

### **III 07 07 INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

This policy establishes and defines the Presidential, Academic Service and Promise Book Scholarships awarded each year pending available funding to outstanding students who have achieved academic success.

#### **Policy**

##### **Part I: Presidential Scholarships**

A graduating high school senior with a GPA of at least 3.5 (seventh semester) and an ACT composite score of 26, who has submitted a VSCC Foundation Scholarship application by the specified deadline, will be considered for a Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$4000. Priority will be given to those students who participate in the VSCC Honors Program.

1. Be classified as a TN resident.
2. Students must complete a VSCC Foundation Scholarship Application and submit all required documents.
3. Entering freshmen must have at least a 3.5 high school GPA (seventh semester) and an ACT composite score of 26 or more.
4. Students must pass a minimum of 12 hours each semester with a 3.0 semester grade point average.
5. Scholarship students attending Summer School must maintain the overall average for their classification.
6. Any semester in which the student does not meet the regulation in number 4 above, the scholarship will be automatically cancelled.
7. Students can receive this scholarship for only four (4) semesters.

##### **Part II: General Academic Service Scholarships**

A graduating high school senior with a GPA of at least 3.0 (seventh semester) or a minimum ACT composite score of 21 or a minimum HiSet score equivalent to a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, who has submitted a VSCC Foundation Scholarship application by the specified deadline, will be considered for an Academic Service Scholarship in the amount of \$2400. The student in return agrees to work a service obligation of 75 hours per semester.

1. Be classified as a TN resident.
2. Students must complete a VSCC Foundation Scholarship Application and submit all required documents.
3. Entering freshmen graduating from high school must have at least a 3.0 high school GPA (seventh semester) or an ACT composite score of 21 or higher. Entering freshmen who have obtained a high school credential through the HiSet testing program must have a minimum score which equates to at least a 3.0 high school GPA or higher. To retain the scholarship in subsequent semesters after the first semester awarded, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Any semester in which the student does not meet the regulation in number 4 above or the required service obligation, the scholarship will be automatically canceled.
5. Service obligation to the College includes academic or co-curricular activities (i.e. study abroad, undergraduate research, service learning, Health Sciences clinical, practicum

attached to coursework, or other approved institutional service). Students can receive this scholarship for only four (4) semesters.

### **Part III: Promise Book Scholarship**

A graduating high school senior with a GPA of at least 2.5 (seventh semester) or ACT composite score of 19 or higher who has maintained eligibility for the TN Promise Scholarship will be considered for a Promise Book Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

1. Be classified as a TN resident.
2. Entering freshmen must have a high school GPA of at least 2.5 (seventh semester) or an ACT composite score of 19 or higher, be enrolled full-time at VSCC and maintain eligibility for the TN Promise Scholarship.
3. Entering freshmen must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and subsequently possess an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) allowing a federal financial aid award not sufficient to completely cover tuition and fees.
4. To retain the scholarship in subsequent semesters the student must complete a FAFSA annually and possess an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) allowing a federal financial aid award not sufficient to completely cover tuition and fees, be enrolled full-time, and maintain eligibility for the TN Promise Scholarship. Any semester that the student does not meet these requirements, the scholarship will be automatically cancelled.
5. Students may receive this scholarship for no more than four (4) semesters.

TBR Source: TBR Meetings: December 8, 1978; March 18, 1983; September 30, 1983; June 29, 1984; June 29, 1990; December 11, 1992; March 30, 2001; April 2, 2004; June 30, 2006; June 19, 2009; TBR Board Meeting September 25, 2009; December 8, 2011; TBR Board Meeting June 19, 2015.

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