AWARDING PROCESS

The recipient will receive an agreement form which must be submitted to the office of Student Financial Services by the required deadline. Once received, an award notification, indicating the type of scholarship, the level of the award, the duration of the award, as well as any other state/federal financial aid assistance will be posted to the student’s account. Awards may be viewed on the recipient’s Student Suite.

- Recipients must enroll in 12-15 credit hours each semester depending on their degree plan.

- The duration of the scholarship is for one academic year (Fall, Spring & Summer semesters) and for one program of study. If the student chooses to enroll in the summer term, the student must take 9-12 credit hours to receive a scholarship if courses are available.

- “Please note that scholarships for students receiving a scholarship based on High School performance begins in the Fall semester.”

- The Scholarship Committee will monitor the recipient’s progress for renewal each semester. Students must maintain the required GPA based on the requirement of the scholarship accepted. If at any time the cumulative grade point average falls below the requirement of the received scholarship, the student forfeits the scholarship.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Alabama Community College System, its Board of Trustees, and Lawson State Community College, a postsecondary institution under its control, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment. Lawson State Community College also prohibits discrimination due to ethnic origin, marital status, parental status, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, citizenship, veteran status or disability, reasonable accommodations or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law. The college has zero tolerance for harassment, retaliation, violence, physical bullying, cyber-bullying, and hazing. This nondiscrimination policy covers employment, admissions, training, organizational affiliation, student housing, and advisory boards in all college programs and activities. This policy is enforced by Federal law under Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended in 2008. If you have questions regarding compliance with these statutes or you need to file a complaint, please contact the Assistant Dean of Student Life (205-929-6361) or the Director of Human Resources (205-929-6313).

RENEWAL PROCESS

Students must complete the renewal scholarship agreement form that will be sent to them in May, and submit to Student Financial Services for continuation of scholarship by June 15th, with a copy of the transcript attached including the Spring semester grades. A processed FAFSA for the next year must be submitted by June 15th.

Students will be notified of their financial award package including all scholarships, grants and work-study on or before July 30th.

For Additional Information Contact:

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Eligibility guidelines for scholarships at Lawson State Community College are:

1. **New Students** - applicants who have not attended a college before may qualify for the following scholarships:

   - **Cougar Capstone Scholars**
     All books, tuition and fees, not including online fees. Students receiving this scholarship are expected to serve as an Ambassador for the college. (A student must be designated as Salutatorian, Valedictorian, or ranked as #1 or #2 in their graduating class on the official transcript.)

   - **Academic**
     4.00—3.75 GPA: 100% Tuition & fees
     3.74—3.50 GPA: 75% Tuition & fees
     3.49—3.00 GPA: 50% Tuition & fees

   - **IPOP** - InterFaith Partnership Outreach Program
     3.0 & higher; 2.75 - 2.99 - one semester waiver (50% - 100% tuition & fees based on Federal Pell Eligibility)
     (Contact Public Relations for information on nomination process.)

   - **CTES** - Career Technical Waiver
     - 2.25 gpa

   - **Ambassador** - 3.0 or higher gpa
     - Represents College at official functions, on and off campus.

   Applicants must have on file an admission application, scholarship application, letter of recommendation, official high school transcript including the last semester attended showing a 3.0 or above cumulative grade point average and the date of graduation, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All materials must be on file before the April 15th deadline date.

   Applicants will be notified of their financial aid award package including all scholarships, grants, and work-study on or before July 30th.

2. **Currently Enrolled Students** must complete the scholarship application, including letter of recommendation. A processed FAFSA must be submitted by June 15th.

   - Scholarships to currently enrolled students are awarded in one of three categories:
     - **Freshman Students**— Must have earned 12-32 credit hours in 100 level courses with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. 50% tuition and fees will be awarded.
     - **Sophomore Excellence**— Must have earned 33 or more credit hours in 100 level courses with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. 75% of tuition and fees will be awarded.
     - **Transfer Students**— Must be enrolled at LSCC one semester prior to completing a scholarship application, have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and 12 or more hours of 100 level courses.

   - 50% tuition and fees will be awarded

3. **Competition Scholarships** - Awarded based on placement in competitions: 1st PL - 100% Tuition & fees; 2nd PL-75% Tuition & fees; 3rd PL - 50%.

4. Other Scholarships such as Performing Arts - Art, Music, Jazz Band, Career Technical, Leadership, Ambassador, Cheerleading and Dance Team are available. Criteria for these scholarships includes active participation set by the advisors for each area.

5. **Private Scholarships** are available based on specific criteria established by the agencies or organizations sponsoring the scholarships. Assistance is also provided for students who transfer to other colleges and universities. Please see external scholarships on website@lawsonstate.edu.

6. **GED Students** may receive a tuition waiver worth the cost of one course to begin their program of study at Lawson State Community College.

7. **RTW Students** may receive a tuition waiver worth the cost of one course to begin their program of study at Lawson State Community College.

**SUMMER/FALL SCHOLARSHIPS**
Summer scholarships are awarded to students who are currently enrolled in Lawson State Community College.

**Application Process:** Students must submit a scholarship application and letter of recommendation to receive the Summer or Fall Scholarship by April 15th.

- **Freshman Students:** Must have earned 12-32 credit hours in 100 level courses and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. 50% of tuition & fees will be awarded.
- **Sophomore Students:** Must have earned 33 or more credit hours in 100 level courses and have a minimum grade point average of 3.50. 75% of tuition & fees will be awarded.
- **Transfer Students:** Must be enrolled at Lawson State Community College one semester prior to making application, have a 3.0 grade point average, and 12 or more hours in 100 level courses at LSCC. 50% tuition and fees will be awarded

Applicants will be notified of eligibility for the Summer Scholarship by May 15th. Applicants will be notified of eligibility for the Fall scholarship by July 10.

Please note:

**All LSCC Scholarship waivers are awarded the applicable tuition and fees for up to 15 credit hours, and exclude online, late, Nursing, Orientation, and Testing fees.**

If you are unable to enroll for the required 12 credit hours to receive the scholarship, please see a Student Financial Services staff person.