



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents**

Resolution No. 19-21

RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM LAST MILE SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents (BOR) of UOG had passed BOR Resolution 18-09 approving the funding of the Last Mile Scholarship Program to be administered by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs;

WHEREAS, the Last Mile Scholarship problem is an issue faced by college students across the nation. In its most recent analysis, *Civitas Learning* found that on average nearly one (1) in five (5) students who leave college without a degree complete 75 percent or more of the credit threshold for a degree before leaving. And one (1) in ten (10) dropouts has reached at least 90 percent of the credit threshold;

WHEREAS, the 2018 UOG Stop-Out Survey reported that the most common reason for UOG students stopping out was financial hardship;

WHEREAS, the goal of the Last Mile Scholarship is to provide financial support to students who had previously attended UOG, stopped-out, and are within 30 credits from completing their first bachelor's degree;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs has drafted the rules and regulations for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarships, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree (SASARHD) Committee at its meeting on April 10, 2019 has reviewed and recommends the rules and regulations for the UOG Last Mile Scholarship to the BOR for approval.

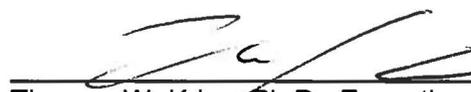
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR hereby approves the rules and regulations for the UOG Last Mile Scholarship Program.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2019.



Christopher K. Felix, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary

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1.0 BACKGROUND AND AUTHORITY. _____

The Board of Regents of the University of Guam through Board Resolution 18-09 has approved the initial funding of the UOG Last Mile Scholarship and has further authorized the Office of the Senior Vice President to implement Rules and Regulations for the program.

2.0 DEFINITIONS. _____

As used in these rules and regulations, the following terms will have the following meaning.

- (a) **Academic Year:** Fall and Spring Semesters for semester calendar system.
- (b) **Board:** the Board of Regents of the University of Guam.
- (c) **Full-time Status:** enrollment in twelve (12) or more credit hours per semester (Fall and Spring) for undergraduate students; nine (9) or more credit hours for graduate students; six (6) or more credit hours for Summer term (any combination of A, B, or C session). (Summer attendance in the program is optional and subject to availability of funds.)
- (d) **Major Program:** a prescribed program leading to a Bachelor's degree at the University of Guam.
- (e) **Promissory Note:** Document signed by the student promising to repay the award in accordance with the rules and regulations specified under the program.
- (f) **Recipient:** an applicant of the UOG Last Mile Scholarship Program who was selected based on meeting all eligibility requirements of the program.
- (g) **Resident:** a United States Citizen, or Permanent Resident Status (Green card holder), or a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, or a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or a citizen of the Republic of Palau, who has been a resident of Guam for a continuous period of at least five (5) years by *June 15th prior to the beginning of the academic year the award is to be awarded.*
- (h) **1st Bachelor's degree:** a student who is working towards a Bachelor's Degree who had not previously completed a Bachelor's Degree at an institution of higher education. Students enrolled in a second Bachelor's Degree or a post-baccalaureate degree is ineligible for this program.

3.0 LIMITATIONS AND PRIORITIES. _____

The number of students in the program annually shall be limited only by the available space at the University of Guam and/or the availability of funds. Recipients of this scholarship shall not be eligible for any other government of Guam funded scholarship or grant.

4.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS. _____

An applicant for the UOG Last Mile Scholarship must comply with the following procedures and requirements:

- (a) Applicants must submit the official application prescribed by the Board and obtainable at the University of Guam Financial Aid Office. Applications shall include the following information:
 - 1. Evidence of eligibility in accordance with Section 5.0
 - 2. A completed, submitted, and processed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the applicable academic year.
- (b) Completed applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office no later than the published deadline date for that respective award year.

