



THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP



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Shaw University

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Shaw University's most prestigious scholarship award is the Presidential Scholarship. It is awarded to incoming freshmen who exhibit exceptional academic and leadership achievement and potential. Only a very limited number of presidential scholarships are awarded each year. The scholarships may be full or partial, depending upon a student's need and financial aid eligibility.

Who is eligible?

- **First time** freshman applying to Shaw University's day program directly from high school. (At this time it is not for transfer or CAPE students.)
- Minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5
- Minimum SAT score of 1,400 (new SAT) or ACT score of 24-25.
- Students **MUST** be ready for pre-calculus or calculus and honors English.
- Students should have a demonstrated record of extracurricular activities and community service.

How do students apply?

- Students **MUST first** apply for admission to Shaw University. No scholarship application will be considered for students who do not apply to the University.
- Students should complete and submit the scholarship application found on the university's website under the admissions information. The presidential scholarship application should be submitted to the Honors College at the address listed on the application. Students must also apply directly to the university for admission. Make sure you fill out BOTH applications and send them to the appropriate offices!
- Students must also submit 3 recommendation forms and an essay as outlined in the application.
- Students should emphasize their extracurricular, community and volunteer activities which will guide an evaluation of their leadership and potential.
- Students MUST complete the FAFSA form annually. Shaw University should be designated to receive the student's information. Students who do not submit their FAFSA form and/or complete all necessary financial aid information cannot receive any financial assistance — private or federal — from the university.

What does the Presidential Scholarship cover?

While Shaw University's costs are modest in comparison to many other colleges and universities, both private and public, it is still a significant expense to most families (as outlined in the table on the next page). Thus, the Presidential Scholarship will cover most of a student's anticipated expenses for four years of college. The scholarship offsets whatever financial aid the students might receive in terms of other scholarships, grants, etc. It covers:

- tuition
- room and board
- a modest book stipend each semester
- a modest living stipend each semester

What must students do to keep their scholarship?

- Students must maintain full-time status (12+ credits) and a minimum GPA of 3.3 each semester.
- Students must adhere to and participate in honors college policies and activities, including honors courses and community service.
- Students must abide by the rules and regulations stated in the Shaw University Student Handbook.
- Students must be of good character.

Does a student automatically keep the Presidential Scholarship?

- **NO!** The scholarship will be REVOKED if the student does not meet minimum GPA requirements or honors college requirements each semester.
- The scholarship is only good for four years. Any extenuating circumstances must be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Who selects presidential scholars?

A university-wide committee composed of faculty and staff is selected by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and led by the Dean of the Honors College. It is called upon to evaluate applications. Objective criteria are used to evaluate the applications as much as possible.

How much does it cost to go to Shaw University?

Below is a summary of the costs for the 2007-2008* academic year (tuition and fee changes are subject to decisions by the University's Board of Trustees). The presidential scholarship is intended to meet these costs, with an additional award of \$500 per semester towards books (book costs above this amount are the responsibility of the student). Any additional fees or fines are the responsibility of the student as well.



Shaw University's Annual Tuition and Fees, 2007-2008*		
	PER SEMESTER	PER YEAR
Tuition	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 8,800.00
Room	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,200.00
Board	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,600.00
Administrative Fee	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,040.00
Health Fee	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Technology Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 8,820.00	\$ 17,640.00
Book Card	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Stipend	\$ 375.00	\$ 750.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,695.00	\$ 19,390.00

**all fees and awards are subject to change based on university determination*

Who do I contact with questions?

About the Presidential Scholarship/Honors College:

- Dr. Kim Q. B. Leathers, Dean, The Honors College
- 919/716-5503
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About general financial aid: Office of Financial Aid

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Shaw University

— At a Glance

- Shaw University is the oldest historically black college of the south. A private, coeducational, liberal arts university, it is affiliated with the Baptist Church. The 30 acre main campus is located in downtown Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Shaw University was founded in 1865 in Raleigh, North Carolina by Henry Martin Tupper, a native of Monson, Massachusetts, to teach theology and biblical interpretation to newly freed slaves.
- It is the first institution in the nation to offer a four year medical program, the first to open its doors to women and the first historically black university in North Carolina to be granted an "A" rating by the State Department of Public Instruction.
- In 1866, it was named the Raleigh Institute. It was renamed The Shaw Collegiate Institute in 1870 to honor its chief benefactor, Elijah Shaw of Wales, Massachusetts. In 1875, the University was chartered as The Shaw University by an Act of the North Carolina General Assembly.
- The first dormitory for African American women in the nation, Estey Hall was erected in 1873. Named after its benefactor, Jacob Estey, it was used as a residence hall and learning center for women who were trained in cooking, sewing, music and the like.
- In 1881, the University established the Leonard Medical School, the first four-year medical school for Freedmen in the South followed by the establishment of a Law School in 1886, and a School of pharmacy in 1891.
- Dr. Nicholas Franklin Roberts, a Shaw graduate, was appointed the first African American acting president of the University in 1893 after the death of Dr. Tupper until March 1894. In 1931, the University elected its first African American president, Dr. William Stuart Nelson, who served until 1936. In 1963, the University elected its first president who is an alumnus of the school, Dr. James E. Cheek, who served until June 1969.
- The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) was established on the campus in April, 1960.
- The College of Adult and Professional Education (CAPE) locations were established in 1980. With nine convenient locations, the program caters to working adults and offers baccalaureate degrees accounting, business administration, criminal justice, education, liberal studies, psychology, public administration, religion & philosophy, social work and sociology.
- The primary mission of the University is teaching with the commitment to maintain excellence in research and academic programs that foster intellectual enhancement and technological skills. Additionally, the University stresses character development, which includes religious, cultural, social and ethical values. Ultimately, Shaw University endeavors to graduate students with demonstrated competencies in their chosen fields of study.
- The 13th President of Shaw University is Dr. Clarence G. Newsome, who was inaugurated on February 13, 2003.

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