

Scholarships, Awards and Bursary Regulations

General Guidelines

- ❖ Most full awards will be credited to the student's account in two instalments, one-half in each of the subsequent two academic terms. Any unused balance will be paid to the student by cheque. If the student does not register for the winter term, the second instalment will be withheld and the funds will be returned to the scholarship/bursary fund.
- ❖ In the event that a student withdraws or fails to retain an appropriate registration status, the scholarship will be removed from the account and the student will be responsible for any remaining balance.
- ❖ The University reserves the right to withhold any award for which there is not suitable candidate in any year.
- ❖ In order that scholarships and bursaries may be equitably distributed, the Senate Scholarship Committee reserves the right to restrict the value of scholarships that any one student may receive.
- ❖ In cases of doubt or the necessity of interpretation of any qualification or regulation, the decision of the Senate Scholarship Committee will be final.
- ❖ The University reserves the right to change the description and/or value of all scholarships, awards and bursaries as necessary.
- ❖ Final averages are not rounded to the nearest whole percentage for scholarship, award and bursary consideration.

Entrance Scholarships

OSSD applicants will be considered automatically for all Algoma University renewable entrance scholarships, based on their best six 4U/4M grades as of July 30, provided registration is for at least 24 credits over fall and winter semesters. Scholarships are offered for fall entry only. Conditional offers of all scholarships will be submitted with offers of admission. Students must accept their offer of admission by the deadline date outlined in the offer letter to be considered automatically for these scholarships. Scholarship eligibility will be reviewed once all final grades are available – additional notification may be sent after this review or existing scholarships may be enhanced or reversed based on new eligibility.

In all cases, scholarships are applied to tuition. Typically, this will take place prior to the start of a fall semester, reducing the amount owing to the University. Scholarships cannot be used for first installment or university down payments.

College Graduates/University Transfers

Students who have completed a college diploma program in Canada or are transferring from another Canadian University to a full-time undergraduate program at Algoma University, may be eligible for one of our scholarships for transfer students. Full scholarships are offered for fall entry only. You may be offered a scholarship provided you are entering Algoma for the first time and have not already completed a degree. If eligible when admitted to Algoma, the scholarship value will be determined by your admission average as calculated at the time of admission. Transfer students entering Algoma during the winter term of any academic year will be eligible for one-half the award (minimum 12 credits).

Scholarship Renewal & Co-op Programs

Students will be granted a renewal within the applicable scholarship program provided they have completed at least 24 credits during their most recent academic year which must consist of consecutive terms over fall and winter while maintaining a minimum of 80% average on the 24 highest graded credits and with no failures at Algoma University.

For students in co-operative education programs, the two terms of study may be separated by a continuous period of co-op employment of up to a 12-month duration – spring session grades will be calculated as part of the full-time studies (24 credits) consideration.

Students with Identified Disabilities

Algoma University strives to ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to scholarship and bursaries. Students with an identified disability will be awarded renewable entrance scholarships if they enroll in and maintain a minimum course load of 12 credits (40% course load) over two consecutive terms of fall/winter study and meet the minimum criteria of the award. The scholarship value will be prorated to the course load taken each year until the maximum award value is reached. Students with a documented disability will also receive a prorated portion of the award for which they qualify, for courses taken over the spring/summer term. Consideration of eligibility will only be given to students who have identified their disability with the Learning Centre at Algoma University and where accommodations require a reduced course load. In all cases, professional documentation will be necessary to outline the disability.

Students in Violation of the Student Code of Conduct

Students who are found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct, Academic and the Student Code of Conduct, Non-Academic will be deemed ineligible and all university scholarships revoked for all subsequent terms. If the violation occurs prior to the awarding of the scholarship monies, the student will forfeit the award for the term. If violation occurs after the awarding of the scholarship for the current term, the university will not seek restitution, however, in both instances, the scholarship will be terminated for all subsequent terms.

