

# PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

### What does the Presidential Scholarship include?

The Presidential Scholarship recognizes outstanding graduating seniors from district high schools by granting them a full-tuition scholarship to Lake Land College with a value up to \$4,625 per year or \$9,250 total. Recipients will need to pay fees which are approximately \$350 to \$400 per semester depending upon the number of credit hours and types of courses each recipient registers for. All graduating seniors meeting the eligibility requirements will be guaranteed the scholarship if they choose to attend Lake Land College the fall semester immediately following high school graduation.

### What are the eligibility requirements for the scholarship?

To be eligible for the scholarship, the graduate must be within the top 15% of their senior class or have an ACT composite of 26/SAT total of 1240. Seniors must also: 1) reside in the Lake Land College District 517, 2) graduate from a high school located in Lake Land College District 517, or 3) graduate from a high school serving a portion of the Lake Land College District.

### Which high schools are located within or serve a portion of Lake Land College District 517?

The following high schools are located within or serve a portion of Lake Land College District 517: Altamont, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond, Beecher City, Brownstown, Casey-Westfield, Charleston, Cowden-Herrick, Cumberland, Dieterich, Effingham, Kansas, Marshall, Martinsville, Mattoon, Neoga, Newton, North Clay, Oakland, Okaw Valley, Pana, Paris, Ramsey, Shelbyville, Shiloh, South Central, St. Anthony, St. Elmo, Stewardson-Strasburg, Sullivan, Teutopolis, and Windsor.

### Are home schooled students eligible to receive the scholarship?

Yes. Home schooled students who reside in Lake Land College District 517 are eligible to receive the scholarship. Since class size is not a consideration with home schooled students, these students must meet the ACT/SAT score criteria. Home schooled students will also be required to submit proof of completion of their home schooling program as well as ACT/SAT scores.

### What do students need to do to receive the scholarship?

Students should complete and submit a Presidential Scholarship Acceptance & Verification form. Forms can be obtained through students' high school guidance counselors. Home schooled students should contact Michelle Zumbahlen at [mzumbahlen4077@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:mzumbahlen4077@lakelandcollege.edu) to obtain the form. Following submission of Acceptance & Verification forms, students should expect to receive a follow up letter within 2-4 weeks.

### When can Acceptance & Verification forms be submitted?

Acceptance & Verification forms should be submitted once the high school's 7<sup>th</sup> semester grades are posted.

**When are Acceptance & Verification forms due?**

While students are encouraged to submit their forms as early as possible, they will be accepted until the start of the Fall Semester. If students wish to be recognized at their high school awards banquet, they should submit their forms by April 1.

**How do students determine if they are in the top 15% of their graduating class?**

Students should consult with their high school guidance counselors to determine if they are within the top 15% of their class.

**What if a student does not qualify at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> semester but changes rank to qualify at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> semester? Are they still eligible for the scholarship?**

One great aspect of the scholarship is that it provides multiple opportunities for a student to qualify. Students may qualify based on rank at the end of their 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> semester as well as by taking the ACT/SAT as many times as they would like. If a student does not qualify at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> semester but does at the end of 8<sup>th</sup>, he/she is still eligible to receive the scholarship.

**What if a student qualifies at the end of 7<sup>th</sup> semester but changes rank to not qualify at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> semester? Are they required to give up the scholarship?**

If a student qualifies following 7<sup>th</sup> semester but not 8<sup>th</sup>, he/she is still eligible to receive the scholarship and will not be required to relinquish it.

**Can students re-take the ACT/SAT to try to score high enough to receive the scholarship?**

Absolutely! A student can re-take the ACT or SAT as many times as they would like in order to acquire a score high enough to receive the scholarship. Scores will need to be obtained by the start of the Fall semester following graduation so that the Acceptance & Verification forms can be submitted.

**Does the Presidential Scholarship include summer courses?**

Yes, with the exception of the summer term immediately following a student's high school graduation. The scholarship begins with the Fall Semester and continues for two consecutive calendar years. Therefore, the summer terms following a student's first and second year of enrollment are included (i.e. Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall, Spring, Summer).

**Are students who graduate early eligible for the scholarship? Can they receive the scholarship for the Spring semester?**

Mid-year graduates who meet the criteria are certainly eligible to receive the scholarship. However, the scholarship will not begin until the Fall semester following their high school graduation.

**What if a student submitted the Acceptance & Verification form and decides not to attend Lake Land?**

The scholarship will be available to the student beginning with the Fall semester. If the student does not enroll in the Fall semester, the scholarship will no longer be available.

**Are students receiving a Lake Land College Athletic or Livestock Judging Scholarship still eligible for the Presidential Scholarship?**

Yes, students can absolutely be eligible for both. As long as students meet the eligibility requirements for both scholarships, they will be recognized accordingly. It's wonderful to be able to recognize students for both awards.

**Are recipients required to complete the FAFSA in order to receive the scholarship?**

No. Students are strongly recommend to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and the Lake Land College Foundation Scholarship application at [www.lakelandcollege.edu/col/scholarships](http://www.lakelandcollege.edu/col/scholarships) in order to qualify for additional financial assistance to help cover the cost of fees and living expenses not covered by the Presidential Scholarship.

**What if a student's program of study is longer than two years? Will the scholarship continue?**

The Presidential Scholarship is available for a maximum of two consecutive calendar years. If a student continues enrollment beyond the two years, he/she will need to plan to cover the costs through other means.

**Are there requirements students must meet to keep the scholarship after they enroll at Lake Land College?**

Yes. Presidential Scholars are must fulfill certain requirements to remain eligible to continue to receive the award including: 1.) successfully completing a minimum of 12 semester hours each semester and 2.) obtaining a 3.0 GPA the first semester or term and either a 3.15 GPA or a 3.15 cumulative GPA every semester or term thereafter.

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