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| 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 and leadership, and engage 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 a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, including but not limited to ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, and lived experiences.
- **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.
- USSU Executives, USSU Administration, USSU Centre Coordinators, and members of the University Students' Council (USC) are not eligible for this scholarship.

4. Application Process

- Complete the USSU Executive Scholarship application form.
- Submit responses to the four scholarship questions covering: campus involvement, equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI), leadership, and how the scholarship would support your academic journey.
- Applicants may include up to 2 letters of recommendation from a professional or academic reference.

5. Selection Process

- All applications will be anonymized prior to review to remove identifying information, ensuring a fair and unbiased process.
- The USSU Executives will serve as the Scholarships Committee. Each Executive will independently evaluate and score applications according to the approved rubric.
- Following individual evaluations, the Executives will meet to determine final recipients based on leadership, community involvement, diversity, advocacy, and extracurricular engagement.
- If the Executives cannot reach agreement on a recipient, an ad-hoc committee will be formed from members of the University Students' Council (USC) to review the application(s) in question and provide a recommendation for final selection.

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

- The scholarship must be opened no later than the end of September each year.
- Applications must remain open for a minimum of six weeks.
- Recipients must be selected and notified by the end of January
- Funds must be distributed by the tuition payment deadline for the Winter term classes.

8. Dispersal of Funds

- The USSU will apply the scholarship directly to the recipient students' accounts.
- Subject to the recipient's needs, the funds may be dispersed by cheque or EFT.

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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