**Summary of scholarship renewal terms and conditions, cumulative GPA vs. school GPA:**

**College of Charleston:**

Freshman and transfers – renewal based on College of Charleston GPA

Minority scholarships – renewal based on cumulative GPA

Institutional – freshmen:

College of Charleston Merit Scholarship, Palmetto Promise, Colonial Scholarship, Gateway to Success, International Student Scholarship: maintain cumulative College of Charleston GPA of 3.0

Upward Bound - maintain a cumulative College of Charleston GPA of 2.75 (freshmen, participated in TRIO)

Minority Scholarships:

* Emma Bowen Foundation Application:
  + Qualifies on cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0
* Association of American Indian Affairs
  + 2.5 Cumulative GPA

**Eastern Illinois University:**

Overall renewal based on cumulative GPA

(Honors Transfers based on EIU GPA)

Institutional – freshmen:

Panther Promise Tuition Waiver (new freshman or transfers) cumulative GPA of 2.0

Incoming honors students:

Pemberton Presidential, Presidential, Honors Awards – cumulative GPA of 3.4

International Student Scholarship: cumulative GPA

Transfer Students:

Honors Transfer Student: maintain EUI cumulative GPA of 3.4

**Ferris State University:**

Overall renewal based on FSU GPA

Institutional – freshmen:

Founder’s Scholarship, President’s Scholarship, Provost’s Scholarship– FSU cumulative GPA of 3.3

Transfers:

FSU cumulative GPA

**James Madison University:**

Freshman and transfers – renewal based on JMU GPA

Transfer scholarships – renewal based on cumulative GPA

Institutional – freshmen:

Thomas Dingledine – “minimum 3.25 GPA” maintained each year

Madison Award for Academic Excellence – 3.0 cumulative JMU GPA

Transfers:

Centennial Scholars – 3.0 Cumulative GPA

**Marshall University:**

Overall renewal based on cumulative GPA

Institutional – freshmen:

Honors College – maintain overall GPA of 3.3

Transfers:

Transfer Student Scholarship – maintain overall GPA of 3.0

**Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville:**

Overall renewal based on cumulative GPA

Institutional-freshman:

Provost Scholars: 3.2 Cumulative GPA

Cougar Pride: 2.9 Cumulative GPA

Transfers:

Phi Theta Kappa – 2.9 Cumulative GPA

**Truman State University:**

Overall renewal based on Truman GPA for new freshman and transfers.

International scholarships: “Students earning a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above while completing at least 24 hours of credit per academic year at Truman may renew all academic scholarship(s) by completing scholarship renewal service. Renewal of scholarships for students earning a cumulative Truman GPA below 3.25 is subject to available funding. “

**University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth:**

Chancellor’s Merit Scholarship: wording is vague from renewal requirements

**University of Minnesota-Duluth:**

Overall renewal based on U of M cumulative GPA

**Western Washington University:**

Vague information online, renewal based on cumulative GPA

**Wartburg College:**

Overall renewal based on cumulative GPA

Institutional – freshman:

Regents and Presidential Scholarships – 2.7 Cumulative GPA

Transfer Students:

Phi Theta Kappa – 3.3 Cumulative GPA

Transfer Scholarship – 2.7 Cumulative GPA

**University of Iowa**

Overall renewal based on U of I GPA

**Iowa State University**

Overall renewal based on cumulative GPA

**Conclusion:**

**Institutions that DO NOT consider cumulative GPA in scholarship renewal:**

Ferris State University

Truman State University

University of Minnesota-Duluth

University of Iowa

**Institutions that DO consider cumulative GPA to some degree (freshman, transfers, international and minorities).**

College of Charleston

Eastern Illinois University

James Madison University

Marshall University

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville:

Western Washington University:

Wartburg

Iowa State University

Based on the review of schools in Iowa and our peer institution’s scholarship renewal policies, we do not find there is enough evidence to support changing UNI’s current scholarship renewal policy in using cumulative GPA in decision for scholarship awards and renewals. Some of the school policies we reviewed had exceptions based on each type of scholarship, but overall most of the schools had a uniform policy of renewal. The summary of scholarships table (pictured below) shows a large percentage of students would become ineligible if the cumulative GPA policy on renewal were to change, the highest eligibility decline being in minorities and transfers. Specifically, the multicultural scholarship award summary shows potentially around 30% of the recipients would become ineligible, with the overall composite of potential ineligibility being around 10%.

One of UNI’s strategic plan goals is integrating diversity and inclusion as a core value of the institution. Making sure that these opportunities are available for underrepresented populations, including transfer, minority and non-traditional students, is essential for a diverse campus culture. About 20% of the students’ awarded a scholarship had a UNI GPA that exceeds their cumulative GPA. Overall, potential benefit to that population would not outweigh the negatives a GPA policy change would have on underrepresented students at UNI.

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