

# THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2014-2015

**CHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE:** (Approved by the Faculty Senate on December 12, 1995)  
The University Scholarship Committee shall function as the Faculty Senate charge dictates as listed in the Faculty Senate Structure of Reporting Committees, Faculty Senate Bylaws - Chapter II.K.

*It is the function of this committee to encourage, develop, and evaluate TAMU scholarship programs. The University Scholarship Committee assisted by the Athletic Council, also hears appeals of students whose Athletic grants-in-aid are not renewed or have been reduced. In the conduct of these functions, the committee shall be assisted by the Athletic Council and any Faculty Senate committee on minority conditions, each of which may be called on to suggest criteria for granting appropriate scholarships and awards.*

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE:** The Faculty senate appoints the members of the committee.

TAMU students can receive scholarships, fellowships, grants or awards from:

1. Scholarships & Financial Aid
2. Office of Graduate Studies
3. Office of the Commandant - Corps of Cadets Office
4. International Student Services
5. Athletic Office (grant-in-aid)
6. Colleges
8. Departments
9. TAMU Offices and Organizations

**GUIDELINES FOR THE AWARDING OF COMPETITIVE  
SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS FOR  
NON-RESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION**

1. The scholarship/fellowship must be competitive. A sufficient number of applicants, including Texas residents, have to be given equal consideration to ensure competition for the award. The same criteria must be used in evaluating both resident and non-resident applicants for the award. The award must be at least **\$1,000** during the academic year or summer. The maximum number of out-of-state waivers must not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of students registered for the same semester of the preceding year. The five percent refers only to the waivers awarded/approved by those that this committee represents.
  - a. Non-resident recipients of the scholarships/fellowships listed below shall qualify for a non-resident tuition waiver. This *automatic list* of awards continues to qualify students for out-of-state tuition waivers as long as the students are in *good standing* with the university, which includes having over a 2.0 grade point average for undergraduates and a 3.0 GPA for graduate students. There is no grace period if students fall below the minimums for continuing the waiver.

Academic Achievement Scholarship  
Academic Excellence Award  
Academic Incentive Award  
Aggie Leader Scholarship  
Association of Former Students Graduate Merit Fellowship  
Athletics Scholarship  
Century Scholarship  
Collegiate Achievement Award  
Corps 21  
Dependent Children of Faculty/Staff and Support Staff Scholarship  
Distinguished Achievement Award  
Endowed Opportunity Award Scholarship  
General Rudder  
Aggie Transfer Scholarship  
Lechner Scholarship  
McFadden Scholarship  
National Achievement Scholarship  
National Merit Scholarship  
Opportunity Award Scholarship  
President's Achievement Scholarship  
President's Endowed Scholarship  
Regents' Scholarship  
Study Abroad Scholarship  
Sul Ross Scholarship  
Veteran Scholarship

- b. Scholarships/Fellowships not included in the "automatic list" will also qualify for a non-resident tuition waiver provided that the TAMU scholarship, fellowship, grant or award is at least **\$1,000**, is **competitive** and the criteria listed in (b.1) or (b.2) below are met. TAMU scholarships can be *stacked* to equal \$1000, as long as the scholarships meet the criteria in Section 1.

**(1) Undergraduate**

- a. Undergraduate: 2.75 or better GPA.
- b. Incoming freshman and incoming transfer: New incoming freshman and incoming transfer students do not have a GPR requirement at the time of the award; the GPR requirements apply after the student has been enrolled when the appropriate GPR checks are scheduled.

**(2) Graduate and Professional Degree Programs**

- a. Incoming students in the first semester of graduate/professional enrollment must be admitted to graduate studies to pursue a master's program, doctoral program, or professional degree program. New graduate students do not have a GPR requirement at the time of the award; the GPR requirements apply after the student has been enrolled when the appropriate GPR checks are scheduled.
- b. First time graduate/professional students after their first semester must maintain a 2.50 overall grade point average in order to receive the non-resident tuition waiver for the following semester. After their second semester is completed the student must maintain a 3.0 overall grade point average.
- c. Current graduate/professional students: minimum 3.0 overall grade point average on all TAMU course work that applies to current program.
2. Students qualifying for in-state tuition under criteria (1.b.1) or (1.b.2) above must be selected by a university, college or departmental committee. Scholarships & Financial Aid verifies receiving proof of meeting Selective Service registration requirements or being exempt each academic year per the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Rule 21.2263. The waiver will automatically be posted to the students account if scholarship is posted before the 12<sup>th</sup> class day. Final approval is given by the Scholarships & Financial Aid office. An outside donor may be consulted for input by the college or departmental scholarship committee but the outside donor may not make the final selection. There shall be no grace period if students fall below the minimums for continuing the waiver. Exceptions to the requirements stated above must have the written approval of the University Scholarship Committee prior to the awarding of the scholarship and waiver.
3. Scholarship offer notification should include the duration of the non-resident waiver. *For example, "You have been awarded a competitive scholarship which makes you eligible for a non-resident waiver for the academic year."* A competitive scholarship awarded for a fall and spring (AY) semester, example for fall term 2011 and Spring term 2012, will allow the student to receive a non-resident tuition waiver for those two semesters, as well as the following summer term (within the same academic year) since we define academic year as fall, spring, and summer. Scholarship award for summer only also qualifies for summer only non-resident tuition waiver if all other criteria are met.

4. The deadline for colleges/departments to post award notifications is the seventh class day in the fall and spring semesters and the second class day in a summer session. Non-resident Tuition Waivers for Competitive Scholarship Recipients will not be considered after the twelfth class day of the fall/spring terms or fourth class day of the summer terms.  
For a pre-registered student's tuition bill to reflect the proper charges, all scholarships are to be posted to the students account by July 1 for the Fall and November 15 for the Spring Semester.