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Subject: Awarding of LSUS Scholarships to Entering Freshmen and Transfer Students

I. PURPOSE

To state an institutional policy on the awarding of LSUS Scholarships to entering freshmen and transfer students.

II. DEFINITIONS

Two categories of scholarships are available at LSUS: Institutional Aid and Private Donor Scholarships. Institutional Aid is funded by self-generated dollars while Private Donor Scholarships are funded by various private donors and administered by the LSUS Foundation. Institutional Aid for entering freshmen consists of four different tiered, merit-based awards renewable for up to eight semesters or until graduation. Institutional Aid for transfer students consists of one merit-based award.

III. OPERATING PROCEDURES

LSUS scholarships are awarded to entering freshmen, continuing students, and transfers and are based primarily on the academic (including GPA and ACT scores) activity records of the applicants.

A. Institutional Aid – Entering Freshmen

Upon admittance to the University, an entering freshman's high school GPA and ACT score is pulled from the system and filtered into one of four tiers:

- Purple & Gold Scholarship – 20-21 ACT and 2.5 GPA
- Shreveport Scholarship – 22-25 ACT and 3.0 GPA

- Red River Scholarship – 26-29 ACT and 3.0 GPA
- Louisiana Scholarship – 30 ACT and 3.5 GPA

B. Institutional Aid – Transfer Students

Upon admittance to the University, a transfer student's GPA and earned hours are pulled from the system and filtered to meet the following criteria

- Transfer Scholarship – 3.0 GPA and minimum 12 hours earned

C. Private Donor Scholarships

Upon admittance to the University, all students are invited to register with LSUS's online scholarship management website, Academic Works, which administers the majority of the Private Donor Scholarships available to students.

- Application Period – During the application period, general applications are open to admitted students to submit applications for scholarships. Once a student submits their application, the system uses information imported from the University's Student Information System to filter each application to scholarships in which the award criteria is met. Students are able to edit their application until the close of the application period stated on the website.
- Awarding Process – Once the application period closes, all applications are reviewed and given a numerical score (General Application Score) by the LSUS Scholarship Committees. These scores based on a set rubric used to assess GPA and answers to the application questions. Individual scholarships are divided between review committees based in the various academic schools on campus, while scholarships not requiring a certain area of study are assigned to a review committee comprised of faculty and staff from multiple departments. These review committees evaluate the applications and give another numerical score (Reviewer Score) based on the specific criteria set forth for each individual scholarship's donor agreement. The review committees then compile the highest scores and recommendations for each scholarship and submit the chosen applications to the Office of Scholarships. The Office of Scholarships will notify recipients of awards through an email from Academic Works, giving the student a link to their account to accept or decline the award.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

The Office of Scholarships will be responsible for implementing this policy. This department has the authority to determine each year the best way to implement this policy according to the scholarship applications being considered that year.

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