



Policy Name:	USSU Executive Scholarship		
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1. Preamble

The USSU Executive Scholarship is established to support undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan who demonstrate a commitment to promoting diversity, showing financial need, and engaging in community service and extracurricular activities. This scholarship aligns with the USSU's mission to advocate for and support students, fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and engaged student community.

2. Definitions

- **Diversity:** The inclusion of individuals from various backgrounds, including but not limited to ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and disabilities.
- **Financial Need:** The economic circumstances hinder a student's ability to finance their education.
- **Community Service:** Voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Activities performed by students that fall outside the realm of the regular school or university education curriculum.
- **Leadership:** The action of leading a group of people or an organization, or the ability to do this.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a verified undergraduate student at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Active involvement in extracurricular activities and community service.
- Demonstrated leadership qualities and initiatives to improve student life on campus.

4. Application Process

- Complete the USSU Executive Scholarship application form.

- Submit a 500-word personal statement/response to the application question, resume, maximum 3 letters of recommendation demonstrating the applicant’s commitment to diversity/community service/extracurricular activities/leadership, and optional declaration of financial need.

5. Selection Process

- Initial anonymized screening, followed by review and selection stages set by the Advocacy Committee.
- Final review and selection by the USSU's Advocacy and Finance Committees based on diversity, financial need, community service involvement, extracurricular activities, and leadership.

6. Award Distribution

Two recipients will be chosen. A one-time payment of \$2,000 to each scholarship recipient. For the 2023-2024 year, USSU will be issuing a cheque for payment fulfillment. The incoming president will be advised to work with appropriate channels to ensure the money is directly applied as a tuition credit.

7. Future Timelines

- Advertisement and application rollout: Annually by August 01.
- Confirming selection committee members: By September 15.
- Notification of scholarship recipients: By September 20.
- Disbursement of funds: By September 25.

8. Scholarship Expectations

Recipients must submit a testimonial to the USSU President within 3 months of receiving the award, detailing the scholarship's impact on their academic and personal development.

9. Review and Renewal

The scholarship will be reviewed annually for criteria and amount adjustments based on student feedback and tuition changes, ensuring alignment with current student needs.

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