

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL

William H. Gray Scholarships

William H. Gray, Jr., Scholars are awarded that status on admission to F&M.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for a Gray Scholarship, a student must:

- 1) be a United States citizen or permanent resident;
- 2) show a commitment to community service, potential for achievement as demonstrated by academic strength, and leadership ability;
- 3) be from an background traditionally underrepresented in U. S. higher education (currently construed as first generation, rural, socio-economically diverse, African American, Hispanic- Latino American, Native American, Asian American);
- 4) demonstrate financial need.

Benefits

Gray Scholars receive an annual need-based scholarship, at a level set by the Office of Financial Aid in accordance with the family's disclosure of finances and expected educational costs whether at F&M or on a qualifying off-campus program.

The Gray Scholarship minimizes loan and work commitments (as determined by the Office of Financial Aid through an annual Financial Aid application) over the course of four years.

Gray recipients are invited to apply for the pre-orientation public service workshop called "Putting It Together in the Community" (PIT), a four-day program in August introducing first-year students to service opportunities in the Lancaster community.

The Gray Scholars Program offers educational trips, lectures, opportunities to discuss service topics over meals with faculty or distinguished visitors, and other educational and cultural activities on and off campus, often in conjunction with other Scholar groups.

Renewal of the annual scholarship requires *all* of the following:

- 1) **Regular progress toward graduation** as evaluated at the end of each academic year, defined as having achieved 7 graded courses after 2 semesters, 11 after 3 semesters, 15 after 4 semesters, 19 after 5 semesters, 23 after 6 semesters, and 27

after 7 semesters (F, P, NP, and W do not count as graded course credits). Credits for work done before arriving at F&M (including AP credit, college-level courses taken while in high school, etc.) do NOT count for this criterion, but transferred credits for courses taken at other colleges after matriculation at F&M DO count.
And:

- 2) **A cumulative GPA of 2.3** or higher after the first year and **a cumulative GPA of 2.5** or higher after subsequent years, evaluated at the end of each academic year. The method for calculating GPA will be that normally used at Franklin & Marshall. Currently, GPAs are affected only by academic year and summer courses taken at F&M, summer travel courses taught by F&M faculty, courses taken through the Millersville (fall and spring only; summer and winter for education courses only), Gettysburg, Dickinson, and Lancaster Theological Seminary exchange programs, and field courses required for the GEO major in any approved program; for details, consult the Registrar's Office. And:
- 3) **Full-time enrollment** at Franklin & Marshall (meaning 3 or more 4-credit-hour courses on-campus or on Approved Off-Campus Study for each semester of the scholarship, evaluated each semester. (Approved Off-Campus Study does not include Guest Semesters and Leaves of Absence.) And:
- 4) **Good Character** as reflected by an absence of serious College disciplinary actions, whether academic or non-academic.

Examples:

- A student who retains the annual scholarship by meeting the progress and service criteria at the end of her first year will not lose any part of the scholarship because of failing to meet those two criteria as of the end of the fall semester of her sophomore year.
- A student who loses the annual scholarship after his sophomore year because he does not meet the criteria cannot regain it for the spring of his junior year, even if he meets the criteria after the fall semester of his junior year. But if he meets all requirements as of the end of his junior year, he will regain scholarship eligibility for his senior year.

Other policies:

- These guidelines apply to students selected to begin as Gray Scholars of the classes of 2006 and later.
- All need-based awards are contingent upon candidates meeting published deadlines for the submission of Financial Aid application materials.

- A student who goes on Leave of Absence or withdraws from F&M, but later returns to the College, may regain Gray Scholar status and (providing the guidelines are met) its benefits.
- Other restrictions may be applied by relevant offices such as Personnel and Financial Aid. The College reserves the right to make adjustments in these conditions consistent with the purposes of the program.
- In exceptional circumstances, students may appeal to the Dean of the College the application of these policies.

Questions regarding the relation of the Gray Scholarship to Financial Aid should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid, (717) 291-3991. All other questions before enrollment should be directed to the Office of Admission, (717) 291-3951, and after enrollment to the Office of Student Academic Affairs (717) 291-3989.

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