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Career Pathways Scholarship

Scholarship Retention, Deferment & Reinstatement Policy

Retention

LANL Sholars receiving a multi-year Career Pathways scholarship must demonstrate progress toward completion of an Associate's Degree or Certificate in order to receive funding for the second year of the program. In order to renew, recipients of a multi-year, renewable scholarship are required to submit:

- Scholarship renewal form, and
- Unofficial transcript from the degree/certificate granting institution demonstrating "Sufficient Progress" toward completion of stated Associate's Degree/Certificate program.
 - "Sufficient Progress" in an Associate's Degree program is defined as earning a minimum of credits per semester in order to complete the degree plan stated on the student's scholarship application.
 - "Sufficient Progress" in a Certificate program will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Eligibility for renewal is determined at the discretion of the LANL Foundation Scholarship Team. If the student has not met the requirements for "Sufficient Progress," the LANL Foundation may withhold scholarship funds until the student is able to demonstrate sufficient progress in their degree/certificate program.

Deferment

A recipient may elect to defer the scholarship award for personal reasons for up to two years, provided the recipient is in good standing at the time of the request. Examples of reasons for deferment may include, but are not limited to:

- Personal illness or illness of a loved one;
- Death of a loved one;
- Family circumstance that requires the student to take time off to aid with the family financial situation;
- School-sanctioned absences (i.e., study abroad programs, etc.);
- Pertinent courses for degree/certificate are not offered; or
- Cases in which the student's school-related expenses (tuition, room, board, books, fees, etc.) are fully covered, and the Career Pathways scholarship is not needed for that academic term.

A recipient requesting deferment must submit a written request to the LANL Foundation Scholarship Program Director via the <u>scholarship deferral request form</u>. The maximum time allowed for deferment is generally two academic years with the recipient retaining eligibility for the unused portion of the scholarship. The LANL Foundation may consider requests for deferments in excess of two years on a case-by-case basis.

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Reinstatement

Students who have a lapse in enrollment or communication with the LANL Foundation may request reinstatement of their scholarship funds. Approval of the request for reinstatement is contingent upon review of the following items:

- Communication with the LANL Foundation requesting reinstatement of scholarship for the remaining annual payments of the award.
- A copy of the student's unofficial transcript to verify the recipient's current academic standing.

All reinstatement requests will be reviewed by the LANL Foundation Scholarship Program Director, who will provide a written confirmation of the approval or denial to the student. All other requests for reinstatement of a scholarship that fall outside these guidelines, as well as other special circumstances, will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Scholarship Recipient Expectations

In addition to making progress in a degree or certificate program, all scholarship recipients are expected to adhere to the following expectations:

- Submit all documentation required to verify and maintain eligibility in a timely and proactive manner.
- Represent self in a professional manner while interacting with others on campus, in the workplace, and in the broader community.
- Refrain from illegal or unethical activities that do not reflect the character and values of the LANL Scholars community.

Recipients who engage in activities or display behaviors that violate the expectations outlined above may be subject to consequences, including expulsion for the LANL Scholars Program and forfeiture of any remaining scholarship funds. All reported incidents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and any consequences or required actions will be communicated in writing.

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LANL FOUNDATION MEDIA RELEASE

I hereby grant LANL Foundation (LANLF) permission to use my name, photograph, and likeness in any educational, promotional, reference, research, or official business materials produced by LANLF, including, without limitation, in any photographs, books, videotapes, films, Internet websites, or other promotional or artistic media produced by LANLF. I also grant LANLF permission to publish the results of any evaluations or surveys that I may be requested to participate in during my relationship with LANLF. I acknowledge that I may be interviewed regarding my participation in LANLF programs, and if I am, I grant LANLF permission to publish such interviews. I acknowledge that I will not have the power to approve the finished product of any media releases or interviews and I release LANLF from any and all claims, including, without limitation, copyright claims, libel claims, or right of publicity claims, arising out of or in connection with the uses set forth above.

LANL SCHOLARS PROGRAM INFORMATION RELEASE

The LANL Scholars Program often requires information about LANL Scholars that must be released to us by the college or university the scholar attends. This information can be released to us only with the Scholar's authorization to do so.

You should be aware that colleges and universities are required to maintain the confidentiality or privacy of certain student information in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). Under FERPA, you have certain rights concerning your educational records. You have the right to consent to the disclosure of personal information that would otherwise be confidential under FERPA. Your consent must be provided in writing and is required to identify the specific educational record(s) to be disclosed, the purpose of the disclosure(s), and the parties to whom the disclosure(s) may be made.

Authorization and Release

By agreeing to this Program Information Release with my application signature,

I hereby authorize appropriate college or university personnel at any college or university I attend to provide any information from my education records to the LANL Scholars Program, its officers, directors, associates, agents, and representatives for use in the administration and management of my LANL Scholarship and the LANL Scholars Program. Such information may include but is not limited to my personal information, as well as admissions, academic, financial aid, and disciplinary records.

I hereby authorize the LANL Scholars Program to request disclosure of and receive my personal information and records for use in the administration and management of my LANL Scholarship and the LANL Scholars Program. I understand, however, that my college or university may not accept this Program Information Release and may instead require me to execute their own consent and release as required for compliance with my college or university's institutional policies.

My signature on the LANL Foundation scholarship application is my written consent for the disclosure of my personal education information and records by my college or university to the LANL Scholars Program, its officers, directors, associates, agents, and representatives upon their request.