

## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the awarding of all competitive academic scholarships.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

2.01 Competitive Academic Scholarship. A scholarship that is publicized in a manner consistent with Section 3 and is open to both residents and nonresidents, that is designated as competitive by SHSU, and does not give preference on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or sex.

2.02 The University Academic Scholarship Committee shall be a standing committee appointed by the President.

## 3. INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

3.01 A scholarship committee shall be considered to be authorized in writing by the Sam Houston State University administration upon approval by the Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs or the respective dean. This authorization shall be in effect so long as scholarships under the control of a committee are included in the list of officially recognized University scholarships.

3.02 The list of approved scholarships and their requirements shall be maintained in a manner that provides potential applicants with ready access to both the scholarships and their respective requirements prior to published scholarship deadlines. This list is currently accessible from the following website: <https://shsu.academicworks.com/>.

3.03 Donors may provide scholarship funds to the University and/or its programs after posted scholarship deadlines. Such funds may be awarded as competitive academic scholarships provided the awards are made by an authorized scholarship committee in keeping with the criteria of a pre-existing scholarship under its control that qualifies as a competitive scholarship. Whenever practical, recipients of this type of award should be drawn from a pre-existing pool of applicants for one or more qualifying competitive academic scholarships.

4. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

To be eligible for any competitive academic scholarship, a student must at minimum meet the general crite

5.03 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter

