

# MEMORANDUM

To: Admitted Students Who Have Earned a Scholarship

From: Leah Straley, Assistant Dean of Recruitment

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RE: Scholarship and Financial Award Information

Scholarships awarded to law students – whether Early Decision, merit, or otherwise – may be applied only toward tuition for study at Willamette University College of Law during the fall and spring semesters. Scholarships may not be applied toward tuition for study at other Colleges at Willamette, nor may they be applied toward the Student Body Fee, Graduation Fee, health insurance, summer school classes, study-abroad programs, and/or on-campus housing and other university services. Scholarship awards are divided equally between fall and spring semesters and are limited to six semesters in the case of full-time students and eight semesters in the case of part-time students. Scholarships are not refundable.

## MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Each admitted first-year law student is given automatic consideration for merit-based scholarships. No separate application is required. Several factors are used to select scholarship recipients including evidence of academic promise and the candidate's potential contribution to the quality of the entering class. Students are notified of a scholarship award in their letter of admission. Merit-based scholarships are renewable each year as described below. Merit-based scholarship awarded to a part-time student will follow the pro-rata disbursement and retention as outlined below.

## AFFILIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Each admitted first-year law student is given automatic consideration for any and all relevant affiliation scholarships. No separate application is required. Affiliation scholarships may recognize any number of noteworthy connections, such as special state ties, military service, Peace Corps service, or diverse identities, for example. Affiliation scholarships are renewable each year as described below. Affiliation scholarship awarded to a part-time student will follow the pro-rata disbursement and retention as outlined below.

## EARLY DECISION SCHOLARSHIP

The Early Decision Scholarship is awarded to incoming first-year law students who applied for and met the requisite requirements for early decision admission. The Early Decision Scholarship is renewable each year as described below. The Early Decision Scholarship awarded to a part-time student will follow the pro-rata disbursement and retention as outlined below.

## SCHOLARSHIP RETENTION FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Unless other conditions of retention are stated in the student's admission letter, a student may retain the scholarship so long as the cumulative GPA at the end of the first and second years of study is 2.90 or higher, and the student complies with the Standards of Student conduct set forth in the student handbook. If, either at the end of the first year (1L) or second year (2L), a student's cumulative GPA is 2.89 or lower, the scholarship for the following year is forfeited. This policy covers all scholarship types unless stated otherwise in the student's admission letter.

Regardless of the scholarship type or the conditions in the admission letter, students who are excluded, dismissed, or ineligible to continue may lose their scholarship in part or in the entirety, even if they petition and are readmitted.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AMOUNTS FOR STUDENTS TAKING FEWER THAN 10 CREDIT HOURS

For students in the full-time and part-time program taking 9 or fewer credit hours in a semester, all scholarship awards are reduced to reflect the lower tuition charged these students. The scholarship is reduced pro rata to the number of hours of credit taken by the student relative to a full-time load of 15 credits. For example, if a student has a \$10,000 scholarship for full-time study but enrolls in only two courses in a given semester for a total of six credit hours, the amount of the scholarship for that semester is \$2,000 ( $6/15 * 5,000$ ).

### SCHOLARSHIP RETENTION FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS

A student initially admitted to the part-time program retains the scholarship (as reduced as described above) for four semesters of part-time study. At the conclusion of the fourth semester, a part-time student may retain the merit scholarship for the third year of study so long as the student's GPA in those first year courses taken during the four semesters of part-time study (i.e., excluding all upper-division classes taken in the first two years of study) is 2.90 or higher, and the student complies with the Standards of Student conduct set forth in the student handbook. At the conclusion of the third and ensuing academic years, a part-time student retains his/her merit scholarship for the next academic year of study so long as the student's cumulative GPA at the conclusion of the spring semester is 2.90 or higher, and the student complies with the Standards of Student conduct set forth in the student handbook. A part-time student who transfers into the full-time program at any point following admission is subject to the merit scholarship retention policy for full-time students described above effectively immediately upon transfer into the full-time program.

More information regarding scholarship renewal is available in the Student Handbook.

## Consumer Information Regarding Scholarship Retention Data

Please visit [willamette.edu/law/about/consumer-info](http://willamette.edu/law/about/consumer-info) for consumer information about student scholarships.