
Chapter: Student Affairs

Modification No. 001

Subject: **Board of Trustees Scholar Award**

- I. The Board of Trustees is dedicated to recognizing an outstanding scholar from each College campus.
- II. The President is authorized to establish procedures to implement this policy.

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- I. The Board of Trustees Scholar program is designed to recognize a campus "valedictorian." Candidates for nomination must be eligible for spring commencement ceremonies. The nominee must have received an Associate's degree (as a first undergraduate degree) in summer or fall terms or have completed 45 credit hours and have in progress final requirements for an Associate's degree (as a first undergraduate degree) in spring term of the given academic year. At least 25 of the required credit hours must have been taken at Montgomery College. The nominee must have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 in all courses at the College. In addition, the candidate for nomination must be willing to participate as a commencement speaker during the commencement ceremony.
- II. All students who meet the initial criteria on each campus will be notified of their nomination by mail in March, informed of the selection process, and asked to respond to their appropriate campus contact person if they wish to be considered. Each campus Vice President and Provost will develop a process that ensures the fair and objective evaluation of students being considered for this honor. At least one member of the Board of Trustees will be invited to participate in the evaluation process.
- III. All nominees will be ranked in order; the top-ranked student will be named as the campus Board of Trustees Scholar, pending review of final semester grades and graduation status for any spring graduates. Should the top student fail to maintain the 4.0 GPA and/or fail to complete graduation requirements, the next-ranked student will receive the award. The name, identification number, and a brief biographical sketch of the top-ranked nominee should be forwarded to the Chief of Staff with a copy to the Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Services in time to have the information and a photograph (optional) included in the commencement program.
- IV. In any academic year, if there are no students on a campus who meet the 4.0 GPA requirement or choose not to be considered for the Award, the Board will empower the campus Vice President and Provost with the authority to seek a qualifying student with the next highest possible GPA.
- V. Board of Trustees Scholars shall be recognized at the commencement ceremony, at which they are to participate as one of the commencement speakers. The scholars will also receive an appropriate citation, a cash award to be applied to future tuition or educational purposes of their choice, and be appropriately recognized in the commencement program.
- VI. In the event that the second ranked nominee is deemed worthy of recognition, the appropriate Vice President and Provost may recommend a cash award for that student. These runners-up will also receive an appropriate citation, a cash award to be applied to future tuition or educational purposes of their choice, and be appropriately recognized in the commencement program.

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