowships, which are to be considered as federal taxable income. Student loans are not considered income for federal tax purposes. Matriculated students may exclude amounts used for tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction. Honors College Scholarships are applied to room expenditures and as such are considered to be taxable income. It is very important that students keep receipts to document any excludable expenditures. The law places upon the student the obligation to determine the taxable amount of their scholarships and
fellowships by offsetting the above allowable expense against the total of all grants received. Domestic students please contact the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or your tax preparer if you have any questions.

**Conduct**

It is expected that all Honors Scholarship recipients will adhere to the [Codes of Student Social Conduct](#) and all College policies. They are expected to foster integrity, civility and justice. Scholarship students subject to disciplinary action, either due to academic misconduct (e.g., cheating, plagiarism) or student behavioral conduct actions, may lose their scholarship eligibility.

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