



E.1.3 POLICIES ON THE SELECTION AND RETENTION OF SCHOLARS/GRANTEES IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES

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CHAPTER 58
SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS-IN-AID, AND SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PRIVILEGES

Article 204. Scholarship Program

Section 1. The University shall provide an academic scholarship program for deserving students, in case Free Higher Education is not in forced. The scholarship awards under the program shall be classified as follows:

- a. Entrance scholarship (Senior High School Valedictorian, Salutatorian, USM-ULS Honors);
- b. Institutional scholarship (University scholars, college scholars);
- c. USM Entrants Topnotchers, whose USMCEE ranges is at least 95%;
- d. Graduate Teaching Assistantship Program; and
- e. Graduate Research Assistantship Program.

Section 2. Institutional Academic Awards. This Academic award may be categorized as follows:

- a. University Academic Award is awarded to an undergraduate student who obtains a GWA of 1.00 to 1.50 or better at the end of the semester. The academic awardees are provided with special recognition and incentive as may be determined by the University Administration
- b. College Academic Award is awarded to an undergraduate student who obtains a GWA of "1.51" to "1.75," at the end of the semester. The academic awardees are provided with special recognition and incentive as may be determined by the University Administration.

Section 3. USM Entrants Topnotchers - Awarded to top ten (10) examinees of the University of Southern Mindanao College Entrance Examination (USMCEE). The recipients shall enjoy the following privileges, subject to retention policies:

- a. The Entrants Topnotchers are exempted from payment of all regular school fees;
- b. Given priority to enroll in USM Honors Curriculum (if available);
- c. Monthly stipend;
- d. Book, Communication, and Data allowances; and
- e. Transportation allowance.

Section 4. To qualify and maintain any of the scholarships, the student must carry a load as prescribed in his/her curricular program for the semester. Otherwise, awarded scholarship may be revoked or cancelled.

Section 6. The institutional scholarship shall be valid only for a period of one (1) semester and shall continue to the succeeding semesters, provided, that the student satisfies the prescribed GWA and other requirements.

Article 205. Other Student Incentives

Section 1. The following undergraduate students may be granted special privileges and/or incentives, subject to retention policies:

- a. Members of the USM Band, Combo, Dance Troupe, Dramatics, Chorale and Art Groups, BP 14;
- b. Legitimate, dependent, children, 21 years and below of USM permanent employees, in line with the implementation of the K-12 program; what is the limit of the number of dependents?
- c. Natural and legally adopted children, 21 years and below, and spouse of USM permanent employees, who died while in the service of the University;
- d. Members of the USM varsity as certified by competent University Authority;
- e. Grantees of educational benefits under the Armed Forces of the Philippines - Presidential Decree (AFP-PD) 557;
- f. Grantees of educational benefits from recognized Government and Non-government organizations/agencies;
- g. President of the University Student Government (USG), Governors of the Local Student Government (LSG), Autonomous Student Government, and the Editor-in-Chief of the official student publication in all campuses, and Corp Commander of ROTC of all campuses during their tenure of office;
- h. Qualified USM employees on their first program.

Section 2. Other scholarships sponsored by external donors shall be governed by the Memorandum of Agreement between USM and the sponsor.

Article 206. Consolidation of Scholarships and Grants-in aid Privileges

Section 1. A recipient of more than one university scholarship is entitled to only one scholarship privilege of his choice.

Section 2. A student who qualifies in both externally funded scholarship and Academic Award Scholarship is entitled to both privileges thereto.