



**MRFA**  
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FACULTY ASSOCIATION

## MRFA Student Awards Policy

<b>Category:</b>	Member Benefits
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### I. Overview

Subject to annual budget approval of the MRFA membership, the MRFA shall annually donate \$8,000 to provide a total of eight \$1,000 student awards.

### II. Applicable Committee

The MRFA Awards Committee, with the support of the Senior Administrative and Faculty Relations Officer (SAFRO), is responsible for annually selecting recipients of the MRFA student scholarships and bursaries.

### III. Authority

The MRFA Awards Committee has the authority to select awards recipients within the parameters outlined in the Gift Agreements agreed to by the MRFA and the MRU Foundation and as approved by MRU's General Faculties Council.

### IV. Eligibility

1. Four \$1,000 scholarships shall be allocated by Faculty, and recipients shall be selected on the basis of extracurricular activities demonstrating a commitment to campus life: students must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 to be considered eligible.
  - Faculty of Science and Technology
  - Faculty of Arts
  - Faculty of Business and Communication Studies
  - Faculty of Health, Community, and Education
2. Four \$1,000 scholarships/bursaries shall be allocated to self-identified members of equity deserving groups based on community involvement, academic achievement, and financial need.
  - One \$1,000 scholarship restricted to students who self-identify as members of equity seeking groups with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Recipient selection shall be based on MRU community involvement if the candidates meet the first two criteria.
  - One \$1,000 scholarship restricted to students who self-identify as Indigenous with a minimum GPA of 3.2. Recipient selection shall be based on MRU community and/or their own community involvement if the candidates meet the first two criteria.
  - One \$1,000 scholarship restricted to students who are connected to and support the work of campus groups whose mandates are related to EDI, cultural supports, BIPOC supports, etc. (minimum GPA of 3.2).

- One \$1,000 Bursary restricted to students who self-identify as members of equity seeking groups. Recipient selection will be based on financial need.

## **V. Process**

- i. Applications shall be submitted to the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office which will compile the awards and submit them to the SAFRO.
- ii. The SAFRO shall divide award applicant groups and assign them, as equitably as possible, to members of the Awards Committee for review by the last week of May.
- iii. The Awards Committee members shall select the top applicants for each award and will meet collectively to review and make selections.
- iv. For each award, the Committee shall select a recipient and alternate(s) as directed by the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office. The Committee shall report selected recipients and alternate(s) to the Student Awards and Financial Aid office by June 15.
- v. Award recipients shall be posted on the Association website after receiving written permission from the student recipients to do so.

## **VI. Appeals**

Funding Appeals may be submitted in accordance with the Association's Funding Allocation, Audit, and Appeals Policy