



Name of Policy: Merit Scholarship, students (entering before fall 2018)
Source: Financial Aid, Admissions, and Student Affairs
Form to Complete: N/A

**Policy:**

KCAI merit scholarships are renewed in full annually for full-time students with a cumulative 2.5 or higher GPA. KCAI reviews and determines renewal eligibility upon completion of the fall semester of the student’s second year and beyond.

For students who do not qualify for renewal in full, the following amounts will be awarded:

2.0 to 2.49	85% of original award
Below a 2.0	75% of original award

	<b>Fall semester</b>	<b>Spring semester</b>
<b>1st year</b>	GPA not checked	GPA not checked
<b>2nd year</b>	Cumulative GPA checked at end of semester	Will receive award letter for 3rd year. If GPA lower than 2.5, merit scholarship will be decreased for 3rd year
<b>3rd year</b>	Cumulative GPA checked at end of semester	Will receive award letter for 4th year. If GPA lower than 2.5, merit scholarship

		will be decreased for 4th year
<b>4th year</b>	Cumulative GPA checked at end of semester	After the 4 <sup>th</sup> year, if GPA lower than 2.5, merit scholarship will be decreased in the next year

**Procedure for Scholarship Appeal:**

Scholarship probation hearings will include the student and representatives from Financial Aid and Disability and Academic Support Services. During the hearing, the student will be asked to present a statement explaining the circumstances that may have impacted a GPA below the required 2.5, as well as any documentation relevant to those circumstances. If the appeal is approved, the student and representatives from Financial Aid and Disability and Academic Support Services will develop an academic plan that the student will be required to follow during the scholarship probation year and the scholarship will be renewed in full. If the student's appeal is denied, the student's scholarship will be reduced according to the GPA guidelines.