FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP
Institutional Scholarships & Grant Policy

Dillard University offers a competitive Scholarship/Grant Package to eligible first-year students who demonstrated strong academic performance in high school. The primary criterion used to determine a student’s eligibility is based on the students’ ACT/SAT score and Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). However, in one or more of the scholarship and/or grant awards, there are other components that can factor into the student’s eligibility which includes: State of Residence, Housing (on-campus vs. off campus), and other Resources (Grant/Scholarships) the student may be receiving. All students who are regularly admitted to Dillard University have a strong chance of being awarded one of the following merit based awards! Please know that acceptance into Dillard University does not guarantee one of the below scholarships. Scholarship dollars are limited, thus Dillard University reserves the right, without notice, to limit (or not offer) any one of the scholarship discussed below. The University will, in writing, notify all student of their eligible scholarship.

In recent years, the University has attracted stronger students thus making our applicant pool more competitive. In an effort to better select the most qualified students, newly graduated High School Senior who submits their Admission’s Application and are admitted by the December 1st deadline, will be reviewed in its entirety to determine eligibility for the University Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship. All other policies and procedures still apply.

The merit based scholarships are awarded to eligible new students who are recent high school graduates, i.e. graduating the December or May prior to the start of the academic year the student first enters college as a traditional freshman.

GAP Year: Students who are called to Active Duty in the Military (Including combat training – documentation is required), and students who do not enter college up to one award year after the completion of high school (completion/graduation year will be confirmed from High School Transcript), may appeal to be reconsidered for the Institutional Scholarship that was previously awarded. The student cannot have enrolled at any other institution in order to be considered.

The Eligibility Notice of Scholarship Letter will be sent to applicable students who meet the minimum GPA requirements and are admitted to Dillard University by December 1st:

To obtain additional information, students should refer to their Scholarship Agreement. All students are expected to read and be familiar with the scholarship policy. Failure to read the policy does not exempt a student from the implementation of the policy itself. Eligible recipients will also receive an Award/Scholarship Agreement in the mail which will provide further instructions and information regarding the award. Dillard University reserves the right to reduce or cancel any Institutional Scholarship or Grant within the same award year if the student is awarded another/other (i.e. private, state or federal) Scholarship or Grant funding which is applicable for Tuition and/or Room/Board.

A general overview of each award criteria is listed below:

**University Scholar:** Our highest and most prestigious institutional award! This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students with a 3.8 GPA and a 27 ACT or 1260 SAT are considered. This honor entitles the recipient to full tuition, and on campus room (double occupancy ONLY) and board. If the student decides to live off-campus, this scholarship award will then cover Tuition ONLY. The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. University Scholars are required to participate in the Samuel Dubois Cook Honors Program. For consideration of the University Scholarship, students must be admitted to Dillard University as a new student, first-time freshman, before December 1st of your High School senior year. May 1st is the Priority Deadline to submit the Scholarship Agreement. Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain continued eligibility.
Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and earn at least 24 semester hours at the end of the academic year.

Presidential Scholar: This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students with a 3.6 GPA and 25 ACT or 1200 SAT are considered. This honor entitles the recipient to full Tuition. The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. For consideration of the Presidential Scholarship, students must be admitted to Dillard University as a new student, first-time freshman, before December 1st of your High School senior year. May 1st is the Priority Deadline to submit the Scholarship Agreement. Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain continued eligibility.

Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative 3.2 GPA calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and earn at least 24 semester hours at the end of the academic year.

Dean's Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students with a 3.0 GPA with a 21 ACT or 1060 SAT are considered. This honor entitles the recipient to receive $10,000 a year ($8,500 for awards prior to Fall 2020). The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. Consideration is given to high school seniors admitted to the University. Student must meet the renewal criteria to maintain eligibility.

Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA (for newly awarded Dean's scholarship recipients with an award effective for/after the Fall 2019 semester) or 2.75 GPA (for a Dean's scholarship disbursed prior to Fall 2019) - GPA calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and student must earn at least 24 credit semester hours at the end of the academic year (spring semester).

Merit Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad and the evening program do not qualify). Students with a 2.8 GPA and a 19 ACT or 990 SAT are considered. This honor entitles the recipient to receive $8,000 a year ($6,000 for awards prior to Fall 2020). The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. The scholarship pays for a maximum of 18 credit hours per semester. Consideration is given to eligible high school seniors admitted to the University. Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain eligibility.

Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative 2.75 GPA (for newly awarded Merit scholarship recipients with an award effective for/after the Fall 2019 semester) or 2.50 GPA (for a Merit scholarship disbursed prior to Fall 2019) - GPA calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and student must earn at least 24 credit semester hours at the end of the academic year (spring semester).

DU Grant 1: The determined amount of the Grant is awarded on an academic year basis and is effective for eight consecutive semesters (summer, study abroad, and the evening program do not qualify). Students with a 2.5 GPA and a 18 ACT or 960 SAT are considered. This honor entitles the recipient to receive $6,000 a year ($3,500 for awards prior to Fall 2020). The recipient must enroll as a full-time student. Consideration is given to eligible high school seniors admitted to the University. Students must meet the renewal criteria to maintain eligibility.

Renewal: Student must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA (for newly awarded DU Grant recipients with an award effective for/after the Fall 2019 semester) or 2.25 GPA (for a DU Grant disbursed prior to Fall 2019) - GPA calculated at the end of each spring semester (term), and student must earn at least 24 credit semester hours at the end of the academic year (spring semester).

