

Scholarships and Grants

Office of Student Financial Services // Types of Aid

Free Money

Scholarships and grants are gift aid that go directly onto your PLU student account. Unlike loans, you don't have to pay these funds back. Outside scholarships from non-PLU sources are added to your account, and depending on your financial aid package, your need-based financial aid MAY be reduced by a like amount (beginning with work study and student loans) per federal regulations.

PLU endowed scholarships may be used to replace some or all of your other PLU funded awards (like Q-Club and Academic Scholarships), dollar for dollar. Eligibility for all PLU funded scholarships and grants require full-time enrollment (12-17 credits per semester).

What types of ``Gift Aid`` are there?

1: What are Merit-Based Awards?

Merit-Based Awards are scholarships awarded to recognize academic or artistic achievement and leadership. These awards are not based on financial need. As an NCAA DIII school, PLU does not take into consideration athletic participation, performance or leadership in the awarding of any of its scholarships. Students at PLU have had a successful history of being selected for national scholarships and fellowships. For a list of these awards go to [Scholarships and Fellowships on the Office of the Provost website](#).

T Regent's Scholarship

T Harstad Founder's Scholarship

President's Scholarship

PLU Academic Scholarship

Faculty Merit Award

National Merit Scholarship

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Artistic Achievement Award

Rieke Leadership Award

Army ROTC Scholarship

2: What are Need-Based Awards?

Need-Based Awards are scholarships and grants from PLU as well as state and federal sources. These awards, which do not have to be repaid, are based on financial need, which varies by program and may include other eligibility criteria such as academic achievement.

Q Club Scholarships

University Grant

Dollars for Scholars

Federal Pell Grant

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

Washington State Need Grant

Washington College Bound Scholarship

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship

3: What are Grants?

Some grants are awarded to students for reasons that are independent of the student's merit or need.

Access Grant

Alumni Dependent Grant

Clergy Dependent Grant

Confirmation Scholarship

International Grant

PLU Matching Scholarship (PLUMS)

Tuition Remission/Exchange

TEACH Grant

4: What are Restricted Awards

Scholarships that are made available to PLU students through the generous contributions of donors and friends of Pacific Lutheran University. These scholarships are awarded by the PLU Office of Student Financial Services or designated departments. There is no separate application process associated with the awarding of these awards unless indicated otherwise.

[List of Active Restricted Awards](#)

5: Outside Scholarships

Scholarships that PLU students can apply for that are made available from outside organizations. Many of these organizations have their scholarship information posted in the scholarship matching website, www.thewashboard.org. PLU students have been particularly successful in receiving scholarships from the [Washington Opportunity Scholarship](#) and the [Independent Colleges of Washington](#). For a list of scholarships from organizations that have contacted PLU seeking to expand their applicant pool, click [here](#).

thewashboard.org

collegescholarships.org

scholarships.com

College Board Scholarships

Scholarship Scams

In addition to the reputable scholarship search websites listed above, you will likely encounter many unscrupulous companies looking to profit from your college dreams. For some helpful “red flags” to help protect yourself, check out the information from the [Federal Trade Commission](#).

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