

## Laurentian University Undergraduate Scholarship Policy

### For studies beginning in 2017-2018 or prior

*This policy applies to all undergraduate scholarships and is designed to recognize and reward students with high academic achievement who are registered in a 100% course load in two semesters (fall/winter) in a first degree and pay fees to Laurentian University. Entrance scholarships are awarded to students who have graduated from a Canadian secondary school entering their 1<sup>st</sup> year directly from High School and who register full-time for two terms (Fall/Winter) in an undergraduate first degree program at Laurentian University. This policy also applies to full-time returning undergraduate students who meet all other eligibility criteria.*

#### Laurentian University Academic Excellence Awards

Each newly admitted student who just graduated from full-time studies at a secondary school and achieves an overall average of 80% (on 6 best U/M courses) is guaranteed an entrance scholarship. The value of the scholarship is as follows:

High-School Average	Academic Excellence Scholarships
80% - 84.9%	up to <b>\$4,500</b> (\$1,000 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained, increased to \$1,500 in 4th year)*
85% - 89.9%	up to <b>\$6,500</b> (\$1,500 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained, increased to \$2,000 in 4th year)*
90% - 94.9%	up to <b>\$10,500</b> (\$2,500 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained, increased to \$3,000 in 4th year)*
95% - 100%	up to <b>\$14,500</b> (\$3,500 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained, increased to \$4,000 in 4th year)*

*\*These scholarships are renewable in subsequent years for a maximum of three years or upon graduation whichever comes first, provided that the average is maintained and you meet all of the other disbursement and renewal regulations. To continue your scholarship at the same value, your average in subsequent years must remain within the same range as your admission average. If your average decreases, or increases in subsequent years, your award will be recalculated on the basis of the above scholarship grid as long as you maintain an above 80% average. For scholarship purposes, the average calculation is not rounded up.*

The **Academic Pathways Scholarship**, valued at \$1,000 is awarded to qualifying students who have transferred directly from a university or who are graduating from an Ontario College with an Ontario College two or three year Diploma, with a minimum GPA of 80% and who are registering at Laurentian University in a full time first degree undergraduate program. Scholarship offers are renewable at \$1,000 for a maximum of three additional years or upon graduating whichever comes first, as long as you maintain 80% and register full-time (30 credits) every year.

#### DISBURSEMENT AND RENEWAL REGULATIONS

- Calculating your average – For admission and award purposes, Laurentian University calculates admission averages based on the top six final marks from grade 12 or level 4 U/M courses, regardless of prerequisites for the intended program of study (except Midwifery).

- **Academic Excellence Awards amounts are official upon final marks.** Mid-term grades will be used to inform the student where they fall in the above grid.
- If a student enters with an average above 80%, they are able to move between the levels throughout their studies.
- If the student enters with an average above 80%, but does not achieve an average of 80% or higher in any following year, they will no longer be eligible for the Laurentian University Academic Excellence Awards.
- If a student enters with an average below 80%, or averages that fall below 80% at any point in their studies, and achieve an 80%+ in a subsequent year and who fall back into the Dean's Honour List will be awarded \$1,000 only.
- Scholarship decisions are made in June of each year, therefore, for students who take spring/summer session courses, these credits will be used for the eligibility for renewal for the following academic year.
- Students must have been studying full-time in the previous academic year (30 credits-of which 24 credits must have been taken in the Fall/Winter term) – (the academic year is defined as May to April of each year for scholarship purposes) and attained a minimum average of 80%.
- Students must be registered full-time during the following academic year (minimum 24 credits from September to April) and paying tuition fees to Laurentian University.
- Students must be on Dean's Honour List (no failures).

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#### OTHER CONDITIONS

- 100% course load is defined as 30 credits during the Fall/Winter session. Eligibility for renewal will be based on full-time status in previous academic year (**30 credits-of which 24 credits must have been taken in the Fall/Winter term**).
- **An academic year is defined as May to April of the following year. For example, May 2017 to April 2018 is an academic year.** As scholarship decisions are made in June of each year, the deadline to calculate students' overall academic averages is the end of May.
- **Scholarships could be withheld or cancelled if the payments of fees are not honoured.**
- Some scholarships could be paid in two instalments. **Students who withdraw or drop below 24 credits could either lose their scholarship or have their awards reduced.**
- A student's name, city of residence, faculty/program, and photograph may be released to the award donor, or for publicity purposes. Students who do not wish to have this information released should contact the Student Awards Office.
- Students who are 60 years of age and receive a tuition exemption waiver are not eligible for the Laurentian University Academic Excellence Scholarships.

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