



# Scholarship Award Policy

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The awarding of the department scholarships to students is for the following two main purposes: (1) to recruit promising high school students and to attract transfer students to the department, and (2) to encourage students to improve academic performance.

**A student who wishes to receive or renew a scholarship must submit an application for consideration. Applicant must have a recent FASFA report on file with financial aid. He/she must maintain SME membership with good standing. He/she also must participate in the required SME activities as outlined in the SME Student Chapter Professional and Social Responsibility Policy.**

This scholarship policy has been established based on the amount of available scholarship funds and enrollments in the past. In any given year, the number and/or the amounts of awarded scholarships could be adjusted based on the currently available scholarship funds and the number of applicants. Therefore, awards are competitive, and need is a consideration.

## Types of Scholarship Awards

- **Incentive scholarship** – for freshmen and new transfers declaring Mining Engineering or dual major (i.e., Mining Engineering/Civil Engineering or Mining Engineering/Geology).
- **GPA-based scholarship** – for mining engineering or dual major students other than freshmen or new transfers who must: (1) complete 14 credit-hours courses per semester following the mining engineering curriculum to retain scholarship eligibility, and (2) maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher after 28 or more credit hours in mining engineering curriculum.

## Standards for Scholarship Awards

- **Incentive Scholarship**
  - A student with good standing and at the time to declare a major
    - Declared Mining Engineering as a major, a **\$2,000** scholarship will be awarded. The student will then be placed in Priority Category A for scholarship consideration in the coming year.
    - Declared the above dual major as a major, a **\$1,500** scholarship will be awarded. The student will then be placed in Priority Category B for scholarship consideration in the coming year.
  - A student transferred from other CEMR departments or accredited engineering colleges into the Department of Mining Engineering with good standing and a 2.75 GPA or higher and at the time to declare a major
    - Declared Mining Engineering as a major, a **\$2,000** scholarship will be awarded. The student will then be placed in Priority Category A for scholarship consideration in the coming year.
    - Declared the above dual major as a major, a **\$1,500** scholarship will be awarded. The student will then be placed in Priority Category B for scholarship consideration in the coming year.
- **GPA-Based Scholarship**
  - The student's academic performance is evaluated **annually** and the decision to award the GPA-based scholarship is based on the evaluation.

- A student declared Mining Engineering as a major will be eligible for the GPA-based scholarship for up to **three** years while a student declared the dual major of Mining Engineering/Civil Engineering or Mining Engineering/Geology as a major will be eligible for the GPA-based scholarship for up to **four** years.
- Annual amounts for GPA-based scholarships for students declaring Mining Engineering as a major
  - **\$2,000** per year will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is between 2.75 and 3.24.
  - **\$2,500** per year will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is between 3.25 and 3.74.
  - **\$3,000** per year will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is 3.75 or above.
- Annual amounts for GPA-based scholarship for students declaring Mining Engineering/Civil Engineering or Mining Engineering/Geology as a major
  - **\$1,500** per year will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is between 2.75 and 3.24.
  - **\$1,875** per year will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is between 3.25 and 3.74.
  - **\$2,250** per year will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is 3.75 or above.

#### **Award Priority Categories**

- Priority Category A: Students declaring Mining Engineering as a major. The students in this category will have a higher priority to be considered for scholarships for either incentive or GPA-based scholarships.
- Priority Category B: Students declaring either Mining Engineering/Civil Engineering or Mining Engineering/Geology as a major. The students in this category will have a lower priority to be considered for scholarships for either incentive or GPA-based scholarships than the Priority Category A students.

#### **Implementation, Monitoring and Revision**

- The decision to award a scholarship is made by the Department Chair based on this policy and the availability of the funds.
- The Department Scholarship Committee will review the scholarship funds and award history annually. This scholarship award policy is subject to revision at the committee's discretion.