



POLICY MOTION NUMBER 2305 (2019-02)	PASSED: 2019-03
TITLE POLICY ON UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES	EXPIRES: 2022-03

WHEREAS post-secondary institutions have increasingly used scholarships as a tool for recruitment strategies, while the consideration of academic merit and retention has been reduced;¹

WHEREAS the consideration of academic merit and retention in entrance scholarships and bursaries is critical in developing and sustaining post-secondary institutions' enrollment and integrity;

WHEREAS the interests of students and the university are not inherently opposed in the development of scholarship and bursary criteria;

WHEREAS student feedback is integral in the review of scholarship and bursary criteria;

WHEREAS students are dissatisfied with the criteria, management and awareness of scholarships and bursaries at Mount Allison;

WHEREAS students are generally unaware of the appeals and re-application processes for scholarships;

WHEREAS the rigidity and demand of scholarships and bursaries has academic implications, including academic breadth of experience;

WHEREAS the challenges presented by the criteria of scholarships and bursaries most acutely affects first-year entering students;

WHEREAS designated scholarships may provide an opportunity to alleviate criteria demands depending on their founding agreements;

¹ Alex Usher, *The State of Post-Secondary Education in Canada, 2018*, (Toronto: Higher Education Strategy Associates, 2018): 49.



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MASU endorses the continued and consistent operation of the Scholarships and Bursaries senate standing committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED THAT the MASU acts on raising awareness of the scholarship and bursaries appeals and re-application processes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MASU recommends a rolling re-evaluation of the entrance scholarship system to ensure it is streamlined, effective and fair;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MASU advocates for greater leniency in the scholarship system for entering first-year students, including a potential drop of the lowest three-credit course grade in scholarship GPA requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MASU encourages the university to consider a reduction of credit demands for designated scholarships where endowment agreements are not explicit on the matter.