

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL

John Marshall Scholar Program Guidelines

To be eligible for consideration for a Marshall Scholarship, a student must be accepted for admission and awarded Marshall Scholar Status by the Credential Review and Evaluation Committee; or, in very exceptional cases, be selected as a rising sophomore with a GPA near the top of his or her class.

Benefits to John Marshall Scholars:

- 1) An F&M Computer Store credit** to purchase the faculty-recommended Apple Macintosh system, or else the equivalent amount of credit toward purchase of a more expensive system. This benefit is available only to first-year students.
- 2) The opportunity to submit one or more proposals for John Marshall project grants** totaling up to \$3,000. Projects fall into one of three basic areas: scholarly research, the creative arts, and community and public service.

In order to apply for a grant, the student must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA, and comply with the appropriate committee's usual deadlines and procedures (no specific number of graded course credits is required). Almost all students who apply in sufficient time to revise the proposal (if needed) actually receive grants. The grant must be used before graduation.

Only a student who intends to be enrolled at F&M for the semester following the project is eligible to receive project grants. (The student is required, if the project takes place over the summer and is judged suitable for this purpose, to present the work at the Campus Research Fair the following academic year.)

- 3) The opportunity to participate in various special programs** on campus and **trips** off campus.
- 4) An annual scholarship** toward tuition (at the rate of half of the annual scholarship each semester) through the 8th semester of college-level study as determined by F&M's rules governing financial aid eligibility. The annual scholarship value is \$12,500 for Scholars who entered F&M in the fall of 2001 through fall 2006; and \$15,000 for students who entered F&M in or after the fall of 2007.
 - a) This annual scholarship is included in** the value of *need-based financial aid* (including William H. Gray, Jr., Scholarships). For example:
 - Students who demonstrate financial need that justifies a College grant in excess of the Marshall scholarship for a given semester will receive aid equal to the amount of need for that semester and including the Marshall Scholarship. For example, a student who qualifies for a need-based award of \$20,000 in a given semester will receive a total award of \$20,000 for that semester, not more.

- Students who demonstrate financial need of *less* than the scholarship in a given semester will receive not more than the value of the full semester scholarship.
- b)** Students who qualify for tuition exchange (TE) or grant-in-aid (GIA) or who will engage in Approved Off-Campus Study should consult guidelines distributed by the Office of International and Off-Campus Study, the Office of Financial Aid, the Office of Personnel Services, and the Business Office, to find the amount of eligible Scholarship funding in their case.
- c)** The annual scholarship is not cumulative with any other F&M award.

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

1) Regular progress toward graduation, evaluated at the end of each academic year (or summer if the student so requests), defined as achieving *7 graded* course credits 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 Internships For Credit, including preceptorships (INT 480), and transferred courses taken at other colleges after matriculation at F&M DO count. And:

2) A *cumulative* GPA of 3.00 or higher after the first year and a ***cumulative* GPA of 3.20** or higher after subsequent years, evaluated at the end of each academic year (or summer if the student so requests). 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.

3) Full-time enrollment at F&M (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.)

Examples:

- A student who retains the annual scholarship by meeting the progress and GPA 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.

4) Good character as reflected by an absence of serious College disciplinary actions, whether academic or non-academic.

Other policies

- Non-renewal of the annual Marshall scholarship will not affect the status and title of Marshall Scholar or the right to apply for a project grant (as long as the applicable project requirements are met).
- For students with financial aid, loss of the annual scholarship may result in the conversion of some grant funds into loans or on-campus employment and some types of loans into other loans that may have a higher interest rate; it is not certain that the financial aid package will still meet demonstrated need as determined by the Financial Aid Office.
- A “Sophomore Marshall” (a small number are named by the Associate Provost for Educational Services after their first two semesters at F&M, on the basis of extremely high academic achievement) does not receive the computer but will have 6 semesters of eligibility for the annual scholarship, beginning with the sophomore year, and can apply for the project grant.
- A student, who goes on Leave of Absence or withdraws from F&M, but later returns to the College, regains the Marshall status and (providing guidelines are met) its benefits.
- Other restrictions may be applied by other offices such as Personnel Services and Financial Aid. The College reserves the right to make adjustments in these conditions consistent with the purposes of the program.
- In the event of exceptional circumstances, a student has the right to appeal to the Associate Provost the application of these policies.
- Questions regarding the Marshall Scholarship and financial aid should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid, (717) 291-3991. 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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