Admissions/Entrance Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Algoma University Awards of Excellence

Algoma U Awards of Excellence are available to all Canadian citizen secondary-school graduates who have completed all their qualifying requirements in the academic year prior to commencing university studies at Algoma University. Canadian citizen International Baccalaureate (IB) Program Diploma recipients are equally considered for Awards of Excellence. To qualify, candidates must be entering into their first undergraduate program and enrol in and maintain 24 credits over 2 consecutive terms (fall/winter) of study. Awards are based on the average of the 6 highest graded, U or M final grades presented for admission. Algoma U Awards of Excellence are renewable if candidates maintain an average of 80% each academic year on their highest graded 24 credits taken in two consecutive terms (fall/winter). Candidates must be enrolled in at least 24 credits over two consecutive terms (fall/winter) of study in the current year they are receiving the award. The Algoma U Awards of Excellence are non-cumulative with the Edward and Frank McGrath Award of Excellence, Carl J. Sanders Scholarship, Peggy & Willmont MacDonnell Scholarship, the City of Sault Ste. Marie Admission Scholarship I & II, the Algoma U Achievement Scholarship and John R. Rhodes Scholarship. **NO APPLICATION REQUIRED. Note that the Edward and Frank McGrath Award of Excellence, Carl J. Sanders Scholarship and the Peggy & Willmont MacDonnell Scholarship will be awarded to the highest achieving students in the 90 – 94.9% category. The entrance award levels are outlined below and are based on a 30 credit compliment.**

Registration in course loads less than 30 credits but greater than or equal to 24 credits will be prorated accordingly.

Platinum: An entrance award of \$4,000, renewable for up to three additional years, to all candidates presenting an entrance average 95% or greater. Maximum value: \$16,000.

Gold: An entrance award of \$3,000, renewable for up to three additional years, to all candidates presenting an entrance average of 90% - 94.9%. Maximum value: \$12,000

Silver: An entrance award of \$2,500, renewable for up to three additional years, to all candidates presenting an entrance average of 85 – 89.9%. Maximum value: \$10,000

Bronze: An entrance award of \$1,500, renewable for up to three additional years, to all candidates presenting an entrance average of 80 – 84.9%. Maximum value: \$6,000

IB Diploma: Awards of Excellence Guidelines

IB points	award	amount
40 +	platinum	\$4000
36 - 39	gold	\$3000
32 - 35	silver	\$2500
28 - 31	bronze	\$1500

Scholarship Renewal

Algoma University renewable entrance scholarships are renewed using a tiered-approach of the award. Students who satisfy the condition of renewal based on the required complement of credits, appropriate terms of study, and academic average, may be able to renew according to the renewal awards levels outlined below and based on a 30 credit complement. Registrations in course loads less than 30 credits but greater than or equal to 24 credits will be prorated accordingly:

- **PLATINUM \$4000** – (95 – 100%)
- **GOLD \$3000** – (90 – 94.9%)
- **SILVER \$2500** – (85 – 89.9%)
- **BRONZE \$1500** – (80 – 84.9%)

Algoma University Pathways Scholarships

Algoma University Pathways Scholarships are available to students applying for a degree-completion program, after earning a two or three-year diploma from a Canadian community college or those transferring from another Canadian University. Only those Algoma U students who are enrolled in and maintain 24 credits or more over two consecutive terms (fall/winter) of study are eligible. Students admitted to a winter term during an academic year will be eligible for one-half the award (minimum 12 credits) during their first year. Awards are decided using the overall average obtained by the candidate as calculated at the time of admission.

Effective January 2018, pathways scholarships will be awarded to college diploma graduates who have completed their diploma within 12 months of their start term at Algoma University.

Algoma University Pathways Scholarship – renewable*

An entrance award of \$2,000 to all candidates presenting an average of 3.70 – 4.00 GPA (college), or minimum 85% (university) on their last year of full-time academic studies

Algoma University Pathways Scholarship – renewable*

An entrance award of \$1,500 to all candidates presenting an average of 3.30 – 3.69 (college), or 80 – 84.9% (university) on their last year of full-time academic studies

Algoma University Recognition Award (non-renewable)

An entrance award of \$1,000 to all candidates presenting an average of 3.00 – 3.29 GPA (college), or 75 – 79.9% (university) on their last year of full-time academic studies

***Pathways Scholarship Renewal**

Students who maintain an average of at least 85% on a minimum of 24 credits over two consecutive terms (fall/winter) of study each year will continue to receive \$2,000 for up to three additional years.

Students who maintain an average of 80-84.9% on a minimum of 24 credits over two consecutive terms (fall/winter) of study each year will continue to receive \$1,500 for up to three additional years.