

### Kick Start Scholarship Criteria

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Applies to newly enrolled students. Based on the availability of funding, any student who turns in an initial application and pays the application fee at an Information Session will be eligible to receive the Kick Start Scholarship. An official offer of Financial Aid is sent to the students notifying them of the amount they are awarded. The Kick Start Scholarship is coordinated with all other financial aid so as 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 during the summer semester.** 100% on-line (Psychology@Pepperdine) students are not eligible for this scholarship.

1. Eligibility for the Kick Start Scholarship is based on attending an Information Session prior to the start term of admission. This includes completing an application and paying the application fee at an Information Session. Applies to newly enrolled students only.
2. The student must be enrolled full-time based on Financial Aid standards in order to receive the scholarship. If a 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\*.
3. If a student withdraws, the scholarship will be revoked.
4. If a student takes a leave of absence, the scholarship will be revoked.
5. Students who request a deferral will be allowed to defer this scholarship **only once**, for the next available term within the deferral limit. After which this scholarship will be revoked.
6. The student must remain in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in order to retain the scholarship.
7. Scholarships are given to an applicant who has gone through the application process, has been accepted, and has paid their deposit to secure a place in the class.
8. The Kick Start Scholarship is tuition specific awarded as a \$1,000 scholarship to the student for the first semester of their enrollment.
9. The Kick Start Scholarship can be combined with other scholarships **except for** Colleagues Grant, Federal and Institutional Military Scholarships/Benefits, Athletic Scholarships, GSEP Diversity Scholarship. Students receiving third-party scholarship(s) will require further approvals. Total award will not exceed 25% of tuition cost.
10. The Financial Aid Office receives the Kick Start Scholarship Awarding list from the Enrollment Services Office. The Financial Aid Office awards the Kick Start Scholarship, coordinating the scholarship with all other financial aid. If the awarding of the Kick Start Scholarship produces an over-award, federal student loans will be reduced first.
11. 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.
12. The Financial Aid Office applies the Kick Start Scholarship to the student's account after the start of the term.
13. Institutional scholarships cannot be refunded for cash value.