Parks College Deans Scholarships Frequently Asked Questions

The most Frequently Asked Questions regarding scholarship qualifications for Parks College Merit based scholarships are addressed by the Parks scholarship committee and listed below. Any questions not addressed should be sent to Christine Hoffmann at hoffmanncw@slu.edu.

1. Applications – The application consists of the two pages that need to be filled out and signed by the applicant. The pages following the application are definitions of the scholarship requirements and do not need to be turned in with the application. Attach the application to the front of the documents you turn in for the scholarships for which you are applying.

2. GPA – Only those hours achieved at SLU will receive credit in the GPA considerations. Any student enrolled in the spring semester as a full time student at Parks College may apply, as the GPA confirmations are obtained after the completion of the spring semester.

3. Student standing – All earned credit hours completed by the end of the spring semester at SLU and transferred from other institutions are compiled to determine the students standing. Freshmen are those students with 0-29 credit hours. Sophomores have completed 01-59 credit hours and juniors have between 61-89 credit hours. Seniors have 90 or more credit hours, but have not yet completed all required coursework needed to graduate.

4. Financial Requirements – Most scholarships require a FAFSA be filled out for the coming school year. New FAFSA forms are released every January and are available to students. The forms need to be returned to the Student Financial Aid office by May 1st in order to be processed and available for use in scholarship consideration. International students are recommended to fill out the College Board’s CSS/Financial Aid Profile for $9 and turn it in to Financial Aid.

5. Essays – Only one essay needs to be submitted per topic. List the scholarships the essay applies to at the top of the essay. List your name at the top right of each page and number your pages. Turn in all essays with your one application. Please remember that the committee is comprised of faculty and outside professionals when determining the content and length of your essay.

6. Resumes – These are meant to help prepare you for your future success. Their appearance should be professional and give a full scope of your experience inside and outside the classroom, as well as work experience and awards.

7. Recommendations – Please approach faculty several weeks before the application deadline in order to give them enough time to write your recommendation. Ask them to send the letter to Parks College Scholarship Committee, C/O Christine Hoffmann, 3540 Lindell Blvd, MDH Room 2006, St. Louis, MO 63103. They can also send it inter-office mail to MDH Room 2006 or scanned with signature and emailed to hoffmanncw@slu.edu.

8. Decision Process – The Scholarship Committee receives the essays and resumes to evaluate and score after the application deadline. Applicant qualifications are verified with the advisors and financial aid office. The committee then meets after the end of the semester to consider the candidates for each scholarship.

9. Notification – Once the scholarships are decided, the winners are sent an email in June notifying them and asking for a response to verify their acknowledgement. The awards are then sent to the financial aid office in August.

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