

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
**Undergraduate Merit Scholarship Awards Policies and Conditions**

The following are the policies and conditions for current merit scholarship awards offered by the Undergraduate Admissions Office. When students accept any of the merit scholarship awards, they must agree to accept all policies and fulfill all conditions set by the University. Scholarship criteria is subject to change.

### **Use of Scholarship Funds**

The University of Connecticut applies all merit scholarship awards directly to charges on the student's University fee bill (including tuition, fees, university housing, and meal plan). All merit scholarships take the form of credit to the student's account in the amount established for each scholarship in a particular year. There is no cash value to the scholarships, nor will they be carried over from one semester to the next. All merit scholarship recipients must be matriculated undergraduates.

### **Admission Deferment**

An admission deferment will not apply to any of the merit based scholarship programs awarded by the Undergraduate Admissions Office, as criteria may vary from year to year. Admissions merit based scholarships are awarded during the **fall semester only**.

### **Change of Residency**

In the event that the legal residency of a student changes from in-state to out-of-state, or vice versa, the amount of the scholarship will be adjusted accordingly.

### **New England Regional Program**

Merit scholarship recipients participating in one of the pre-approved academic programs affiliated with the New England Regional Program receive the in-state scholarship amount. For more information on the New England Regional Program, visit [admissions.uconn.edu/tuition/regional.php](http://admissions.uconn.edu/tuition/regional.php)

### **Room and Board Conditions**

For scholarships covering room and board, the following conditions apply: living expenses covered by these scholarships will be based on double occupancy charges determined by the Department of Residential Life. Housing costs in excess of the double occupancy rate must be paid by the student.

Dining expenses covered by these scholarships are based on the "Ultimate Plan" as determined by the Department of Dining Services.

### **Living Off Campus**

Off campus housing or food expenses are not covered by scholarships.

### **Internship or Co-op Semester/Leave of Absence**

Students may request deferment of a scholarship for one semester if they are enrolled less than full-time, participating in co-op, or taking a leave of absence. The student must notify the Office of Student Financial Aid Services before leaving and upon returning.

## Study Abroad

A student may only use their merit scholarship funds such as Day of Pride, Nutmeg, Academic Excellence, Leadership, Presidential, and UConn Award toward study abroad programs which charge UConn tuition, including all Exchange programs and UConn in Paris.

## Summer Courses

Merit Scholarship awards can be used only to cover charges incurred in the fall and spring semesters.

## Renewal and Satisfactory Academic Progress

All merit scholarship awards are renewable annually for up to eight semesters of undergraduate full-time work contingent upon maintaining the specific cumulative grade point average identified in the merit scholarship offer letter and meeting the University's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. A copy of the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy can be viewed at [financialaid.uconn.edu](http://financialaid.uconn.edu)

## Readmitted after Termination

Students dismissed due to academic termination may be eligible for reinstatement of merit scholarships after their readmission. Students requesting reinstatement of merit scholarships must submit an appeal to the Office of Student Financial Aid Services.

Students dismissed because of disciplinary reasons may not have their merit scholarship reinstated. For additional information please review the Student Handbook Code of Conduct at [dosa.uconn.edu/student\\_code.cfm](http://dosa.uconn.edu/student_code.cfm)

## Reinstatement of Academic Status

Students with merit scholarships who are dismissed or withdraw voluntarily from the University for reasons other than academic termination but who are reinstated to full-time academic status will be eligible for reinstatement of the merit scholarship.

## Tuition Waivers and Merit Scholarships

For students with tuition waivers, the value of the merit scholarship will be applied to University fees and on-campus room and board charges. For students living off campus or attending one of the regional campuses, merit scholarships may be applied to University fees only. Scholarships will not be applied to program related fees.

## Presidential Scholars Enrichment Award

Presidential Scholars are awarded a one-time \$2,500 grant for educational enrichment. Scholars may use these funds for a variety of enrichment activities, including research, internships, study abroad, and professional travel during any of the student's four years as an undergraduate at the University of Connecticut. Students must apply for the enrichment award at least one semester before the semester they intend to use the award. The enrichment award must be used prior to the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> semester of attendance. More information about the enrichment award and the procedure to request it is available at [presidentialscholars.uconn.edu](http://presidentialscholars.uconn.edu)

## Excess of Funds

Students, receiving scholarships only, including an Admissions merit-based scholarship, can receive scholarship funds up to their "Cost of Attendance" (COA). In the event that scholarship funds exceed the COA, the Admissions merit-based scholarship will be reduced. Students receiving need-based aid (loans, grants, work-study) and merit-based scholarships cannot exceed their federally defined need.