

FALL 2023 ENTERING CLASS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TERMS

Congratulations again on your scholarship award!

Please review the terms of your award carefully and contact the MSU Law Admissions Office at (517) 432-0222 or admiss@law.msu.edu with any questions.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The MSU Law Admissions Office is the first stop for any questions about your scholarship before you begin law school. If you have any questions about how your scholarship impacts other aid you may receive, please contact the Michigan State University Office of Financial Aid directly. Their professional school financial aid advisors are available via email at ofalaw@msu.edu or by phone at (517) 353-2401.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BASICS

Tuition scholarships are annual scholarships, meaning that they renew each year for three years. Half of your annual scholarship award will be disbursed to your student account at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters. For example, if you receive a \$10,000 annual scholarship, \$5,000 will be applied toward Fall tuition and \$5,000 toward Spring tuition.

Your scholarship is also indexed to the number of credits for which you are registered in any semester. Therefore, if you are registered for less than a full-time course load in your second or third years at the College of Law, your scholarship will be reduced proportionately to reflect that part-time status.

Further, should you receive any additional scholarship from the University, your College of Law tuition scholarship award will be reduced by that same amount to avoid an over award. Stated differently, your MSU Law tuition scholarship award only covers **tuition not to exceed what's covered by another scholarship or veteran's benefits**.

Supplemental scholarships (living stipend scholarships) may be applied to Cost of Attendance expenses (e.g., books, rent, food, and other educational expenses included within the Cost of Attendance budget). In the unlikely event that you receive additional financial aid which causes your cumulative total aid to exceed your Total Cost of Attendance, your scholarship will be reduced by the excess amount, and you will be responsible for repaying any funds received in excess of the Total Cost of Attendance.

Generally, scholarships are awarded in fixed dollar amounts (rather than percentages) and thus do not adjust with tuition increases. However, full tuition scholarships are the exception and will always cover 100% of College of Law tuition, regardless of any tuition increases.

Your annual scholarship covers the six full-time semesters necessary to complete the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. If for some reason you take more than six semesters to complete the J.D., your scholarship will continue only to the extent that you have any of your scholarship award remaining during any additional semesters in which you are enrolled. Refunds are not issued for unused tuition scholarship funds.

The Office of the Registrar will review residency for any student who believes their residency status is incorrect or in cases where your application responses warrant a residency check. If your residency status is changed after admission, your scholarship will be adjusted accordingly so that the original difference between tuition and your scholarship remains the same.



Additional Situations:

Your scholarship **will** apply to tuition charges for MSU Law Fall and Spring semester courses:

- Taken while enrolled at MSU Law, up to the time you have either attempted or earned the 88 credits required to graduate.
- Taken as externship credits during the Fall or Spring semesters.
- Offered online by MSU Law during the Fall or Spring semesters.
- For eligible graduate coursework (up to six credit hours) taken in other academic units at MSU to satisfy the 88 credits required to graduate from MSU Law.

Your scholarship **will not** apply to tuition charges:

- For courses offered by other academic units at MSU that do not meet the above criteria.
- For courses taken at other law schools.
- For summer enrollment, including but not limited to study abroad courses or fees (whether taken through MSU Law or any other law school), externship credits, and online courses.

Scholarship terms can change from year to year. Therefore, the terms that govern your award are included in this document. Information related to scholarship increases, whether found online or in print form, based on first year academic performance do not apply to incoming classes after Fall 2018. Please do not rely on award terms from prior years or word of mouth from other students.

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships, grants, and other funding received from internal and external sources are considered financial resources for determining a student's eligibility for federal and other financial aid. Students who receive community awards or scholarships through the Office of Advancement, for example, will have their financial aid adjusted to avoid over-awards. Usually, student loans will be the only financial aid adjusted, although work-study awards may be impacted as well.

The MSU College of Law follows the same [Institutional Award Policy](#) outlined on the MSU Financial Aid website. Students are encouraged to review this policy and contact the Office of Financial Aid with any questions. Students are also obligated to inform the Office of Financial Aid of any external awards received, whether the funds are sent directly to MSU College of Law or not.

RENEWAL INFORMATION

Your scholarship is renewable for your second and third years of study at MSU Law so long as you remain in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above) at the end of each Spring semester. Your total scholarship award will not exceed the annual award multiplied by three.

ACCEPTANCE

The only requirement to accept your scholarship award is timely payment of the [required enrollment deposit/s](#). By doing so, you acknowledge and agree to the terms set forth above. Failure to satisfy these requirements on time may result in forfeiture of your scholarship award. Please remember that while the full seat deposit is payable in two installments of \$350, you can also pay the full \$700 by the due date of your first deposit.

Please stay in touch with us as your questions arise. Congratulations again on the strength of your application and we look forward to seeing you in August!

