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In a memorandum shared with the financial aid community on February 17, 2009, it was announced that we were suspending the recruitment of a new class of scholars in the Ohio Academic Scholarship program for the 2009-2010 academic year. That suspension will remain permanent as the scholarship program has officially been eliminated beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year.

Throughout the most recent budget process, there remained both a desire and intention to maintain the financial obligation made to previous Ohio Academic Scholars--that commitment will be fulfilled.

For the 2009-2010 academic year, prior Ohio Academic Scholars will be eligible to receive a slightly reduced scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (down from the \$2,205 annual award received in the past). This annual amount applies to students at all public, private, non-profit and private, for-profit institutions.

Eligibility rosters for the 2009-2010 academic year are currently available to financial aid personnel. Even though rosters are available now for awarding purposes, there will be a delay in submission for payments. Current HEI submissions for this program default to the \$2,205 award amount. Our folks will need some time to re-program the system in order to default to the new \$2,000 award amount. Any delay should only affect summer term submissions as the updates should be implemented in plenty of time for the fall submission schedule. Further details on the availability of the submission files will be sent to Academic Scholarship data reporters and Financial Aid Liaisons at the appropriate time.

Note that scholars must continue to attend full-time in order to continue to be eligible for the scholarship.

As we have been corresponding with many of the affected students over the course of the past several months, we have compiled an e-mail listserv of contacts. We will send an update to this listserv and post updates on our website.

TO SUMMARIZE, FOR THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF THE OHIO ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP IS:

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| ALL INSTITUTIONS: | | \$2,000* (ANNUAL AWARD) |
| <i>*\$1,000 per semester</i> | OR | <i>\$666/\$667/\$667 for quarters</i> |

Financial aid personnel should direct questions to the Ohio Academic Scholarship Program Administrator, Jathiya Abdullah-Simmons, 614.752.9528, jabdullah-simmons@regents.state.oh.us.