

HOPE COLLEGE RCA 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. Eligibility for renewal is determined at the end of each spring semester and is contingent upon academic performance as described below:

- At the end of the spring semester, recipients must be meeting the terms of the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy. This policy requires students to progress toward their degree at an appropriate pace while achieving a minimal academic standard. Details of the SAP Policy are available on the Office of Financial Aid's website at hope.edu/financialaid.
- Recipients who do not meet the terms of the SAP Policy are not eligible for renewal and forfeit their award.
- Students whose awards are forfeited can regain eligibility by earning the required cumulative GPA* and/or completion percentage at the close of subsequent semesters. The annual award will be reinstated at the original amount.
- One semester of eligibility is forfeited for each semester the student is determined ineligible due to not meeting SAP. Forfeited semesters are deducted from the eight total semesters of eligibility.
- One semester of eligibility is forfeited for each semester the student does not enroll at Hope College while attending another college/university.
- This award, 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 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 awards.

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