

# Scholarships

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Stetson University is committed to recognizing outstanding student achievement through the awarding of merit-based scholarship packages in the admission process. These funds are awarded by the Office of Admissions and may be based on a variety of criteria.

## The Awarding of Merit Based Scholarship Packages

Merit-based scholarship packages are awarded at the time of admission to the University and are based on information included in the application for admission and supporting materials. Stetson University currently awards the following merit-based scholarship packages:

- Presidential Scholarship
- Deans Scholarship
- Transfer Dean's Scholarship

Each admitted student will receive notification of their merit scholarship offer from the Office of Admissions. These awards may be entirely from the primary scholarship fund or comprised of multiple funds that match the student's eligibility and profile. Stetson University may make adjustments to the funds that comprise a specific merit-based scholarship package at any time for any reason without increasing or decreasing the total dollar amount awarded to the student. While it is considered an honor to receive a donor-funded scholarship as part of a merit-based scholarship package, it will not typically result in an increase in the total amount of funding represented by the scholarship package. Stetson University may decrease the total dollar amount awarded in a merit-based scholarship package in cases where a student is not in compliance with the renewal requirements for the funding as outlined below.

Merit-based scholarship packages at Stetson University are awarded based on an all sources of funding models. As such, the total dollar amount of a merit-based scholarship package or other institutional need-based funding may be reduced to accommodate other sources of funding received by the student including other scholarships from outside sources. The University will not award scholarship amounts in excess of actual educational costs at Stetson and most scholarships will not exceed the cost of tuition. A student receiving tuition benefits will be ineligible for additional merit scholarship.

## Merit-Based Scholarship Package Renewal Policy

Institutional scholarship funds are renewable for up to eight semesters or until the student earns their undergraduate degree (whichever is earlier) for a student who enters as a first time in college applicant. Institutional scholarships for transfer students are renewable for the period specified in their initial scholarship notification letter or until they earn their undergraduate degree (whichever is earlier).

All institutional funding, including funds packaged as part of a merit-based scholarship package, require full-time enrollment as defined in the catalog. Students enrolled at less than full-time status will not be eligible for institutional funds. A minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) is required for renewal of most Stetson scholarships unless the donor has requested a higher GPA requirement. Stetson University does not consider rounded

GPA's in the calculation of renewal eligibility for any student. GPA's will be reviewed at the end of each semester and students who fail to meet the renewal GPA will be allowed to receive their full scholarship package on a probationary status for the following term. Summer credits are included in the GPA calculations but are excluded from the semester review. Students who have received their full scholarship package on a probationary status for one semester and do not raise their cumulative GPA to the required 2.0 benchmark will not receive scholarship aid each academic semester their cumulative GPA remains below a 2.0.

## Additional Types of Scholarship Funding:

Students at Stetson University may be offered other forms of institutional scholarship funding based on talent and participation in programs through various academic divisions including the School of Music, the School of Business Administration, and the College of Arts & Sciences. Students may also receive institutional scholarship aid for participation in sports programs through the division of Athletics. Stetson University reserves the right to adjust merit-based scholarship packages and other institutional aid to accommodate offers of scholarship through these programs. Students should consult advisors in their specific program or the Office of Student Financial Assistance to review the terms and conditions of such scholarship offers prior to acceptance.