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Dillard University Institutional Awards Policy:
Scholarships and Grants
(Excluding Talent Base Awards)

Dillard University offers a competitive Scholarship/Grant Package to eligible first-year students who demonstrated strong academic performance in high school. The primary criterion used to determine a student's eligibility is based on a calculation and an evaluation of the students' ACT/SAT score and their unweighted Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). However, in one or more of the scholarship and/or grant awards, there are other components that can factor into the student's eligibility which includes: State of Residence, Housing (on-campus vs. off campus), and other Resources (Grant/Scholarships) the student may be receiving. Institutional Scholarships will only cover double occupancy. Students interested in single dorm occupancy must pay the difference out of pocket or seeking other funding to assist with the cost.

Receiving a Dillard University scholarship or grant is a privilege, not a right. The University expects students to be good citizens and abide by the Student Code of Conduct during matriculation including summer pre-collegiate programs. Therefore, in all cases, Dillard University reserves the right to rescind any scholarship/grant offer, **at any time** as a result of a students' violation of the Student Code of Conduct. The Student Code of Conduct can be found on the University website.

All students are advised to register for their next applicable semester, before the first day of final exams for the current semester in which they are enrolled occurs. Failure to do so, will subject the student to forfeiting their current institutional award regardless of their hours earned or cumulative grade point average.

Merit Based: The Merit base scholarships are awarded to eligible new students who are recent high school graduates (graduating the May or December prior to the start of the academic year that the student is entering college). Eligible recipients will receive a Scholarship Award Letter which will list the requirements for each specified award. A general overview of the award criteria is:

- **University Scholar**: This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain eligibility. **This honor entitles the recipient to tuition, and on campus room (double occupancy ONLY), board and mandatory (non-academic) fees.** If the student decides to live off-campus, this scholarship award will then cover Tuition ONLY. The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester.
Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative **3.5 GPA** calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and earn at least **24 credit hours** at the end of the academic year.
- **Presidential Scholar**: This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain eligibility. **This honor entitles the recipient to full Tuition.** The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester.
Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative **3.2 GPA** calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and earn at least **24 credit hours** at the end of the academic year.
- **Dean's Scholarship**: This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain eligibility. **This honor entitles the recipient to receive \$10,000 a year.** The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester.
Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative **3.00 GPA** calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and earn at least **24 credit hours** at the end of the academic year.
- **Merit Scholarship**: This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain eligibility. **This honor entitles the recipient to receive \$8,000 a year.** The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester.
Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative **2.75 GPA** calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and earn at least **24 credit hours** at the end of the academic year.

- **DU Grant 1:** The determined amount of the Grant is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad, and the evening program do not qualify). **This honor entitles the recipient to receive \$6,000 a year.** The recipient must enroll as a full-time student.
- **Renewal:** Student must maintain a cumulative **2.50 GPA** calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and earn at least **24 credit hours** at the end of the academic year.

Need-Based

- **Student Success Award:** This award is an Institutional Grant that is awarded based on a calculation of the students' ACT/ SAT score, Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and other components such as: the student's State of Residence, Housing (on-campus vs. off campus), and other Resources (Grant/Scholarships) the student may be receiving. This gap filler award helps to bridge the cost between the tuition and other aid the student has been awarded. **The amount of the award varies depending on the students credentials identified above at the time of awarding.**

Renewal of the award is based on the availability of funding and the students need as defined by the FAFSA. This award cannot be used for programs such as summer, study abroad and the evening program. If funding is available, students must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy to be reconsidered.

Transfer Students Institutional Awards: Dillard University is a Transfer friendly institution. Unlike some colleges/universities, Dillard offers Transfer Awards (Merit Scholarship and Grant) to eligible students. The award is granted for a maximum of three (3) years which is six (6) consecutive semesters (unless the student completes his/her degree program prior to the 3 years. Students must transfer in with at least 12 or more completed credit hours. All transcripts will be required for submissions to evaluate student's eligibility based on cumulative GPA as indicated below. Eligible recipients will receive a Scholarship Award Letter which will list the requirements for each specified award. A general overview of the award criteria is:

- **Transfer Merit:** Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 3.25 – 4.00** (on a 4.0 scale). **Renewal:** Must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
- **Transfer Merit 2:** Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 2.70 – 3.24** (on a 4.0 scale). **Renewal:** Must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.

- **Transfer Grant 1:** Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 2.25 – 2.69** (on a 4.0 scale). Renewal: Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.
- **Transfer Grant 2:** Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 2.00 – 2.24** (on a 4.0 scale). Renewal: Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

Additional Policy Notes

- **All scholarship recipients are expected to explore external scholarship opportunities through civic, religious, corporate, state or the United Negro College Fund agency.**
- *If you are awarded an external scholarship, the university may switch your external scholarship award with the amount of the institutional scholarship when the external scholarship covers the same costs as the University's institutional award. It is a federal requirement to notify the institution of all external scholarships awarded.*
- *When packaging financial aid awards, it is a federal requirement that awards cannot exceed the university's total Cost of Attendance (COA).*
- *Dillard University reserves the right to replace institutional awards with other sources (external scholarships, TOPS, grants, etc.) in the same amount in order to use limited resources to support the needs of all students.*
- *Endowed and Non-Endowed Grants/Scholarships are treated the same and will be awarded to assist in meeting the direct cost of attendance.*
- *To be eligible students must be enrolled full-time with a maximum of 18 hours each semester. Hours over 18 will not be covered by a grant/scholarship funded by the University.*
- *A graduating senior (confirmed by the Registrar), can request in writing to maintain their Institutional Scholarship when enrolling less than full time in their last semester of enrollment. Note: The scholarship value will be adjusted based on the tuition charge, not to exceed the original scholarship value.*
- *All applicable fees (such as, mandatory fees, orientation fee, housing maintenance fee, student assessment fee, lab fees, online, hybrid, course related fees, etc.) are not covered by this grant/scholarship except when noted.*
- *While Study Abroad and 3-2 programs are highly encouraged, institutional awards (listed above, including endowed and non-endowed awards) cannot be applied toward these programs.*
- *Institutional funds can only be used for coursework taken at Dillard University and/or formal University approved consortium institutions.*
- *The scholarship award policy of the University is to assist students with the direct costs of their education, and to provide access to higher education costs of a private college education. The scholarship program is not designed or intended for students to make a financial profit.*

- *Dillard University reserves the right to review and adjust at any time any award to maintain compliance with federal, state and institutional regulations.*