



Title: #VI-6A. Policy for Awarding West Virginia University at Parkersburg Undergraduate Scholarships

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg is eligible for tuition and registration fee waivers equal to five percent (5%) of the previous fall term FTE.

Honor Scholarships

The following area high schools and vocational schools will be encouraged by the Office of the Dean of Students to submit applicants for Honor Scholarships:

Belpre High School
Calhoun County High School
Doddridge County High School
Marietta Senior High School
Parkersburg Catholic High School
Parkersburg High School
Parkersburg South High School
Ravenswood High School
Ripley High School
Ritchie County High School
Roane County High School
St. Marys High School
Tyler Consolidated High School
Williamstown High School
Wirt County High School
Arch Moore Vocational-Technical School
Gilmer-Calhoun Vocational-Technical School
Pleasants-Ritchie-Tyler Vocational-Technical School
Roane-Jackson Technical Center
Wood County Vocational-Technical School

Applicants will be nominated by the counseling staff of the aforementioned schools. The criteria for Honor Scholarships is: (1) 20 ACT composite (or 22 ACT Enhanced) or (2) 3.2 cumulative grade point average from your official high school transcript on a 4.0 scale, and (3) participation in extra-curricular activities.

Nominations for Honor Scholarships which are not received in the Office of the Dean of Students by May 1 will be forfeited for that year.

Scholarships for Employees

Up to four percent of West Virginia University at Parkersburg Undergraduate Scholarships shall be available each year for full-time employees. The qualifications will be the same as for an academic scholarship.

Academic Scholarships

Academic Scholarships will be all of those remaining after renewals, employee, and honor scholarships are awarded. Of those scholarships remaining, three will be allocated to each of the four division chairpersons (Business, Humanities, Natural Science/Math and Social Science) and two department directors (Nursing and Education) who report directly to the Dean of Academic Affairs. The division chairperson for the Applied Technology Division will also be allocated three scholarships. Each of these individuals may nominate students for scholarships at his/her discretion.

Two Plus Two Scholarships

All WVU-P Scholarships are for a maximum of two years and usually students can only receive scholarships for the equivalent of two years while attending West Virginia University at Parkersburg. However, each academic year, the Scholarship Committee may award a limited number of scholarships to students fully admitted in a WVU-P four year degree program. In these cases students may receive a two year scholarship (for the junior and senior years) even though they may have previously received a two year scholarship for their freshman and sophomore years.

To be eligible for a second (Two Plus Two) scholarship students must be admitted in a four year degree program, maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average and meet the pertinent requirements in the "full-time" or "part-time" sections that follow.

Full-time:

To qualify for a full-time academic scholarship, a student must have a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or a 20 ACT composite (or 22 composite on the Enhanced ACT). This criteria includes new students (those who have completed fewer than 12 WVU-P credit hours). For college students who have completed WVU-P 12 credit hours, the qualification will be a 3.2 cumulative grade point average. In certain cases where previous college work considerably reduces a cumulative grade point average, the Scholarship Committee may choose to consider the consistency of recent grades. Applicants must be recommended by their division chairperson by April 15. Nominations which are not received in the office of the Dean of Students by April 15 will be forfeited for that year and awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. To apply, the student should pick up a Scholarship Application in the Financial Aid Office and submit it along with an autobiographical statement. Supporting documentation--a transcript or ACT record to verify qualifications must be on file in the Records Office. To renew a full-time scholarship, a full-time student must complete 12 credit hours per semester and maintain per semester a grade point average of 3.0. The scholarship is for a maximum of four (4) semesters.

Part-time

A part-time scholarship may be granted to students who are attempting up to 11 credit hours. A scholarship will be granted for a maximum of 72 credit hours or 8 semesters whichever comes first. The qualifications for a part-time scholarship will be the same as a full-time academic scholarship.

Part-time scholarships are not automatically renewed each semester. Renewal of part-time scholarships will require reapplication by the student. The student must have received a 3.0 grade point average in the previous semester and completed the number of hours funded the previous semester. In the event a scholarship recipient is unable to continue his education on a continuous semester basis, he must reapply as a new applicant.

If a part-time scholarship recipient wishes to apply the next semester for more than 11 hours, the student will be considered as a new applicant for a full-time scholarship and must meet the criteria thereof.

Final approval of scholarship selection will be by the Scholarship Committee. Any surplus scholarships will be distributed at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. Scholarships that become available for Spring Semester will also be awarded using the above qualifications by the Scholarship Committee. The Financial Aid Committee will be responsible for dispersing scholarships to general education majors.

Note: Up to eight percent of the scholarships may go to out-of-state students, but out-of-state residence itself will not be a determining factor in awarding scholarships. However, if more than eight percent of the scholarships go to out-of-state renewals, it may be a factor in declining to award a scholarship.

Withdrawals

If a recipient of a WVU-P Undergraduate Scholarship withdraws from school within the first two weeks of classes (90% refund period), the scholarship may be awarded to another eligible applicant. Financial Aid Office personnel will promptly notify the Business Office of the second award. The Business Office will process a 100% refund to the new recipient. Only the new recipient will be included in the report of tuition waivers to the Board of Trustees each semester.