



## Laurentian University Undergraduate Scholarship Policy

**For studies starting in 2018-2019 or after (Revised August 2021)**

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*This policy applies to all undergraduate scholarships and is designed to recognize and reward students with high academic achievement who are registered in a 100% course load in two semesters (fall/winter) in a first degree and pay fees to Laurentian University. Entrance scholarships are awarded to domestic students who have graduated from a Canadian secondary school entering their 1<sup>st</sup> year directly from High School and who register full-time for two terms (Fall/Winter) in an undergraduate first degree program at Laurentian University. This policy also applies to full-time returning undergraduate students who meet all other eligibility criteria.*

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### Laurentian University Academic Excellence Awards

Each newly admitted student who just graduated from full-time studies at a secondary school and achieves an overall average of 80% (on 6 best grade 12 U/M courses) is guaranteed an entrance scholarship. The value of the scholarship is as follows:

Scholarship Level	Academic Excellence Scholarships
Dean 80% - 84.9%	up to \$4,000 (\$1,000 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained)*
Provost 85% - 89.9%	up to \$6,000 (\$1,500 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained)*
President 90% - 94.9%	up to \$12,000 (\$3,000 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained)*
Chancellor 95% - 100%	up to \$16,000 (\$4,000 in 1st year, renewable in subsequent years provided average is maintained)*

*\*These scholarships are renewable in subsequent years for a maximum of three years or upon graduation whichever comes first, provided that the average is maintained and you meet all of the other disbursement and renewal regulations. To continue your scholarship at the same value, your average in subsequent years must remain within the same range as your admission average. If your average decreases, in subsequent years, your award will be recalculated on the basis of the above scholarship grid as long as you maintain an above 80% average. If you fail to renew at any point in time, you are no longer eligible in future years. For scholarship purposes, the average calculation is not rounded up.*

The **Academic Pathways Scholarship**, valued at \$1,000 is awarded to qualifying students who have transferred directly from a university or who are graduating from an Ontario College with an Ontario College two or three year Diploma, with a minimum GPA of 80% and who are registering at Laurentian University in a full time first degree undergraduate program. Scholarship offers are renewable at \$1,000 for a maximum of three additional years or upon graduating whichever comes first, as long as you maintain 80% and register full-time (30 credits) every year.

The **Francophone Excellence Award**, valued at \$1,250, is awarded to qualifying students who present a minimum of 80% on their 6 best 4 U/M courses or equivalent, including required courses for his or her program. The student must be registered in a program that is offered in French, and register in 24 credits (i.e. 80% of a full course load) taught in French between September and April, and must also be registered in a total of 30 credits for the academic year. The academic year is defined as May to April of each year for scholarship purposes.

## **DISBURSEMENT AND RENEWAL REGULATIONS**

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- Calculating your average – For admission and award purposes, Laurentian University calculates admission averages based on the top six final marks from grade 12 or level 4 U/M courses, regardless of prerequisites for the intended program of study (except Midwifery).
- **Academic Excellence Awards amounts are official upon final marks.** Mid-term grades will be used to inform the student where they fall in the above grid.
- If the student enters with an average above 80%, but does not achieve an average of 80% or higher in any following year, they will no longer be eligible for the Laurentian University Academic Excellence Awards.
- If a student's average increases, the student will maintain the entry level scholarship.
- Scholarship decisions are made in June of each year, therefore, for students who take spring/summer session courses, these credits will be used for the eligibility for renewal for the following academic year.
- Students must have been studying full-time in the previous academic year (30 credits-of which 24 credits must have been taken in the Fall/Winter term, the remaining credits to be taken in spring/summer) – (the academic year is defined as May to April of each year for scholarship purposes) and attained a minimum average of 80%.
- Students must be registered full-time during the following academic year (minimum 24 credits from September to April) and paying tuition fees to Laurentian University.
- Students with a registered Permanent Disability studying part-time who are on the Dean's Honour List may be considered if a reduced course load is suggested as part of their accommodation (supporting documentation is required).

## **OTHER CONDITIONS**

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- 100% course load is defined as 30 credits during the Fall/Winter session. Eligibility for renewal will be based on full-time status in previous academic year (**30 credits-of which 24 credits must have been taken in the Fall/Winter term, the remaining credits to be taken in spring/summer**).
- **An academic year is defined as May to April of the following year. For example, May 2021 to April 2022 is an academic year.** As scholarship decisions are made in June of each year, the deadline to calculate students' overall academic averages is the end of May.
- **Scholarships could be withheld or cancelled if the payments of fees are not honoured.**
- Scholarships are paid in two installments (Fall and Winter). **Students who withdraw or drop below 24 credits could either lose their scholarship or have their awards reduced.**
- A student's name, city of residence, faculty/program, and photograph may be released to the award donor, or for publicity purposes. Students who do not wish to have this information released should contact the Student Awards Office.
- Students who are 60 years of age and receive a tuition exemption waiver are not eligible for the Laurentian University Academic Excellence Scholarships.
- If the student does not meet any renewal requirements, they will no longer be eligible for the Laurentian University Academic Excellence Awards for the remainder of their studies.

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