Institutional Scholarships: EA 100.1

Purpose

To define the usage of institutional scholarships.

Applicability

All units involved in the administration of college institutional scholarships.

Definitions

Institutional scholarships are scholarships funded only by Morehouse College.

Traditional housing includes residence halls located on the Morehouse College campus. First year traditional residence halls include: Brazeal House, Graves House, Hubert House, Living Learning Center, Dubois House, and White House. Traditional residence halls for upperclassmen include: Perdue House, Kilgore Residential Commons, Robert House, Mays House. Traditional housing does not include Otis Moss Suites.

Policy

Morehouse College provides various academic, athletic and talent institutional scholarships to students. Institutional scholarship awards are designed to assist students in meeting the direct cost of attending Morehouse College.

A. Morehouse College Scholarships (Academic, Athletic and Talent based)

These institutional awards are non-refundable and may be adjusted to reflect the student’s actual cost in the event a credit balance is created in the student’s financial account due to the award of Morehouse College institutional scholarship. Institutional scholarship awards may only be used for charges for the term they were awarded.

Students awarded institutional scholarship funds to cover room and/or a meal plan will be assigned to a residential facility (at least double occupancy) and/or meal plan. Morehouse College institutional scholarships will only cover the cost of traditional housing. If a student elects to live in a residence all other than traditional housing, the additional cost of the
housing selection will be the responsibility of the student. If a student is eligible to live off campus, and chooses to do so, any institutional award for housing will be reduced and cannot be used to cover the cost of housing off campus. Institutional scholarship awards for room and/or board must be used at Morehouse College, and students will be automatically placed in traditional housing for the term of their award.

Any international student awarded an institutional scholarship will have the appropriate tax withheld as required by the federal Internal Revenue Service (see IRS publication at https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-1042-s).

Use of scholarship funds anywhere other than at Morehouse College is not allowed—this also excludes Study Abroad and Dual Degree programs.

**B. Renewals**

*All award recipients must remain in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct* (see http://www.morehouse.edu/student_life/studentconduct/).

1. **Morehouse Academic Scholarships**
   a. Freshmen students must maintain a 2.75 grade point average (GPA) each academic year and a 3.0 GPA each academic year thereafter as a sophomore, junior, or senior, in conjunction with completing a minimum of thirty (30) **non-repeated** credit hours and a maximum of thirty-six (36) credit hours per academic year. Students will be responsible for covering the cost of any credit hours over eighteen (18) credit hours per semester. Credits earned during a summer term can be used to satisfy scholarship requirements but are not covered by institutional scholarships.

   b. Academic scholarships are **renewable** for a maximum of eight (8) semesters as long as recipients meet the following requirements:
      i. Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the College’s priority deadline each year.
      ii. Maintain continuous enrollment as a full-time student at Morehouse College.
      iii. Earn a 2.75 GPA as a freshman; 3.0 GPA or higher as a sophomore, junior, or senior and complete 30 credits at the end of the academic year.
      iv. Awards are reviewed for compliance with requirements by the Morehouse Academic Scholarship Committee at the end of each academic year. Recipients must be in compliance to retain awards for the following academic year.
2. **Athletic Scholarships**
   a. Morehouse Athletic Aid is renewed on annual basis, students must maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA, in conjunction with passing a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits hours each academic year. Athletic Aid will only cover a maximum of thirty-six (36) credit hours each academic year. Credit hours earned during the summer can be taken into consideration for renewal of athletic aid requirement. For more information regarding Athletic Aid guidelines please contact the Athletic Compliance Officer.

3. **Talent Scholarships**
   a. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA each semester and must participate in all required activities (including rehearsals and practice sessions) each semester and complete the musical duties and responsibilities assigned by the music chairman and/or the Director of the student’s assigned ensemble for the duration of the award period. Students who do not follow these guidelines will have their scholarship cancelled and will be required to satisfy any outstanding balance that may result from the loss of scholarship dollars.

   b. Talent awards are granted for one complete academic year only. Each year students must reapply and be approved for a talent scholarship based upon academic performance and the quality of his participation in a specified ensemble and assigned duties from the Music Department. Also, all recipients are required to complete financial aid documentation, the FAFSA, and any verification requirements.

   c. Failure to perform in the following performances, Christmas Carol Concert, Christmas with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and all commencement activities for Morehouse College and the Morehouse School of Medicine, will be considered a breach of the Talent Scholarship Agreement. The result of this breach will be that our Talent Scholarship will be canceled, and the student will forfeit future consideration for a scholarship from the Department of Music.

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