Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship
Scholarship Criteria

POLICY STATEMENT: Applies to newly enrolled students only. Based on the availability of funding, a new applicant is referred by an alumnus, accepted, deposits and enrolls at Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology. The alumnus is then eligible to receive the Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship. If awarded, an Official Offer of Financial Aid is sent to the student notifying them of the amount offered. The Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship is coordinated with all other financial aid, not to exceed the Cost of Attendance (COA). Students can apply for and receive more than one scholarship; however, the total award will not exceed 25% of tuition. This scholarship is not awarded in the summer semester. 100% on-line (Psychology@Pepperdine) students are not eligible for this scholarship.

1. Eligibility for the Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship is based on a past graduate of Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology referring a new applicant who is accepted, deposits and enrolls at Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology. Applies to newly enrolled students only.

2. The recipient is chosen by a scholarship committee based on the *Connect. Reconnect.* Recommendation form submitted by the alum **(click here for form)**. The recommendation must explain why the applicant should receive the scholarship and be submitted to GSEP Alumni Relations Office or the Enrollment Services Office by posted deadline.

3. Up to ten recipients are chosen per semester for the Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship – not to exceed ten (10) in the fall semester and ten (10) in the spring.

4. The Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship is tuition-specific and is a one-time scholarship in the amount of $1,500.00 that is awarded for the first semester of the student's enrollment.

5. The student must be enrolled at full-time status in order to receive the scholarship. If the student does not enroll at full-time status, he/she forfeits eligibility. The scholarship is not put on hold for any additional semester. Please note, any adjustments to awarded amounts will be at the University's discretion*.

6. If a student withdraws, the scholarship will be revoked.

7. If a student takes a Leave of Absence, the scholarship will be revoked.

8. Students who request a deferral will be allowed to defer scholarships **only once**, for the next available term within the deferral limit. After which, all Pepperdine University, Graduate School of Education and Psychology scholarships will be revoked.

9. The student must remain in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in order to retain the Scholarship.

10. The Financial Aid Office receives the Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship awarding list from the Enrollment Services Office.

11. The Financial Aid Office awards the Alumni *Connect. Reconnect.* Scholarship, coordinating the scholarship with all other financial aid. If the awarding of the scholarship produces an over-award, federal student loans will be reduced first.

12. The Alumni Connect/Reconnect Scholarship can be combined with other scholarships **except for** Colleagues Grant, Federal and Institutional Military Scholarships/Benefits, Athletic Scholarships, GSEP Diversity Scholarship, Education Divisional Scholarship and Psychology Divisional Scholarship. Students receiving thirds-party scholarship will require further approvals. Total award will not exceed 25% of tuition cost.
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14. The Financial Aid Office sends the Offer of Financial Aid to the student.

   a. The Offer of Financial Aid is used as a form of notification and confirmation of aid offered.

   b. Students are required to acknowledge the Offer of Financial Aid on the student portal indicating their acceptance of the scholarship.

15. The Financial Aid Office applies the scholarship to the student's account at the start of the term.

16. Institutional scholarships cannot be refunded for cash value.