

HOPE COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

Eligibility and Renewal Criteria

Recipients must be degree-seeking students enrolled full time. The annual award amount is divided equally between the Fall and Spring semesters, cannot be used during any summer terms and may be used for no more than two semesters of off-campus study.

This award can be received for a maximum of eight (8) semesters and is renewed to students for their first and second years of attendance at Hope College regardless of college grade point average (GPA). Renewal for the third and fourth years of attendance is contingent upon academic performance as described below:

- At the end of the spring semester of the second and third years of attendance, recipients must have earned a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA* to renew the award for the following years.
- Recipients who do not meet the GPA* criteria stated above are not eligible for renewal and forfeit their award.
- Students whose awards are forfeited can regain eligibility by earning a cumulative GPA* of 2.75 or greater at the close of subsequent semesters. The annual award will be reinstated at the original amount.
- One semester of merit eligibility is forfeited for each semester the student is determined ineligible due to GPA*. Forfeited semesters are deducted from the eight total semesters of eligibility.
- One semester of merit eligibility is forfeited for each semester the student does not enroll at Hope College while attending another college/university.
- This scholarship, in combination with other resources (such as scholarships, grants, veterans benefits or employer-provided tuition benefits), may not exceed the college-determined cost of attendance for any given award year.

One semester of merit eligibility is forfeited for each semester the student is determined ineligible due to any circumstances stated above. Forfeited semesters are deducted from the eight total semesters of eligibility and are not available for use at a later time. Recipients who earn their degree in less than eight semesters are no longer eligible to receive this award. For students who qualify, need-based aid may replace all or a portion of forfeited merit-based scholarships.

*The Hope College GPA is the only GPA considered for these purposes.

NOTE: *It is important to examine carefully both dollar amounts and criteria for renewal when comparing merit scholarship offers from colleges.*