



Policy Name:	USSU Executive Scholarship		
Category:	Executive	Policy #	EXEC-7

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.
- The USSU executives and the members of the University Students Council will not be eligible for this scholarship.

4. Application Process

- Complete the USSU Executive Scholarship application form.
- Submit a 500-word personal statement/response to the application question, resume, maximum 2 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 an ad hoc USC committee, the Scholarships Committee, chaired by the President and consisting of one vice-president nominated by the Executive Committee, three Councillors nominated by the USC and a senior manager as a non-voting member.
- Final review and selection by the USC's Scholarships Committee based on diversity, financial need, community service involvement, extracurricular activities, and leadership.

6. Award Distribution

Four recipients will be chosen. For each scholarship recipient, \$1,000 will be directly applied as a tuition credit and they will receive a certificate of recognition for their contribution to extracurricular activities and leadership.

7. Timeline

- Advertisement and application rollout: annually by September 15th.
- Deadline for application: October 15th
- Confirming selection committee members: by October 15.
- Notification of scholarship recipients: by November 1.
- Disbursement of funds: by January 5.

8. 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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