Scholarship Award Policy
Department of Mining Engineering
College of Engineering and Mineral Resources
West Virginia University
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The awarding of the department scholarships to students is for the following two main purposes: (1) to recruit promising high school students and to attract transfer students to the department, and (2) to encourage students to improve academic performance.

A student who receives scholarship must maintain SME membership with good standing. He/she also must participate in the required SME activities as outlined in the SME Student Chapter Professional and Social Responsibility Policy.

This scholarship policy has been established based on the amount of available scholarship funds, the historical data on scholarship awards and student GPA data with an assumed enrollment level between 35 and 50.

Categories of Scholarship Awards
- **Incentive scholarship** – for freshmen and new transfers coming into the Department of Mining Engineering.
- **GPA based scholarship** – for Mining Engineering students other than freshmen or new transfers who must: (1) complete 14 credit-hours courses per semester following the mining engineering curriculum to retain scholarship eligibility, and (2) maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher after 28 or more credit hours in mining engineering curriculum.

Standards for Scholarship Awards
- **Incentive Scholarship**
  - Any freshmen student who intends to major in Mining Engineering within the first month of a given semester in his/her freshmen year will be awarded $1,000 per semester for the remaining duration of his/her freshmen year.
  - Student transferred from other CEMR departments or accredited engineering colleges into the Department of Mining Engineering will be awarded $2,000 for the year of transfer. However, if the ranking of transfer student is sophomore or higher, he/she must have a 2.5 GPA or higher to qualify for such incentive scholarship.

- **GPA Based Scholarship**
  - The student's academic performance is evaluated **annually** and the decision to award the GPA based scholarship is based on the evaluation.
  - $1,000 per semester will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is between 2.50 and 2.99.
  - $1,125 per semester will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is between 3.00 and 3.49.
  - $1,500 per semester will be awarded to student whose GPA in the previous year is 3.50 or above.

Implementation, Monitoring and Revision
- Decision to award scholarship is made by the department chair based on this policy.
- The department scholarship committee will review the scholarship funds and award history annually. This scholarship award policy is subject to revision at the committee’s discretion.

Amended on November 7, 2005