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## ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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### POLICY

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) is committed to offering entrance scholarships in order to attract the best academically qualified students and reward excellence in scholarship or extracurricular accomplishments.

This policy applies only to internally funded entrance scholarships.

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### REGULATIONS

- I. TRU funded domestic entrance scholarships will only be offered to students who are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents.

#### II. HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants cannot have previously attended a college or university other than having completed up to 12 transferable university credits on a part-time basis. These entrance scholarships are in the form of a semesterly tuition waiver and will be available annually to TRU students who register, for credit, in at least eighty percent (80%) of a full undergraduate level course load (60% for students with a recognized permanent disability which prevents them from studying at an 80% course load), in a program of at least 16 months duration.

#### III. ACCEPTANCE

Entrance scholarship recipients must formally accept the award and the conditions of the scholarship. Acceptance is for a program of post-secondary studies that commences in the immediately ensuing academic year unless otherwise approved due to special circumstances.

If special circumstances exist, TRU may, at the discretion of the Student Awards & Financial

Support Office or the appropriate faculty or school, defer the period for acceptance for a maximum of one year.

If the recipient accepted an entrance scholarship but fails to register at TRU by the last day for payment of fees for the appropriate semester or period of study, the award will be cancelled.

#### IV. WITHDRAWAL OF ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Should an Entrance Scholarship recipient fail to maintain the required course load during the first or subsequent periods for which the award is granted, the balance of the award will be cancelled.

#### V. ACADEMIC STANDING

Approval of subsequent portions of an entrance scholarship will be conditional upon the recipients meeting the following conditions, which normally exclude the summer semester:

- a. Recipients must continue studying at a minimum 80% post-secondary course level (60% for students with a recognized permanent disability which prevents them from studying at an 80% course load).
- b. Recipients must maintain a 3.00 minimum post-secondary grade point average over each period covered by the award.
- c. Recipients must also have successfully completed an 80% post-secondary course load within the relevant study period (60% for students with a recognized permanent disability which prevents them from studying at an 80% course load).
- d. Recipients must not fail a course.

Recipients who fail to meet the academic standing requirement will forfeit the remaining portions of their scholarship and will be advised in writing. The academic standing requirements set forth herein will be included in the Acceptance Form provided to scholarship nominees.

#### VI. VALUE

The value of each TRU funded domestic high school entrance scholarship will be set annually by the Registrar. The value of all other internally funded entrance scholarships will be set by the funder (i.e. the TRU Foundation or the appropriate faculty, school, or TRU Division).

#### VII. APPEAL

Any appeal must be received in writing by the Manager, Student Awards & Financial Support within 60 days of the date of the letter or email notifying the recipient of the loss of their scholarship. Where an appeal is denied by the Manager, Student Awards & Financial Support, the appeal will be reviewed by the Senate Awards & Honours Committee.