

University of Louisiana System

Title: *For Our Future Award
Board Scholarships*

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Cancellation: None

Chapter: Miscellaneous

Policy and Procedures Memorandum

The For Our Future Award is designed to assist academically qualified students in bridging the gap between mandatory tuition and fees and institutional scholarships, state scholarships, Pell grants, and Go Grants. The scholarship will be applied to the remaining balance of mandatory attendance fees (Budget Forms ULS 7 and ULS 8) after all federal, state, and institutional grants and scholarships (gift aid) and waivers are applied (private scholarships and foundation scholarships are not to be included). The Award will provide up to a maximum of \$5,000 (\$2,500 per semester or equivalent) per academic year.

The Award will be granted to students who have a demonstrated and documented need. Entering freshmen should have a minimum 2.75 high school grade point average and must be enrolled full-time. Undergraduate continuing students should have a 2.50 cumulative grade point average and must be enrolled full-time along with earning 24 credit hours for each academic year. Applicant evaluation will include holistic consideration of applicant's capabilities, circumstances, experiences, and potential. Graduate continuing students must have a 3.30 cumulative grade point average or other indicator of preparedness and be enrolled full-time along with earning 18 credit hours for each academic year.

(Individual members of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System may establish more stringent requirements.)

Students attending graduate school must receive unconditional admission in order to qualify for the Scholarship. Retention of the scholarship shall be based on students maintaining "good standing" with their respective academic programs.

The Award is not applicable to contracted tuition or professional programs.

1. Scholarships are awarded for a full academic year unless awarded for a single semester/quarter only (fall, spring, and summer). If a student graduates or becomes ineligible, the scholarship may be awarded to another qualified student for the remainder of the academic year.
2. Each member of the Board of Supervisors shall be authorized to award one scholarship to each of the nine institutions for the academic year. Additionally, each member of the Board of Supervisors shall be authorized to award three additional scholarships to any institution in the University of Louisiana System (total of 12 scholarships per Board member). The student Board member shall be authorized to award six scholarships to any institution in the University of Louisiana System. The Board Chair shall be authorized to award two scholarships to each of the nine institutions for the academic year and award six scholarships to any institution. Any scholarship not awarded by October 1 may be awarded by the System president in consultation with the Board of Supervisors Executive Committee.
3. The value of the For Our Future Award is up to \$5,000 and cannot exceed the actual cost of mandatory tuition and fees. Any excess scholarship funds are not eligible to be refunded. Students are encouraged, but not required to live in on-campus housing.
4. Members of the Board of Supervisors, System office employees, and members of their respective immediate families are ineligible for the scholarships. (The immediate family is defined as children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse, and parents of one's spouse.)
5. Members of the Board of Supervisors are prohibited from awarding scholarships to the following elected officials and members of their immediate families:
 - a. U.S. Senators
 - b. U.S. Representatives
 - c. Members of the Louisiana Legislature
 - d. Statewide Elected Officials

Students may lose their eligibility for a For Our Future Award if they:

- a. Exceed the maximum number of semesters or academic years provided under the terms of the scholarship that are listed in these regulations.
- b. Fail to maintain the required scholastic average.
- c. Transfer to another institution in the University of Louisiana System. In the case of a demonstrated hardship, the System president in consultation with the Board of Supervisors Executive Committee may approve the scholarship transfer.

TERMS

Undergraduate students may receive the scholarship for a maximum of eight regular semesters and four summer terms.

Professional and graduate students may receive the scholarship for the number of academic years that are considered normal academic progress toward receiving a degree.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

To apply for a For Our Future Award students should complete the application form that is available on the University of Louisiana System website.

Students must also include a personal statement with the application form. Personal statements are essays no greater than 750 words. A successful personal statement will allow an inside glimpse of the applicant's life experiences and accomplishments. The personal statement assists board members in understanding the student's personal circumstances, core interests, skills, and values.

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