NEED BASED AWARD:
Dillard University strives to help students meet their financial obligation through merit and need based awards. Merit awards are based on the student’s academic credentials submitted at the time of application. To further assist and to help decrease the loan indebtedness of students, the University awards a need based grant called the Student Success Award. In considering the renewal of the award the following should be adhered:

Student Success Award: This award is an Institutional Grant that is awarded based on a calculation of the students’ ACT/ SAT score, Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and other components such as: the student’s Expected Family Contribution (EFC), State of Residence, Housing (on-campus vs. off campus), and other Resources (Grant/Scholarships) the student may be receiving. This limited gap filler award helps to shrink the costs that federal and/or state aid does not cover. The amount of the award varies depending on the student’s credentials identified above at the time of...
awarding. Consideration is given to eligible high school seniors admitted to Dillard University who will receive the Merit Scholarship and DU Grant award. The award is awarded up to a maximum of $2,000 (depending on the availability of funding) and is limited to eight semesters or four years, whichever comes first.

Renewal: To be considered for this institutional award each subsequent year, students must have their FAFSA (the next year’s) and all associated required documents (verification worksheet, tax transcripts (returns), etc.) submitted on or before March 1st each academic year. The student’s EFC and housing status will be taken into consideration during the awarding and renewal process. Students must also meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy to be reconsidered and have earned a cumulative 2.0 grade point average.

Endowed / Non-Endowed Awards:
Dillard University also award students Endowed and Non-Endowed Grants/Scholarships awards. These awards are supported by our faithful donors (alumni and friends) of the University. Through the years donors have established awards based on certain criteria and a certain level of funding. These awards are not guaranteed and depend on the market value each year. The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships selects recipients based on the established criteria of the donor. Selection and awarding in any of the Endowed / Non-Endowed awards is not guaranteed for any year. For additional information, please visit the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Transfer Students Institutional Awards:
Dillard University is a Transfer friendly institution. Unlike some colleges/universities, Dillard offers Transfer Awards (Merit Scholarship and Grant) to eligible students. The award is granted for a maximum of three (3) years which is six (6) consecutive semesters (unless the student completes his/her degree program prior to the 3 years. Students must transfer in with at least 12 or more completed credit hours. All transcripts will be required for submissions to evaluate student’s eligibility based on cumulative GPA as indicated below. Eligible recipients will receive a Scholarship Award Letter which will list the requirements for each specified award. Students enrolling in the Evening, Weekend Studies Program are not eligible for the Institutional Transfer Scholarship due to the pre-reduction of the program’s tuition expense. A general overview of the award criteria is:

- **Transfer Merit**: Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 3.25 – 4.00** (on a 4.0 scale). **Renewal**: Must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.

- **Transfer Merit 2**: Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 2.70 – 3.24** (on a 4.0 scale). **Renewal**: Must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.

- **Transfer Grant 1**: Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 2.25 – 2.69** (on a 4.0 scale). **Renewal**: Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

- **Transfer Grant 2**: Transfer students with at least 12 completed credit hours with a **cumulative GPA of 2.00 – 2.24** (on a 4.0 scale). **Renewal**: Must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA.

**IMPORTANT NOTE/POLICY**: If the student receives additional funding (federal, state, institutional or outside scholarships, grants/resources) within the award year, Dillard University reserves the right to reduce the Institutional Scholarships or Grant award dollar-for-dollar. Generally this impacts awards that are full tuition, full tuition/Room and Board, SAFE (non-endowed) and Student Success awards, but can impact other Institutional Scholarship and Grant awards. Also, Institutional Awards and Grants cannot be used for programs such as summer school, study abroad programs and the evening program. Funding is not guaranteed and is based on the availability of funding and the students need as defined by the FAFSA. **Institutional funds are limited; thus Dillard University reserves the right to limit (or not offer) these awards.**

To receive the scholarship, you must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student during each semester that the scholarship is in effect. The scholarship provides support for eight semesters (summer terms are excluded). To renew this scholarship, you must maintain the required cumulative Grade Point Average calculated at the end of each spring term and you must earn at least 24 semester hours at the end of each academic year. As a recipient of this award, you understand and/or agree to the following:

*All scholarship recipients are expected to explore external scholarship opportunities through civic, religious, corporate, state or the United Negro College Fund agency.*
If you are awarded an external scholarship, the university may switch your external scholarship award with the amount of the institutional scholarship when the external scholarship covers the same costs as the University’s institutional award. It is a federal requirement to notify the institution of all external scholarships awarded.

When packaging financial aid awards, it is a federal requirement that awards cannot exceed the university’s total Cost of Attendance (COA).

Dillard University reserves the right to replace institutional awards with other sources (external scholarships, TOPS, grants, etc.) in the same amount in order to use limited resources to support the needs of all students.

Endowed and Non-Endowed Grants/Scholarships are treated the same and will be awarded to assist in meeting the direct cost of attendance.

To be eligible students must be enrolled full-time with a maximum of 18 hours each semester. Hours over 18 will not be covered by a grant/scholarship funded by the University.

All applicable fees (such as, mandatory fees, orientation fee, housing maintenance fee, student assessment fee, lab fees, online, hybrid, course related fees, etc.) are not covered by this grant/scholarship except when noted.

While Study Abroad and 3-2 programs are highly encouraged, institutional awards (listed above, including endowed and non-endowed awards) cannot be applied toward these programs.

Institutional funds can only be used for coursework taken at Dillard University and/or formal University approved consortium institutions.

The scholarship award policy of the University is to assist students with the direct costs of their education, and to provide access to higher education costs of a private college education. The scholarship program is not designed or intended for students to make a financial profit.

Dillard University reserves the right to review and adjust at any time any award to maintain compliance with federal, state and institutional regulations.