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SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are primarily awarded based on merit from donor funds with specific criteria. Therefore, satisfactory progress standards are very different from those for financial aid. Scholarship recipients should refer to these standards for any scholarships awarded. For financial aid requirements, please go to www.finaid.unr.edu.

General Eligibility: Scholarships are awarded to eligible students who are admitted to degree-granting programs at UNR. They are primarily awarded based on academic merit, thus a high standard of academic performance is expected. Each recipient receives an award notification directing them to review their scholarship's award criteria on the scholarship page at www.finaid.unr.edu. For multiple awards with differing requirements, adhering to the highest required standard ensures continuation of all awarded.

Satisfactory progress reviews only consider coursework and grades completed at the University of Nevada, Reno. Coursework completed at another institution does not count towards semester and academic year credit and GPA minimums.

Minimum Credit Requirements: Most scholarships require full time enrollment with a minimum of 12 credits per semester for undergraduate students. In some cases the credit minimum may be greater than 12 credits. Students with less than 12 credits remaining to complete their degree requirements may still receive their scholarships in their final term as long as they are enrolled for a minimum of 6 UNR credits. A letter from their faculty advisor is required to release their funds.

A minimum of 9 graduate credits is required for graduate scholarships. Awards may be released to graduate students enrolled in a minimum of 6 UNR graduate credits if they also have an assistantship for that academic term. A copy of their assistantship contract is required from the Graduate School to release the funds.

Students Receiving One Year/Non-Renewable Scholarships: For all students receiving one year/non-renewable scholarships, satisfactory progress is checked at the end of the fall term. Regardless of class standing, to receive the spring portion of the award, recipients must earn a minimum of a 2.0 UNR GPA and a minimum of 6 UNR credits. If a student fails to achieve this standard, the scholarship will be cancelled at the end of the fall term.

All students who have not earned a minimum of 24 UNR credits with a minimum 3.00 UNR GPA at the end of the spring term will be considered ineligible for scholarships for the upcoming fall term.

Students Receiving Multi-Year/Renewable Scholarships: For students receiving multi-year/renewable scholarships, satisfactory progress is checked at the end of each term. Recipients must maintain full time enrollment and maintain the minimum GPA required by the scholarship for the full duration of the award.

For students who have fallen below this standard, only one probationary semester may be granted during the duration of the award. This term of probation is only granted if the recipient will be able to reach the minimum award standard by the end of the subsequent regular academic term. If this is not achieved, the scholarship will be cancelled. Using the summer terms to correct GPA or credit deficiencies is not an automatic option. Notification will be sent detailing the academic deficiencies and outlining the options for remediation.

Credit Limitations: Due to the limitations on funding, general scholarships are available for the full academic year to eligible students who have earned less than 110 credits at the time of application. Students who have earned 111 – 130 credits are only eligible for the fall portion of their award. Students who have earned 131 credits or more or who are attempting a second baccalaureate degree are not eligible for general scholarships. Scholarships awarded by the students' departments or colleges are not held to this credit limitation.

Dual Enrollment: Certain majors at UNR require coursework that is not taught on this campus. Students in these majors who will be part time at UNR because they are taking these courses at another campus must submit a dual enrollment agreement to the Scholarship Office before their scholarship funds can be released. A new agreement must be submitted for each term the student will be dually enrolled. Agreements will be approved only for coursework that is not offered on this campus.

Changes of Major: Some scholarships require majors in a particular field or in one of several fields. A change of major to one that is not permitted in the award criteria results in the immediate cancellation of the award. Some cancellations may require repayment.

Dropping Credits: If a student receives their scholarship and then drops enough credits to change their enrollment to part-time during a refund period, the award will be pulled back from their account and returned to the scholarship program. Students will be billed for any new outstanding balance. Dropping credits after a refund period will create a credit deficiency and may jeopardize the spring allotment of funds and future eligibility.

Repeat Courses: Repeating a course for which a credit was already earned in a previous semester will not count towards the minimum credit requirement for scholarships. Students must enroll for additional credits to offset the repeated credits.

Independent Learning, Internet Courses and Correspondence Courses Through the Office of Extended Studies: These courses cannot be counted in the semester's credit totals for scholarship eligibility. Completed coursework from these programs may be used to correct a credit deficiency only if the course is completed by the end of the academic semester subsequent to the term in which the deficiency occurred. This may only be done with prior approval of the Scholarship Office.

Distance Education Courses: Coursework taken through Distance Education programs are treated in the same manner as regularly scheduled UNR courses and may be used for scholarship eligibility.

Studies Abroad and National Student Exchange Programs: Students participating in either of these programs are eligible to receive their scholarships provided the offices responsible for the management of these programs have notified the Scholarship Office of the students' participation and proof of enrollment and course completion is forwarded to the Scholarship Office.

Satisfactory Progress Probation and Cancellation Notification: Satisfactory progress is checked at the end of each term for students receiving scholarships. As a courtesy, notifications will be sent to those who have not met the award's minimum requirements. However, due to time constraints between terms, some of these notifications may not arrive in time to allow recipients to remedy deficiencies or make other arrangements for payment. Recipients are responsible for monitoring their own progress and knowing the award criteria for each of their scholarships.

Award Cancellations: Cancellation of scholarships occurs under the following conditions: demonstrated continued academic deficiencies that prevented the student from earning the required minimum GPA and credits; the student has already received a probationary term for a multi-year scholarship; the academic deficiencies are so great that it is not possible to correct them prior to the start of the academic year; a change of major has been made to a field that is not allowed under the donor's award criteria; the student is no longer enrolled as a full time student at the institution; based on a satisfactory progress report, the donor has decided to cancel the award regardless of the institution's policies.

Appeals: If issues or events arise that are beyond the student's control and have resulted in credit or GPA deficiencies, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the Scholarship Office as soon as possible to discuss the available options. In selected cases, an appeal may be possible. The appeal form and instructions that are specific to scholarships can be downloaded from the scholarship section of the website at www.finaid.unr.edu.

The Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship: The academic requirements for the Millennium Scholarship are contained in the "Acknowledgement of Award" mailed by the Millennium Scholarship Office of the State Treasurer.