LSUS GENERAL FUND & LSUS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IMPLICATIONS
of PASS/NO CREDIT OPTION

Q: What are the retention requirements for General Fund Scholarships?

A: Scholarship recipients must maintain the following criteria:
   1. Complete and pass 24 credit hours combined for fall and spring semesters at LSU Shreveport
   2. Attain a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher at the end of each spring semester
   3. Continuous full-time (12 or more hours) enrollment each fall and spring semester through the census date at LSU Shreveport

Your full-time enrollment of 12 or more hours may consist of a combination of hours scheduled in sessions 1, 1C, or 1D for each fall and spring semester. If your full-time enrollment of 12 or more hours is based on hours in session 1D, you must be enrolled through the 1D census date. Otherwise, you are not meeting the full-time enrollment requirement and your scholarship is void. Census dates can be found on Financial Aid Important Dates.

Q: What are the retention requirements for Foundation/privately-funded scholarships?

A: Foundation and privately-funded scholarships have criteria specific to each scholarship. You can view each scholarship’s requirements on our scholarship management site: Academic Works.

Q: Will a Pass/No Credit Grading system affect my GPA required to keep my scholarship?

A: No. There is no numeric value assigned to Pass grades or No Credit grades. Therefore, if you receive all Pass/No Credit grades, your GPA will remain the same as your Fall 2019 semester GPA.

Q: Will a Pass/No Credit Grading system affect my hourly requirement to keep my scholarship?

A: Yes. If you receive a Pass grade, your hours earned will be the same as if you earned an A, B, C, or D letter grade.
If you receive a No Credit grade, you will not earn hours for the course, the same as if you earned a grade of F.

Attempted hours include: letter grades A, B, C, D, F, pass (P), withdraw (W), no credit (NC), Incomplete (I), or in progress (IP), and repeated courses.

Earned hours include: letter grades A, B, C, D, and Pass (P)

Q: How will GPA/hours be calculated if I choose Pass/No Credit in one or more courses, but also opt for a letter grade in one or more courses?

A: The course(s) in which you receive a grade will be calculated in both your GPA and credit hours earned. A grade of Pass/No Credit will only be calculated in your hours earned.

- **Scenario 1:**
  - A General Fund scholarship recipient has a 2.25 GPA and 12 credit hours earned at the end of Fall 2019:
    - Enrolled in 12 credit hours for Spring 2020
    - Chose P/NC option for all Spring classes
    - Earns P for all classes
    - P grades not calculated in GPA, but are calculated in credit hours earned
    - GPA remains 2.25 and earns 12 credit hours
    - Student has 24 combined credit hours for Fall and Spring
  - STUDENT RETAINS SCHOLARSHIP

- **Scenario 2:**
  - A Foundation scholarship recipient has a 3.4 GPA and 9 credit hours earned after dropping one course at the end of Fall 2019 and is required to maintain 3.0 GPA and pass 24 credit hours per year:
    - Enrolled in 15 credit hours for Spring 2020
    - Chose P/NC option for all classes
    - Earns NC for all classes
    - NC grades not calculated in GPA, but are calculated in credit hours earned
    - GPA remains 3.4 and earns 0 credit hours for NC grades
    - Student has 9 combined credit hours for Fall and Spring
  - STUDENT DOES NOT RETAIN SCHOLARSHIP BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MEET THE CREDIT HOURS REQUIREMENT

- **Scenario 3:**
  - A General Fund scholarship recipient has a 2.5 GPA and 12 credit hours earned at the end of Fall 2019:
    - Enrolled in 12 credit hours for Spring 2020
    - Chose P/NC option for 1 class and letter grades for 3 classes
    - Earns a B for 3 classes and a NC for 1 class
    - Letter grades calculated in GPA and in credit hours earned
- NC grades not calculated in GPA, but are calculated in credit hours earned
- GPA increases and earns 9 credit hours
- Student has 21 combined credit hours for Fall and Spring
  o STUDENT DOES NOT RETAIN SCHOLARSHIP BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MEET THE CREDIT HOURS REQUIREMENT

- Scenario 4:
  o A Foundation scholarship recipient has a 2.65 GPA and 12 credit hours earned at the end of Fall 2019 and is required to maintain a 2.5 GPA and pass 24 credit hours per year:
    ▪ Enrolled in 12 credit hours for Spring 2020
    ▪ Chose P/NC option for 1 class and letter grades for 3 classes
    ▪ Earns a B grade for 3 classes and a P grade for 1 class
    ▪ Letter grades calculated in GPA and in credit hours earned
    ▪ P grades not calculated in GPA, but are calculated in credit hours earned
    ▪ GPA increases and earns 12 credit hours
    ▪ Student has 24 combined credit hours for Fall and Spring
  o STUDENT RETAINS SCHOLARSHIP

Q: I have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and have not been able to meet the GPA/continuous enrollment/credit hours requirement. Is there any way to keep my scholarship?

A: If you have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and it has affected your ability to complete coursework or pass your classes, you should submit an appeal to the Office of Scholarships. The appeal form can be found on the Financial Aid webpage under “Financial Aid Forms.” Submit the appeal package, including any required documentation, to the Office of Scholarships in person or by email at scholarships@lsus.edu.