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POLICY

Scholarships and Grants for International Undergraduate Students

1. Purpose

This policy defines the financial support structures provided to self-funding international undergraduate students at Zayed University.

2. Scope of Application

This policy applies to eligible international undergraduate students at Zayed University.

3. Definitions

CGPA	Cumulative Grade Point Average
EmSAT	Emirates Standardized Test
Provost	Provost and Chief Academic Officer
SAT	Scholastic Aptitude Test
University	Zayed University
VP-CEO	Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer
ZU	Zayed University

4. Policy

4.1 In addition to external sponsorship, Zayed University (“**University**” or “**ZU**”) offers financial support at the beginning of each Fall and Spring semester to eligible, self-funding international students in its undergraduate programs in the form of:

- a) Undergraduate Merit Scholarship.
- b) Undergraduate Family Grant.
- c) Undergraduate Tuition Fee Discount for Children of ZU Employees.

4.2 Self-funding international students may not qualify for more than one of the awards described in this policy.

4.3 None of the awards described in this policy may be deferred.

5. Undergraduate Merit Scholarship

5.1 ZU is committed to offering merit-based scholarships to outstanding international undergraduate students.

5.1.1 The number of international students who may be awarded scholarships will be calculated at 5% of the total number of UAE Nationals enrolled in undergraduate programs at the university in any given academic year.

5.1.2 The number of scholarships awarded will be kept to a maximum of 50% of the total number of international students enrolling in a given year.

5.2 Scholarship applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, which is appointed by the Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer (“**VP-CEO**”) on an annual basis. Upon reviewing the applications, the committee will submit its recommendations to the Provost and Chief Academic Officer (“**Provost**”) and the VP-CEO for the final decision.

5.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to receive this award:

- a) Students must have received a formal letter of admission to a ZU undergraduate program.
- b) Students will be assessed based on three (3) criteria:
 - i) High school grades (students must have achieved the minimum high school grade stated below to be eligible to apply for the scholarship).

Curriculum	Minimum High School Graduation Result
UAE Ministry of Education	90%
International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP)	36 points
British System (AS/A Levels)	2 A’s
American System	90%
Other Curriculums	85%

ii) Documented list of accomplishments/achievements in the last three (3) years (academic/non-academic).

iii) Minimum SAT score of 1300 or EmSAT Math 900.

5.4 Application

In order to be considered for the merit-based scholarship, students must:

- a) Complete and submit the scholarship application form with all supporting documents.
- b) Submit a reference letter from their most recent school with their application.
- c) Submit a completed application before the published date. No late submissions will be considered.

5.5 Fulfilling the eligibility requirements and applying for an Undergraduate Merit Scholarship is not a guarantee that the student will be granted a scholarship by the university.

5.6 Award Payment

5.6.1 International Students Resident in the UAE

The scholarship will cover the full tuition fees, but will not cover additional costs such as laptop, food, housing, or transport.

5.6.2 International Students from Outside the UAE

a) The scholarship will cover full tuition fees, but will not cover additional costs such as laptop, food, housing, or transport.

b) There is also a limited number of full merit-based scholarships that will cover tuition fees, housing, food, visa, insurance, along with the transport to campus.

5.7 Maintaining the Award

Conditions for maintaining the Undergraduate Merit Scholarship:

a) Students must earn a minimum GPA/CGPA of 3.3.

b) Students must maintain the minimum enrollment requirement for their academic program.

c) Students must not have any disciplinary issues.

d) Students must provide 4-6 hours per week of on-campus work assignments.

6. Undergraduate Family Grant

6.1 Eligibility

ZU provides the Undergraduate Family Grant for families that have more than one son/daughter enrolled in ZU undergraduate programs. The Undergraduate Family Grant includes a tuition discount of 25% for each sibling after the first and cannot be stacked with another major award.

6.2 Maintaining the Award

Conditions for maintaining the Undergraduate Family Grant:

a) Students must maintain the minimum enrollment requirement for their academic program.

b) Students must not have any disciplinary issues.

7. Undergraduate Tuition Fee Discount for Children of ZU Employees

7.1 Eligibility

The University will provide a 50% tuition fee discount to all children of ZU administrators, faculty, and staff on regular contracts if those children are enrolled in any of ZU's undergraduate programs. Employees' children will lose this benefit once their parent's regular contract employment at the university has ended.

7.2 Maintaining the Award

Conditions for maintaining the Undergraduate Tuition Fee Discount:

- a) Students must maintain the minimum enrollment requirement for their academic program.
- b) Students must not have any disciplinary issues.
- c) The student's parent must be on a regular, full-time employment contract at the University.

8. Recovering Monies

The University reserves the right to recover monies paid if the recipient:

- a) receives other financial support,
- b) withdraws from their academic program,
- c) takes leave from the University, or
- d) is dismissed from the University for academic or other reasons.

9. Related Policies and Laws

- ACA-ADM-101 Undergraduate Admission to Zayed University
- ACA-REG-101 Undergraduate Enrollment and Registration

10. Administration

This policy is administered by the Office of the Provost.

11. Revision History

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