



Collins Scholarship

Regulation Guidelines

GOAL: The goal of the Collins Scholarship program is to award well-qualified students funding for higher education; and provide the students with expectations, measure and follow-up along the their journey to obtain a college degree.

Well-qualified students: Students are evaluated according to academic success, student character/leadership, and financial need.

The Scholarship program has strict guidelines to keep Scholars focused and on- track for graduation, while maintaining high standards as a selected scholarship recipient.

The Scholarship program will insure appropriate disbursement of funds; provide the students helpful insight and support; and will record student success in the program.

The following regulation guidelines help to guide the decisions of the governing Collins Scholarship Board and may provide insight to Collins Scholars.

1. ***Funding:*** Collins Scholars are eligible for payment of, or for reimbursement of, qualified educational expenses not to exceed the semester allocation. Scholarship disbursement request forms may be found online at collinscholarship.org. With each check request, the student is responsible for attaching the appropriate invoice, statement, or receipt for each expense.
2. ***Qualified education expense examples:*** tuition, fees, room and board (on-campus housing), rent, some bills associated with living off-campus (electricity, cable, etc), books, computer, and school supplies.
3. ***Enrollment:*** Scholars are expected to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours each semester (Fall and Spring). It is highly encouraged that students take at least 16 college hours per semester, in case a class worth 1-4 hours needs to be dropped, the student will remain in compliance.
4. ***Grades:*** The Scholar is expected to maintain a 2.0 GPA in semester #1 and #2. The scholar is expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA in semesters #3-#8. Grades will be documented each semester. Failure to turn in grades on time may result in loss of scholarship. Grades will be recorded for future scholarship funding each FALL, SPRING, and SUMMER cycle.
5. ***Funds Available:*** As scholarship recipients need to access funds, only funds equal to, or below the semester allocation, may be available. Funds may not be “advanced.” If a student has unused monies from one semester to the next, the funds will roll forward.

6. ***Deferred Scholarship:*** A student may defer a scholarship for up four consecutive semesters with Board approval. Even though the scholarship is deferred, the student still has the same GPA and college hour requirements as a Collins Scholar during the deferred period.
7. ***Probation:*** The Collins Scholarship Board may issue a “probationary” status to a student. Probationary status is only granted for extenuating circumstances by the Board.
8. ***Summer Classes:*** Students who wish to use their Collins Scholarship for summer classes must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours for the summer. One semester funding is approved for summer (if the student’s scholarship balance permits); and one semester is used from the scholar’s eight semester allocation.