Proposal

HSU Scholarship Policy

October 2012

The Office of Financial Aid will coordinate selection of recipients in accordance with applicable university policy and the criteria of the A&T.  Financial Aid will also coordinate selection with the department/ program identified in Preferences, as appropriate.

**Awarding and disbursing:**

* Scholarship amount is disbursed evenly over Fall and Spring terms. A student may be allowed to receive only half of the scholarship amount if only attending one term. Only students determined to be graduating at the end of Fall term will be considered for receiving the full scholarship amount in one term.
* Applicants must apply via the STARS system January 1 through March 2 (aligned with the state priority deadline)
	+ Selection of recipients will be made by April 1 of each year (with the exception of some post-baccalaureate awards) and indicated as such in STARS
	+ Disbursement of funds will take place at the beginning of each term along with other financial aid.
* Where financial need is specified, applicants will be ranked in priority order by highest gross financial aid eligibility, highest need considered first, and progress to graduation
* Where need is not specified, academic performance and timely progress to degree are prioritized within the eligible group of students
* Donor restrictions and trust obligations shall be met (restrictions and obligations outweigh local policy preferences). Federal and state regulations regarding coordination of estimated financial assistance are strictly adhered to.

**Criteria:**

Criteria for HSU scholarships is based on the Acknowledgement and Terms document of each scholarships (in other words, the intent of the donor). Where criteria are not specified, default HSU criteria includes the following:

* To the extent feasible, minimum awards will be $1000 each
* Recipients must have a minimum 2.5 GPA
* Must meet Satisfactory progress, including cap limitations
* Must have earned no more than 150 units
* Must be enrolled full-time