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<b>STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, LOANS &amp; FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS – 3:04:01:00</b>
Approval
<b>Corresponding Policy:</b> <a href="#">TBR Student Scholarships, Grants, Loans &amp; Financial Aid Programs Policy 3:04:01:00</a>
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**I. PURPOSE**

This policy covers the establishment of and participation in student scholarship and financial aid programs by Motlow State Community College. This policy is taken from [TBR Policy 3:04:01:00](#) and modified for Motlow State Community College.

**II. POLICY**

**A. FEDERAL, STATE AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL AID, LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

1. By TBR Policy 3:04:01:00, Motlow State Community College is authorized to participate in any private, federal, or state programs providing financial aid, loans, scholarships, grants, and other forms of educational assistance to students. Motlow State Community College must meet the eligibility requirements for participation and comply with all federal and state laws and regulations related to said programs.
2. In participating in educational assistance programs, Motlow State Community College shall comply with all applicable laws. Motlow State Community College may participate in publicly or privately funded educational assistance programs which provide preference on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, handicap, age, religious preference, veteran's status, or national origin in the selection of students or awards to students, but only where the aggregate of all such participation is non-discriminatory and after consultation with legal counsel. Motlow State Community College may participate in any educational assistance programs provided by the federal government or the State of Tennessee for affirmative action or diversity purposes in furtherance of the institution's affirmative action and or diversity plan.

**B. INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANT PROGRAMS**

**1. GENERAL PARAMETERS**

- a. State appropriations shall be expended or applied only to Access and Diversity grants.
- b. Motlow State Community College is authorized to employ students under local work programs.
- c. Motlow State Community College may award scholarships and grants, in any of the programs listed below in Sections II. C. and D., to students who are full-time, part-time, out-of-state, or Tennessee residents.

- d. The maximum amount of an individual academic service scholarship awarded for any one semester or summer session shall be the amount of the maintenance fees (and/or out-of-state tuition) for the semester or summer session plus an allowance for books and supplies. The maximum books and supplies allowance shall be commensurate with the book and supply allowance component of the standard student budget compiled by the institution's financial aid officer. The maximum amount that may be awarded to any individual during a single fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount of combined fees and book allowances defined herein. For the purposes of this policy, maintenance fees (and/or out-of-state tuition) shall be defined as all mandatory fees payable by a student for continued enrollment at the institution, including but not limited to debt service fees, student activity fees, and registration fees. The maximum amount awarded to a part-time student shall be prorated based on the number of hours for which the student is enrolled. Refunds shall be handled in accordance with TBR refund policy outlined in TBR Guideline B-060. The provisions of this section do not apply to privately funded scholarships or grants.
- e. Motlow State Community College will establish specific criteria for the scholarship programs listed below in Sections II. C. and D. The criteria will meet the minimum limitations set forth in TBR policy 3:04:01:00; however, Motlow State Community College may set criteria which is more restrictive than the TBR policy. The written procedures implementing this policy and all requirements for eligibility, maintenance, and renewal shall be clearly published in the official catalog of the institution and through the institutional website.

**C. FUNDING SOURCES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANT PROGRAMS**

- 1. Academic Scholarships and Institutional Grants/Scholarships may be funded by a maximum of 10% of total tuition and fees received by Motlow State Community College in any one year. An exception to this limitation may be made upon approval of the Chancellor and subsequent approval of the budget by TBR.
- 2. Athletic and Performance Grants/Scholarships may be funded by private contributions, donations, endowment earnings designated for scholarships and grants, revenues derived from the activities in which the student participates, and student fees specifically programmed and approved for such assistance.
- 3. Access and Diversity Grants/Scholarships shall be funded by state funds and may be supplemented by other campus revenue sources.

**D. SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT PROGRAMS REQUIRING SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION**

- 1. Athletic Grants/Scholarships
  - a. Motlow State Community College is authorized to award grants for students involved in athletics.
  - b. Grants for athletes awarded by Motlow State Community College shall be subject to applicable limitations imposed by any national, regional, or other conference or association of which Motlow State Community College is a member.
  - c. The requirement of service to Motlow State Community College is satisfied by student performance of athletic endeavors.
- 2. Performance Grants/Scholarships
  - a. Motlow State Community College may award grants/scholarships to students who perform a service to the institution, such as band members, cheerleaders, spirit squad members, staff of student newspapers and yearbooks, etc.
  - b. The service requirement is fulfilled by the performance of the activity by the student.
- 3. Other Institutional Grants/Scholarships
  - a. Institutional Grants may be provided for meeting affirmative action and minority recruitment goals.
  - b. Institutional Grants may be provided for assisting handicapped, physically disadvantaged, and economically disadvantaged students.
- 4. Academic Service Scholarships
  - a. Awards to first-time freshmen shall be limited to students who had a minimum high school average of 2.9 or the equivalent. In addition, first-time freshmen shall have a minimum enhanced ACT composite score of 19 to be eligible for consideration. Awards to GED/Hi Set students shall be based upon evidence of comparable scholastic ability. Motlow State Community College may

make exception to the requirements of this paragraph when admitting freshmen who have not attended high school or another postsecondary institution for at least four years.

- b. Motlow State Community College does not have Academic Service scholarships for transfer students. In the event that Motlow State Community College begins to make transfer awards the minimum criteria will be as follows: Awards to transfer and other than first-time freshman students will require a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.5 for two year colleges earned on the basis of at least twelve (12) credit hours. Students who have completed less than twelve (12) credit hours shall, for the purposes of this policy, be considered first-time freshmen.
  - c. Renewal of academic service scholarships after the initial academic year of the freshman shall require a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. All subsequent renewals shall be reviewed at the end of each semester and require a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for students.
    - (1) Students must complete a minimum amount of twelve credits, if full time and six credits, if part time.
  - d. Awards of academic service scholarships shall be made on a semester basis. Failure to maintain the required grade-point average or a satisfactory standard of conduct will result in the automatic forfeiture of the scholarship. A student who forfeits his/her scholarship for any of the above reasons may be eligible for consideration after the lapse of at least one full semester. Exceptions to this provision may be made when approved by the institution's president or his/her designee.
  - e. Economic status and need of the applicant will be considered a favorable factor only when all other conditions appear equal. Consideration may be given to the student's potential for the future as well as his or her area of specialization in relation to the needs of the state and the nation.
  - f. An Academic Service Scholarship shall involve a service obligation to the institution of 75 hours per semester. The service obligation will be structured to primarily provide an educational benefit to the student, not a work benefit to the institution. The service requirement for part-time and summer session students shall be prorated based on the number of hours for which the student is enrolled.
    - (1) Students must complete a minimum amount of twelve credits, if full time and six credits, if part time.
    - (2) The institution may define service for the purpose of the scholarship to include academic or co-curricular activities, such as study abroad, undergraduate research, service learning, student teaching, nursing clinical, social work practicum, and approved institutional service.
- E. Grants/Scholarships Which Do Not Require Service to the Institution
1. Access and Diversity grants/scholarships may be provided to students in order to achieve diversity plan objectives.
  2. Students receiving Access and Diversity grants/scholarships are not required to provide service to the institution.
  3. Students enrolled in institutional Honors programs which require significant enrichment activities by the student over and above normal course requirements are not by this policy required to provide service to the institution.
  4. Students receiving privately-funded or publicly-funded scholarships which require an institutional match are not by this policy required to provide service to the institution.
- F. Exceptions
1. The President or his/her designee is authorized to approve other scholarships/grants so long as the total amount of these and other academic scholarships and institutional grants funded under this policy do not exceed a maximum of 10% of total tuition and fees received by the institution in any one year.