5.0 CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY. _____

The following are eligibility requirements for the UOG Last Mile Scholarship Program:

- (a) Applicant must be a United States citizen or a permanent resident alien, or a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, or a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or a citizen of the Republic of Palau, and a resident of Guam for a continuous period of at least five (5)

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- years by *June 15th prior to the beginning of the academic year the award is to be awarded.*
(Refer to definition above for residency.)
- (b) Must be an Undergraduate, first-time degree seeking student;
 - (c) Must be one or two semesters from completing undergraduate degree at UOG;
 - (d) Have a maximum of 30 credit hours remaining to earn a first bachelor's degree at UOG;
 - (e) Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50;
 - (f) Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: www.fafsa.ed.gov;
 - (g) Have unmet financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education (tuition, fees, books, and materials) of more than \$7,000. Unmet need is calculated by subtracting a student's EFC from the current Cost of Attendance at UOG and further subtracting any financial aid received (COA-EFC-Financial Aid = Unmet Need)
 - (h) Have exhausted Pell eligibility or VA benefits or have demonstrated hardship (academic, personal, health, etc.) or financial constraint (employment, etc.); and
 - (i) Must have submitted an application for the program by the prescribed due date

6.0 SELECTION PROCEDURE. _____

- (a) Each eligible applicant will be placed on a list submitted to the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. In the event any applicant is not accepted, a decline letter will automatically be sent to applicant. A final list of eligible applicants will be prepared and forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval/denial.
- (b) A Committee appointed and chaired by the Senior Vice President or designee shall review the lists of eligible candidates and identify awardees.
- (c) Notice of award shall be sent to each recipient. The recipient of the Last Mile Scholarship Program must notify the Financial Aid Office within thirty (30) days from award notification indicating whether the recipient will accept the award. If the recipient fails to do so, the award is thereby forfeited and offered to the next eligible recipient (if applicable). If a recipient declines the scholarship after it has been offered, such recipient shall no longer be entitled to receive such award from the Board of Regents during the award period and may reapply for the next academic year.
- (d) All recipients shall attend a mandatory orientation to complete the award process. Failure to attend said orientation is cause to deny eligibility for the Program. All documents required by the Financial Aid Office to complete the award process will be received and completed by the recipient during the orientation process.

7.0 ATTENDANCE. _____

Recipients are to attend the University of Guam.

8.0 PROMISSORY NOTE. _____

All Last Mile Scholarship Program recipients shall execute a Promissory Note with at least one (1) responsible co-signer, who is a resident of Guam and is financially able to repay the award in the event the student fails to comply with rules and regulations of the program. No funds under this Program shall be disbursed until the note is submitted to the Financial Aid Office and the recipient is found to be in compliance with the requirements under this Program.

All monies disbursed to a recipient under the Last Mile Scholarship Program will become due and payable in event of default and shall be subject to an annual interest rate of ten percent (10%) in monthly installment payments. Such payments must not exceed ten (10) years. The University of Guam Collections Department/Bursar's Office will compute the recipient's monthly installment payments, in the event of default.

9.0 AWARD BENEFITS. _____

No recipient may receive benefits beyond two (2) semesters. Recipients are entitled to the following benefits, subject to availability of funds:

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- (a) Up to One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per semester for up to two (2) semesters.

10.0 OBLIGATION OF RECIPIENTS. _____

In order to remain in good standing and to continue in the scholarship program, recipients shall be required to meet the following:

- (a) Comply with all Last Mile Scholarship program regulations as established by the Board of Regents and duly adjudicated.
- (b) Maintain the *minimum cumulative* grade point average (GPA) of 2.50.
- (c) Must enroll for and maintain full-time student status, minimum twelve (12) credit hours per semester (Fall/Spring).
- (d) The recipient must graduate from the University of Guam with a bachelor's degree within two (2) semesters from when the award was disbursed.
- (e) By accepting the award, the recipient agrees that the University of Guam may obtain any or all information from the respective institution as needed to comply with Board regulations.

11.0 FORFEITURE. _____

Any one or combination of the following may constitute sufficient reason for dismissal from the program:

- (a) Suspension or dismissal for academic deficiency, disciplinary reason(s) or conviction of a felony.
- (b) Forfeiture of the award under any one or combination of the provisions herein established.
- (c) Failure to enroll in the semester of the academic year immediately following the granting of the award, unless deferment of the enrollment in that semester is approved by the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. A recipient granted such deferment will forfeit the award for failure to enroll in the next semester immediately following the approved deferment.
- (d) Failure to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average.
- (e) Failure to maintain full-time status.
- (f) Failure to abide by any one or combination of the provisions of these policies as established by the Board of Regents of the University of Guam.

12.0 CONFLICT. _____

Previous regulation(s) under which a recipient was awarded financial assistance shall continue to apply to the recipient for the remainder of the recipient's studies, notwithstanding any revised regulation which conflicts with the previous regulation(s), unless specifically stated otherwise.