

Merit Scholarship Program

For first –year students entering the Law School in 2019-2020

- Merit Scholarships are awarded in the form of a credit against the Fall and Spring tuition charged to the student who receives the award.
- Eligibility for an award during the student's first year of Law School is determined based on the student's Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score and undergraduate grade point average (UGPA) as determined by LSAC. Eligibility for retention of an award during the student's second and third years is determined based on the student's academic performance during Law School. The charts below show the criteria for initial awards and for retention of awards.
- The Law School is able to award only a limited number of these scholarships, and scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants therefore are encouraged to complete their Law School application at the earliest possible date. An award is not finalized until the applicant has been accepted to the Law School and has paid his or her seat deposit.
- Scholarship awards may be forfeited upon interruption of enrollment.
- Transfer students are considered on a case by case basis for Merit Scholarships.
- Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office (800-895-7411 Ext. 1211) or financialaid@asl.edu.

Eligibility Criteria for Merit Scholarship Awards during First Year of Law School (for students entering the Law School in 2019-2020)

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
<u>Trustees' Scholar</u>	<i>\$35,000 for 3 years</i>	<i>LSAT of 150 or above, and UGPA of 3.00</i>
<u>Dean's Scholar</u>	<i>\$17,500 for 3 years</i>	<i>LSAT of 147 or above, and UGPA of 3.00</i>
<u>Appalachian Leaders</u>	<i>\$10,000 for 3 years</i>	<i>LSAT of 144 or above, and UGPA of 3.00</i>
<u>Appalachian Scholars</u>	<i>\$5,000 for 3 years</i>	<i>LSAT of 144 or above</i>

Criteria for Retention of Merit Scholarship Awards during Second and Third Years of Law School (for students entering the Law School in 2019-2020)

Retention of scholarships will be based on the "academic standards" **grade point average (GPA)** and number of "Not Proficient" or "Fail" grades in courses with a PR; CP; NP; F scale, see chart below for retention criteria. Students will be reviewed after their first year and after their second year. A reduction in award is permanent. For example, if a student's award is reduced from 100% to 50% after the first year, it may not increase above 50% (but may be lost) based on the student's second year performance.

Amount of award during first year	Performance required to retain 100% of original scholarship award	Performance required to retain 50% of original scholarship award
<u>Trustees' Scholar</u>	<i>3.0 GPA and/or no more than 2 Grades of NP or F in courses with a PR; CP; NP; F scale.</i>	<i>Maintain Good Academic Standing</i>
<u>Dean's Scholar</u>	<i>3.0 GPA and/or no more than 2 Grades of NP or F in courses with a PR; CP; NP; F scale.</i>	<i>Maintain Good Academic Standing</i>
<u>Appalachian Leaders</u>	<i>2.8 GPA and/or no more than 4 Grades of NP or F in courses with a PR; CP; NP; F scale.</i>	<i>Maintain Good Academic Standing</i>
<u>Appalachian Scholars</u>	<i>2.8 GPA and/or no more than 4 Grades of NP or F in courses with a PR; CP; NP; F scale.</i>	<i>Maintain Good Academic Standing</i>

Continuing Students, not previously eligible or previously awarded

At the beginning of the third year, previously ineligible students may be considered as funding allows. Merit scholarships for continuing students are awarded based on "academic standards" **grade point average (GPA)** and class ranking earned the previous year of study and at the discretion of the appointed Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee may use other criteria for scholarship funds. Please note that scholarship funds are limited and the availability of new scholarships for continuing students is not guaranteed. Award decisions are dependent upon availability of funds.