I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the guidelines by which scholarship funds are applied to student accounts.

II. Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled at Delaware State University.

III. Definition

Many Delaware State University students receive funding from outside organizations, including merit-based scholarships, tuition benefits from an employer, ROTC and Veteran’s Benefits (Post-911 GI Bill benefits).

An outside scholarship is any scholarship not awarded by the government or the school, such as a scholarship provided by a private sector company, philanthropist or foundation. Outside scholarships are considered resources, meaning that they reduce your financial aid package dollar for dollar.

IV. Policy

Under Federal Law and Delaware State University policy, any outside scholarship a student receives must be considered when determining eligibility for need-based financial aid and loans. Students receiving financial aid from Delaware State University are required to report all anticipated outside scholarships and any other outside financial resources that they receive from sources other than the University. Outside scholarship awards may result in a reduction to eligibility for other financial aid and/or loans.

A. Impact of external scholarship funding on financial aid award

Federal regulations require these awards be used in determining eligibility for federally funded financial assistance. Students who earn an outside scholarship, grant, or recognition award will be allowed to use the award to reduce Federal Work Study. If it is necessary to reduce other financial assistance, the self-help portion of a student’s award (i.e. Federal Work-Study and educational loans) will be reduced first.
B. Impact of external scholarship funding on institutional merit award

Students who receive outside/external scholarships or tuition benefits from an external source (e.g. parent’s employer, state grant, veterans’ benefit, etc.) which when combined with institution funds awarded total more than the “direct cost” for the semester may have their merit and/or need-based Delaware State University merit award reduced by either the amount of the tuition benefit or the overage amount, all adjustments are reviewed on a case by case basis.

Please Note: Delaware State University institutional grants as well as Delaware State Aid for Needy Students are NOT refundable and will be reduced if total amount of scholarship funds including additional resources exceed total direct cost (i.e. tuition, fees, etc.).

The total amount of all financial aid, scholarships and loans cannot exceed the Cost of Attendance (COA). If the additional resources exceed the COA or unmet need, loans and work study portion of the aid will be reduced first.