

Tulane Legislative Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions and Answers 2018-19

What is the value of Tulane's Legislative Scholarship?

The Legislative Scholarship is a scholarship for Louisiana students and covers the cost of tuition for one year. The value for the 2017-18 school year was \$48,920. However, the value of the scholarship changes with tuition each year. Receipt of the scholarship one year does not guarantee receipt of the scholarship in subsequent years.

Who awards the Tulane Legislative Scholarship?

The Legislative Scholarship is funded by Tulane University. However, the Scholarship is named the Legislative Scholarship because Tulane gives each Louisiana state senator and representative one scholarship each year that he/she may award to a student who meets all of the criteria listed under the following question. Given that the nominated student meets the criteria below, the Office of Undergraduate Admission will subsequently approve the nomination. Although the Office of Undergraduate Admission must ultimately approve the nomination, each legislator nominates a student based on his/her own judgment.

What are the minimum requirements for the Legislative Scholarship?

Legislators may award the scholarship to any student who meets ALL of the following criteria:

- 1) Permanent resident of Louisiana
- 2) Graduate of a Louisiana high school
- 3) Admitted to a full-time undergraduate division of Tulane University (for new students) to begin in the fall semester or maintenance of a 2.30 cumulative Tulane GPA as a full-time undergraduate, degree-seeking student (for continuing Tulane students)

What if the legislator who nominated me leaves office before I graduate from Tulane? What if I cannot secure a legislator's nomination in subsequent years? Can I get previously awarded merit-based aid re-instated?

Because the award is for one year, you must secure a legislator's nomination and continue to meet the criteria above to receive the

scholarship in subsequent years. If the legislator who initially nominated you for his/her scholarship leaves office before you graduate from Tulane, you must attempt to secure a nomination from a different legislator. Legislators who are not in office cannot award Legislative Scholarships. If you are unable to secure a legislator nomination in subsequent years, you may contact the Financial Aid Office to be considered for a re-instatement of previously awarded merit-based aid (that you did not accept previously because of incompatibility with the Legislative Scholarship) given that you have maintained a 2.70 cumulative Tulane GPA and continuous, full-time enrollment. Students who are not maintaining a cumulative 2.70 Tulane GPA will not be considered for re-instatement of previously awarded merit scholarships. A request for reinstatement does not mean that your award can or will be reinstated. You should also apply for federal need-based aid by submitting the FAFSA (<http://fafsa.ed.gov>) and institutional need-based aid by submitting the CSS Profile (<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>).

Can a legislator from a district other than my own award his/her scholarship to me?

Yes. Given that you meet the scholarship criteria, you may receive the scholarship from a legislator who represents your district or any other district in the state of Louisiana. However, many legislators tend to award their scholarship to students from their districts.

How many scholarships are awarded each year?

Given that each state senator and representative awards one scholarship each year, there are 144 scholarships (105 by representatives and 39 by senators) available each year. However, many legislators re-nominate the same student to cover the student's four years at Tulane. Therefore, approximately one-fourth, or about 36, of the scholarships are awarded to new students each year.

How do I apply for the Legislative Scholarship?

The Scholarship does **not** have an application. ALL Louisiana students ADMITTED into Newcomb-Tulane College as full time undergraduate degree-seeking students are automatically ELIGIBLE for the Legislative Scholarship Program, upon completion and return of the Legislative Scholarship Program Form, in accordance with the procedure described below.

Every Louisiana student offered admission as a freshmen under Early Action or Early Decision who meets the eligibility requirements outlined above will receive (via email), on January 12, 2018, the Legislative Scholarship Program Form requesting certain information concerning the

student and the student's written consent to make certain information publicly available if the student wishes to be considered for a Tulane Legislative Scholarship.

All Louisiana students offered admission as freshmen under Regular Decision and all currently enrolled students identified by the Registrar's Office as being eligible to apply for the Tulane Legislative Scholarship will receive the Legislative Scholarship Program Form by March 9, 2018.

If a student properly completes and submits the Legislative Scholarship Program Form by April 1, 2018, the student will be eligible for consideration for the Tulane Legislative Scholarship.

The disclosure form is not available online and access to the form will only be sent via email to eligible admitted and currently enrolled students. The form is an online form that must be submitted online for consideration.

Please note the Legislative Scholarship Program Form does not nominate you for a Tulane Legislative Scholarship. Tulane recommends contacting legislators(s) of your choice by sending a cover letter and resume to the legislators' email and/or office address and following-up with the legislators' offices after these items have been received.

How and when do I find out if I received one of the scholarships?

Tulane will receive a nomination form from each Legislator in April, and if the student meets the criteria for the Legislative Scholarship, Tulane will notify the student of the award. Students admitted as freshmen, transfer students, and currently enrolled students who are not current recipients of the Tulane Legislative Scholarship, will be notified of their awards on or before April 20, 2018, by a letter from the Office of Financial Aid. Existing legislative scholarship recipients who are re-nominated for Legislative Scholarships will receive notification through their Gibson Online accounts after their spring grades are posted. Note that existing Legislative Scholarship recipients must also continue to satisfy the Legislative Scholarship program requirements.

How do I find my legislative and senatorial district numbers which are required on the legislative disclosure form?

You may do an online search for your district numbers (based on your home address) at <http://www.legis.la.gov/>.

Can I combine the Legislative Scholarship with other financial aid?

You may combine the Legislative Scholarship with some, but not all, other financial aid awards. If you are a recipient of a Legislative Scholarship,

you may contact the Financial Aid Office at Tulane at 800.335.3210 with questions about how your legislative scholarship will interact with other financial aid awards.

You may combine the Legislative Scholarship with the following three merit-based scholarships and apply these other scholarships towards the cost of fees, room, and board: the Tulane Louisiana Valedictorian Scholarship, the Tulane National Merit Finalist Award, and Louisiana's TOPS (<http://www.osfa.la.gov/>).

You may NOT combine the Legislative Scholarship with other scholarships, including but not limited to the following: Stamps Leadership Award, Deans' Honor Scholarship, Paul Tulane Award, Presidential Scholarship, Premier Scholarship, Distinguished Scholar's Award, the Founder's Scholarship, Academic Recognition, Community Service Fellowship (for first year students only), Collegiate Achievement Award, Scholastic Advancement Award, or Phi Theta Kappa (for transfer students only), ROTC Scholarships, Faculty/Staff Tuition Waivers, or the Tulane Mayoral Scholarship (for Orleans Parish residents and graduates of Orleans Parish schools only).

Whom should I contact with questions about the Legislative Scholarship Program?

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