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2024-2025 Merit Scholarship Policy and Renewal

Warren Wilson College awards merit scholarships at the time of admission to qualified incoming first-year and transfer degree seeking students only. These scholarships are available for renewal for up to four years or eight consecutive semesters and as long as the student remains full-time each semester to progress toward earning their degree. Students who exceed an undergraduate degree timeframe of four years or eight consecutive semesters will be evaluated and will be required to appeal for renewal until their degree is completed.

Merit scholarships are renewed as long as the student maintains full-time enrollment, maintains Satisfactory Academic Progress, and is in good academic standing. Warren Wilson College defines full-time as 12 hours each semester. A student's merit aid will only be pro-rated in their last semester prior to graduation if the student's enrollment is less than full time based on hours enrolled. If the student ceases to graduate, they must appeal for merit aid to be reinstated. Merit aid is not pro-rated if a student falls below full time during a standard academic semester where the student is not approved for graduation.

Merit Aid is not offered during the summer semester.

Revision of your Merit Scholarship if you placed on academic probation:

The Financial Aid Office will review the student's grades and full-time status from the Academic Affairs office each semester. If a student is placed on academic probation in any given semester, the student may lose their merit scholarship for the following semester. Please see financial aid for more details.

Revision of your Merit Scholarship if you are not making SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress):

The Financial Aid Office reviews progress for every student after each semester. If a student is not making SAP and is placed on Financial Aid Warning, no aid is reduced or revised during your FA Warning semester. If during your FA Warning semester, you do not make SAP, you will be placed on FA Suspension, in which you will be required to submit an appeal with documentation and an academic plan developed by you and the Academic Support Office. If an appeal is successfully approved the student will be placed on probation. If the student does not make SAP during the FA probation semester, then the student will lose all aid eligibility; federal, state, and institutional.

Appeal Process:

If a student wishes to appeal merit funding or be considered for their merit scholarships to be redetermined, the student must notify the Financial Aid Office and complete the scholarship appeal form. A required email/letter from the Registrar will be requested by the Financial Aid Office to document when the student will be graduating. Even if a student is part-time during that last semester, our office will calculate the part-time amount the student can receive in their merit scholarships to help the student graduate. The formula used will be; total merit scholarship amount for one semester divided by 12 hours (full-time); that amount is then multiplied by the total hours the student must complete in order to receive their degree. For example, if a student is in 6 hours and only has this remaining to graduate, the student will be eligible to receive the equivalent of 6 hours their merit scholarship amount.