It is very important that you carefully consider the total financing of your education, from your first session at the University of Calgary to completing your degree objective. If financial help will be needed beyond funds that you or your family are able to provide, you should make the necessary applications for financial assistance well in advance of enrollment. You should pay particular attention to early deadlines for applications for grants, awards and student loans. While the needs and resources of each student differ, the University can provide a general list of fees and expenses normally encountered.

This section contains awards for undergraduate faculties, awards for the Faculty of Environmental Design and awards for the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Awards for Undergraduate Faculties

General Information

Awards and financial assistance available to first-year students and undergraduate students at the University are described in this section under the following categories:

- Outstanding Achievement Awards
- Entrance Awards
- Transfer Awards
- Undergraduate Awards — awards available to students in any Faculty — awards available to students in a particular field of study by Faculty and Department
- Faculty of Law Awards
- Faculty of Medicine Awards
- Athletic Awards
- Outside Awards — those awards requiring separate application
- Government Student Aid Plans
- Other Sources of Financial Assistance

Applications may be obtained from the Student Awards and Financial Aid office, 124 MacKimmie Library Block, or from high school counsellors in the case of high school students. Application forms may also be printed off the Student Awards and Financial Aid web site upon availability: www.ucalgary.ca/awards/

Application for awards must be made on the current application form. Completed forms must be post-marked or received by the Student Awards and Financial Aid office on or before the specified deadlines. Where no application is required, the award is made automatically on the basis of academic merit.

The payment of monetary awards, except certain prizes and graduating scholarships, is contingent upon the student proceeding with full-time studies in the immediate Fall and Winter Sessions. Unless otherwise stated in the terms of reference, the recipient must be in actual full-time attendance at the University of Calgary before receiving the award. Payment of tuition and fees is the first charge against such awards.

If the value of an award is stated as “tuition and fees,” it is understood not to include differential fees.

Supplemental, deferred and special deferred examinations or term work may affect eligibility for certain awards.

If a student is granted an award, the University of Calgary reserves the right to release pertinent information to provincial funding bodies or the donor of the award.

The University assumes liability for the payment of scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other awards only to the extent that gifts from donors, or returns from particular investments for these purposes, will permit.

As this Calendar is published a considerable time before the opening of the session, the University reserves the right to make whatever changes circumstances may require, including cancellation or addition of particular awards.

Definitions and Requirements

Frosh: A first-year student who has no previous post-secondary education.

Scholarship: A scholarship is a cash award given to a student selected primarily on the basis of academic standing. In order to be considered for a scholarship, a student must normally present a minimum grade point average of 3.20.

Endowment Awards:
- Entrance Awards: December 1
- Faculty of Law Awards: August 1
- Outstanding Achievement Awards: May 1
- Faculty of Medicine Awards: August 1
- Transfer Awards: October 1
- Undergraduate Awards: June 15

*Deadline is December 1 of the year prior to entering the University.

Prize: A prize is an award given in recognition of some specific superior accomplishment. Prizes may be in the form of such things as books, plaques, subscriptions, or cash but normally have a value of not more than $300.

Bursary: A bursary is an award given to a student based on academic merit but where there is also a need for financial assistance. In order to be considered for a bursary, a student must normally present a minimum grade point average of 2.60.

Competitive Award: A competitive award is an award based on academic merit. If stated in the conditions of the award, other criteria such as extra-curricular activities, leadership involvement, contribution to the community or campus life, and financial need will be considered. Students must complete an application to be considered for competitive awards.

Nominated Award: A nominated award is an award based solely on academic merit and is normally designated to a specific faculty. Selection is made automatically by the Faculty without need for application by the student.

Student Loan: A student loan is issued on the understanding that the money will be repaid upon the completion of one’s studies. The Federal and Provincial Governments both provide student loan plans; refer to Government Student Aid Plans section of this Calendar.

For further information, inquiries should be directed to:

Student Awards and Financial Aid
124 MacKimmie Library Block
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