

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT HILO
FAQ POLICIES AND GUIDELINES (Effective Fall 2009)

PAYMENT OF CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

• **How will I receive my Chancellor's Scholarship award?**

The annual tuition scholarship will be credited to your student billing account at the start of each semester based on your fulltime enrollment. The scholarship only covers the cost of the current UH Hilo fulltime, undergraduate, Hawai'i resident tuition. The scholarship does not cover fees, books and supplies, meals and housing, transportation or personal expenses.

ENROLLMENT (pending)

• **When do I enroll for my UH Hilo classes?**

Effective for Fall 2010 Early Registration, continuing Scholars will be able to register on the **first day** of Early Registration in recognition of their academic achievement. Scholars (students) with holds on their accounts will not be able to register for classes. Check your student account in MyUH Portal and be sure to clear any holds on your account due to UH financial obligations, e.g., unpaid balance, library or parking fines.

• **How many credits do I need to complete to continue my eligibility for the Chancellor's Scholarship?**

You are required to be enrolled full-time each semester (12 credits or more in UH Hilo courses) and complete a minimum of 24 credits each academic year.

• **Can I take some of my courses online?**

Yes, you can enroll in UH Hilo's distance or online courses. If you enroll at any other UH campus, those credits do not count towards the minimum 12 credits that you need to be enrolled in UH Hilo for the scholarship. However, they may apply towards your degree program with prior authorization. When enrolling in a distance course or additional campus course through another UH campus you must complete and submit the University of Hawai'i at Hilo – **Prior Authorization for Transfer Credit form**. The form can be downloaded at: <http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/records/documents/TransferCreditAuth.pdf>

• **How will I know which course to enroll in for the Chancellor's Scholars required Freshman course?**

You will receive an early registration packet that will include the designated, required course that all incoming Freshman Scholars will be required to enroll in during the Fall semester.

• **What is the required GPA for my Chancellor's scholarship renewal each year?**

You need to maintain a minimum **3.0 cumulative** GPA in your first year and a minimum **3.25 cumulative** GPA in your second, third and fourth subsequent years. Your GPA is reviewed after each Fall and Spring semesters after grades are confirmed. Scholarship renewals for the following year will be determined after the Spring semester grades are confirmed. If you anticipate or do not meet the GPA and/or credit completion requirements you are required to contact the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) immediately to discuss your eligibility and scholarship renewal. A provisional scholarship renewal may be considered the following year with extenuating circumstances.

• **How do Incomplete (I) grades get calculated into my GPA?**

Although Incomplete grades are not calculated into your GPA at the time it is posted, it is expected that the course will be completed in a timely way to earn the credit(s). The final course grade and recalculated cumulative GPA will be reviewed by the designated Chancellor's Scholar's Coordinator(s) to determine your eligibility and scholarship renewal. In extenuating circumstances, if your cumulative GPA is below the required minimum GPA, a letter of explanation must be submitted to the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) for consideration of a provisional scholarship renewal the following year.

• **If I transfer to another campus, then return to UH Hilo will I be eligible for the Chancellor's Scholarship again?**

No, if you transfer to and attend another campus then return to UH Hilo, you will not be eligible for the Chancellor's Scholarship. You must notify the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) of your transfer to another campus as soon as possible.

- **Will I be eligible for the Chancellor's Scholarship if I enroll in the National Student Exchange (NSE) or Study Abroad Program?**

Yes, Scholars participating in the NSE (Plan B) and Study Abroad Programs are eligible for the Chancellor's Scholarship during the qualifying semester(s). You must notify the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) and the UH Hilo Financial Aid Office of your participation in these programs.

- **Can I stop out of UH Hilo and defer my 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility, then continue my Chancellor's Scholarship when I return?**

No, the 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility begins on the initial awarded semester as a freshman; it is renewed in subsequent years. Eligibility ends after the eighth consecutive semester whether or not you are enrolled at UH Hilo. In extenuating circumstances, a letter of explanation must be submitted to the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s), for consideration of your scholarship renewal.

- **If I graduate with my bachelor's degree before the 8 consecutive semesters and I continue to enroll fulltime at UH Hilo, will my scholarship continue to be renewed?**

No, the Chancellor's Scholarship terminates after 8 consecutive semesters or upon graduation from UH Hilo with your bachelor's degree. The scholarship may not be used for post-baccalaureate or graduate programs. Scholars are encouraged to apply for additional sources of financial aid each year which include the FAFSA.

- **If I do not graduate with my bachelor's degree from UH Hilo within the 8 consecutive semesters will my scholarship be renewed until I graduate?**

No, the Chancellor's Scholarship terminates after 8 consecutive semesters. Scholars are encouraged to apply for additional sources of financial aid each year which include the FAFSA.

- **If I am accepted to and begin the UH Hilo College of Pharmacy (COP) – Doctor of Pharmacy Program within the 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility will I continue to be eligible for the scholarship?**

Yes, this is the only exception allowed. The scholarship will **cover only the equivalent of the current UH Hilo fulltime, undergraduate, Hawai'i resident tuition cost and will not extend beyond the 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility**. A copy of the UH Hilo - COP letter of acceptance must be submitted to the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) for your scholarship renewal. Scholars are encouraged to apply for additional sources of financial aid.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

- **What happens if I don't meet the scholarship conditions?**

If you do not meet the scholarship conditions your scholarship will not be renewed the following year. In extenuating circumstances, a letter of explanation must be submitted to the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) for consideration of your scholarship renewal.

- **What happens if I don't meet the provisional scholarship renewal conditions?**

If you are unable to improve your cumulative GPA to the minimum required, complete the required 24 credits per academic year and/or do not show academic improvement by the end of the required provisional awarded year, you will not be eligible for the scholarship and it will not be renewed the following year. Scholars are encouraged to apply for additional sources of financial aid each year which include the FAFSA.

- **How can I makeup grades; can I take classes during the Summer Session?**

Summer classes and grades may be applied to your GPA and a letter of explanation must be submitted to the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) for consideration of your scholarship renewal. Scholarship renewals for the following year will be determined by the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s). **The Chancellor's Scholarship does not cover Summer Sessions' tuition, fees and expenses.** Scholars are encouraged to apply for additional sources of financial aid each year which include the FAFSA.

- **What happens if I don't complete the required 24 credits for the academic year (Fall and Spring)?**

If you are unable to complete 24 credits during your combined Fall and Spring semesters, you have the option of enrolling in summer school sessions to makeup the credits. A letter of explanation must be submitted to the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) for consideration. **The Chancellor's Scholarship does not cover Summer Sessions' tuition, fees and expenses.** Scholars are encouraged to apply for additional sources of financial aid each year which include the FAFSA.

- **If my Chancellor's Scholarship is not renewed, but I get my grades back up, will I be eligible for the scholarship again?**

If your cumulative GPA has increased to 3.0 (1st year) or 3.25 (2nd, 3rd and 4th years) AND your 8 consecutive semesters of eligibility (whether you were awarded or not) from your initial awarded semester as a freshman have not expired, your eligibility will be for only the duration of the remaining semesters. Scholars must contact the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) who will determine your eligibility and scholarship renewal. Scholars are encouraged to apply for additional sources of financial aid each year which include the FAFSA.

- **How will I be notified of my scholarship renewal status?**

A letter will be mailed or emailed to you only if you have not met the scholarship conditions and your scholarship renewal is affected. You are responsible for updating your current and permanent address and phone numbers in your MyUH student accounts. If you are concerned about your status and/or have received a letter regarding your academic progress, contact the designated Chancellor's Scholars Coordinator(s) right away. It is the Scholar's responsibility to follow up in a timely way.