



General Scholarship Award and Renewal Conditions

Congratulations on having received a scholarship award from Stetson University College of Law! Below are general criteria applicable to scholarships. These criteria are in addition to any terms listed in your award letter. Please read carefully and contact the Office of Admissions and Student Financial Planning if you have questions.

- Please review the **Standard 509 Information Report** on Conditional Scholarships.
- To maintain a scholarship award that can be renewed on a multi-year basis, the recipient must remain in good academic standing under the College of Law policies in effect at the time of the award and any subsequent annual renewal. A multi-year scholarship covers a maximum of 88 J.D. credit hours spread over three years for full-time J.D. students and four years for part-time J.D. students.
- Some scholarship recipients are required to **maintain a particular class rank after their first year of enrollment**. Check your award letter to determine if this requirement applies to you. For purposes of scholarship renewal, class ranks are calculated at the end of the first full year of study, then after each subsequent fall and spring semester; ranks are not calculated after the summer term.
- Institutional scholarships are available to eligible international students.
- Scholarship awards for tuition cover only tuition costs; the awards do not cover any fees (e.g., student activity fees, insurance fees, bar preparation fees, Student Bar Association fees). Awards for tuition cannot be redeemed for cash value, even if the recipient obtains other funding sources for tuition. When a full-tuition scholarship has been awarded, but the recipient's tuition cost has been reduced through a grant or other award, the scholarship will be adjusted to cover only the remaining tuition balance for that semester.
- Stipend supplements, if awarded, may be used for books and other educational expenses. They are payable by semester and not available in the summer. Some stipend supplements may be in non-cash form; those supplements may not be redeemed for cash value or used for other purposes.
- If a scholarship recipient withdraws from the College of Law during any semester, the recipient must repay the scholarship for that semester only.
- An approved leave of absence for medical reasons or for military service typically will not affect award entitlement if the recipient was meeting his or her scholarship conditions at the time of departure and returns within the approved time frame for the leave.
- Expulsion, suspension, or revocation of admission automatically voids any College of Law obligations under a scholarship award, and the student may be required to repay some or all of the scholarship for the semester in which the sanction was issued.
- If the recipient is found to have violated the Academic Honor Code or the Code of Student Professionalism and Conduct, the College of Law reserves the right to revoke, not renew, or place restrictions or conditions on the scholarship. If a scholarship is revoked, the student may be required to repay some or all of the scholarship for the semester in which the sanction was issued.
- If a scholarship recipient is found to have violated any federal, state, or local law, the College of Law reserves the right to revoke, not renew, or place restrictions or conditions on the scholarship. If a scholarship is revoked, the student may be required to repay some or all of the scholarship for the semester in which the sanction was issued.

- A recipient may not transfer awards between programs (that is, an award applicable to the J.D. program may not be transferred to an LL.M. program or the MBA program).
- Part-Time to Full-Time or Full-Time to Part-Time Conversion: A part-time student may not convert to full-time status, or vice versa, without the approval of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. If a full-time student with a scholarship receives an approved course reduction, the scholarship will be prorated based on number of credit hours the student takes. If a full-time student with a scholarship is permitted to convert to part-time status, the scholarship will be prorated across the remaining fall and spring semesters. If a scholarship recipient is approved to convert from part-time to full-time status, the amount of the student's scholarship will not be increased automatically for remaining semesters. This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis after reviewing the student's enrollment plan through graduation.
- If a recipient chooses to take non-J.D. courses, such as courses in Stetson University's Master of Business Administration Program, or another dual-degree program, the scholarship will not cover the non-J.D. tuition or non-Stetson-J.D. tuition, as the case may be.
- Students with partial- or fixed-dollar scholarships will not be able to use the scholarship toward tuition in Stetson's study-abroad programs or courses. Students who plan to accelerate their J.D. program through summer attendance, will not be eligible for a prorated or increased award in the summer or final semester because of their election to graduate early.
- In cases in which summer tuition is covered by the recipient's full-tuition scholarship, recipients choosing to study abroad through Stetson's programs will receive the scholarship benefit. Students do not receive their Stetson scholarship if they choose to attend another school's program or one unaffiliated with Stetson Law.
- If a student chooses to visit another institution, the scholarship will not cover the other school's tuition.
- Following the initial award, a scholarship may be associated with the name of a particular donor. If that occurs, the recipient will be notified of that fact and any relevant criteria associated with the award and expectations attached to it (such as sending a thank-you letter to the donor).
- Scholarships will be credited directly to the recipient's student account. Tuition will be deducted and any balance will be available to the recipient by check within a reasonable period of time after the funds are credited to the recipient's student account.
- For Student Veterans Receiving the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship *and* other Stetson Scholarships: Yellow Ribbon Scholarship recipients may elect to have their non-Yellow Ribbon Stetson scholarship designated as a housing allowance for residence in Stetson-owned properties in order to maximize their VA benefits and Stetson Yellow Ribbon Scholarship. An award for tuition that is converted to a housing allowance is not redeemable for cash. Please contact the VA Certifying Officials for more details.
- General Scholarship Award and Renewal Conditions are periodically reviewed and updated at the discretion of the College of Law. With each award you receive (annual or otherwise), you will be provided with any changes to the conditions applicable to the award.

For questions, please contact the Admissions and Student Financial Planning Office at Stetson University College of Law, (727) 562-7813 or finaid@law.stetson.edu.