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## TRU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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### **POLICY**

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) offers the following primary entrance scholarships to students who are Canadian citizens or Landed Immigrants (Permanent Residents):

#### **TRU Ambassador Entrance Scholarships**

An open scholarship renewable over four years to recognize academic excellence, based on secondary school averages in the core subjects, and documented exemplary leadership and community service.

#### **TRU President's Entrance Scholarships**

This open scholarship recognizes student academic excellence based on secondary school averages in the core subjects.

#### **TRU President's Transfer Scholarships**

This open scholarship will be available to students transferring from another college or university to attend TRU for the first time to complete a degree program. This scholarship is based on academic standing, and students must have attended a post-secondary institution full-time in the previous year.

#### **TRU Board of Governors' Regional Entrance Scholarship**

These scholarships are given to a maximum of one outstanding graduate in each of the provincially-accredited secondary schools in the following communities: 100 Mile House, Ashcroft/Cache Creek, Barriere, Chase; Clinton; Clearwater; Kamloops (8); Lytton; Lillooet; Logan Lake; Merritt; Quesnel (2); Revelstoke; Salmon Arm; and Williams Lake (2), entering a TRU credit program for the first time. One award may be offered to a qualified graduate of each eligible school who the school believes best exemplifies leadership qualities and general excellence in his or her program of study. Up to three candidates may be nominated by each school, and submitted to TRU for consideration.

## TRU Board of Governors Regional Open Entrance Scholarship

These scholarships will be awarded to students who have been nominated through the TRU Board of Governors Entrance Scholarship Program, and who did not receive a scholarship. All students on the secondary school nomination forms will be considered for these awards, with no limit on the number of students from any individual school.

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## REGULATIONS

### I. AVAILABILITY

With the exception of Transfer Scholarships, applicants cannot have previously attended a college or university other than having completed up to 12 TRU credits on a part-time basis. These entrance scholarships are in the form of a semesterly tuition waiver and will be available annually to TRU students who register, for credit, in at least eighty percent (80%) of a full undergraduate level course load, in a program of at least 16 months duration.

Transfer Scholarships are available to students entering the following Baccalaureate degrees: Arts (BA), Science (BSc), Business Administration (BBA), Tourism Management (BTM), Fine Arts (BFA), Natural Resource Science (BNRS), and Computing Science (BCSc) .

### II. A SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGIONAL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each secondary school is responsible for nominating up to three candidates for the Board of Governors' Regional Entrance Scholarship, from full-time Grade 12 students who have high academic standing (B+ average minimum in core subjects). The Board of Governors' Regional Entrance Scholarships will be selected by Thompson Rivers University.

### III. ACCEPTANCE

The entrance scholarship recipients must formally accept the award and the conditions of the scholarship. Acceptance is for a program of post-secondary studies that commences in the immediately ensuing academic year unless otherwise approved due to special circumstances.

If special circumstances exist, TRU may, at the discretion of the Financial Aid and Awards Office, defer the period for acceptance for a maximum of one year.

### IV. NON-ACCEPTANCE

If the recipient accepted an entrance scholarship but fails to register at TRU by the last day for payment of fees for the appropriate semester or period of study, the award will be cancelled. The Financial Aid and Awards Office will advise the student in writing to this effect.

**V. WITHDRAWAL OF TRU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Should a TRU Entrance Scholarship recipient fail to maintain the required course load during the first or subsequent semesters of the period of study for which the award is granted, the balance of the award will be cancelled.

**VI. ACADEMIC STANDING**

Approval of the second, or subsequent portions of an entrance scholarship will be conditional upon the recipient's meeting the following conditions:

- a. The recipient must continue studying at a minimum 80% post secondary course level.
- b. Each recipient must maintain a 3.00 minimum Undergraduate grade point average or equivalent (B standing) over the period covered by the first part of the award.
- c. A student must also have successfully completed an 80% post secondary course load within the relevant study period.

Recipients who fail to meet the academic standing requirement will forfeit the remaining portions of their scholarship and will be advised in writing of the requirement to pay the balance of their tuition and fees for the year. The academic standing requirements set forth herein will be included in the Acceptance Form provided to scholarship nominees.

**VII. VALUE**

The value of each scholarship will be set annually based on the recommendation of the Financial Aid & Awards Office, and upon approval of the Director, Student Recruitment, and the Vice-Provost, Students.