

DSCC Honors Scholarship Program

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to create a standard policy for the DSCC Honors Scholarship Program.

II. Scope

The DSCC Honors Scholarship Program policy is applicable to all students participating in the Honors Scholarship Program. This policy was established due to create eligibility criteria, award procedures, and standard administrative procedures for awarding the Honors Scholarships.

III. Policy

Award Procedure

Dyersburg State Community College is proud to honor academically talented students with a variety of scholarships and awards. Dyersburg State Community College offers several scholarships in the fall and spring semesters to students participating in the Honors Scholarship program. Generous donors, many of whom have established an endowed scholarship account with DSCC, support these scholarships.

Number of Awards and Award Amounts

The amount awarded for each scholarship is determined by the Director of Financial Aid, Honors Scholarship Program Coordinator, and President of the College on an annual basis. The number of awards may vary from year to year and depends on the scholarship budget.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Initial Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Honors Program and a scholarship award, students must meet the following criteria:

Entering Freshmen

1. High school GPA of 3.5 (unweighted) or higher on 4.0 scale and ACT sub-score of 22 or higher on Math and English or equivalent in other test such as accuplacer or SAT.
2. Acceptance as a first time, degree-seeking student

Current and Transfer Students

1. Must have all developmental courses completed
2. Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
3. Twelve hours or more of college credit work

Continuing Eligibility Requirements

In order to maintain the status as an Honors Student and retain the Honors Scholarship, students are required to meet the following standards:

1. Enroll in at least 12 hours per semester.
2. Take at least 1 course each semester with an honors option for a total of 4 courses.
3. Maintain a 3.0 GPA or better in all course work.
4. Earn a B or better in all courses with an honors option.

Award Notification

At the appropriate time in the fall and spring semester, the Financial Aid Office will prepare scholarship letters for the scholarship recipients. Information in the letter includes the name of the scholarship, award amount, funding purpose and eligibility requirements. The letters will be forwarded to the Honors Chair for approval and signature.

Scholarship Disbursement

One half of fall scholarship awards are disbursed to student accounts in the fall and the remaining half is disbursed in the spring, unless otherwise noted as part of the scholarship award. Students awarded a spring scholarship receive a single disbursement for the entire amount in the spring semester.

Scholarship Accounts

The Financial Aid Director is responsible for monitoring and reconciling the scholarship account.

The policy and procedures for scholarship awards are reviewed periodically and are subject to change.

IV. Compliance

All administrative staff responsible for administering scholarships and all students receiving an Honors Scholarship must adhere to this policy.

V. Definitions

Award Notification – An official document issued by a school’s financial aid office that lists all of the financial aid awarded to the student. Details regarding financial need and the breakdown of financial aid awards according to amount, source, and type of aid, as well as terms and conditions for the award.

Disbursement – Disbursement refers to when a student’s financial aid funds are released or paid to the student’s school account.

Scholarship – Financial support awarded to students with the intent to support the educational expenses of the recipient. Scholarships include funds awarded for tuition, fees, books, and other educational expenses.

VI. Revision History

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