



THE UNIVERSITY of
NEW ORLEANS

OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES

UNO HOMER HITT SCHOLARSHIP TERMS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT NOTE: All scholarship offers for incoming students are subject to official confirmation of your test scores, GPA, and high school graduation. If you are a continuing or transfer student, your offer is subject to official confirmation of your GPA, enrollment status, and grade level upon evaluation of all transfer course work.

• Retention

For your scholarship to be applied each semester of eligibility, you must meet the rules and regulations indicated below. *(If you meet all of the rules and regulations, your scholarship will automatically renew and will be posted to your account prior to Centralized Enrollment. Failure to do so will automatically result in a forfeiture and cancellation of your award.)*

- For scholarship purposes, the academic year consists of the Fall and Spring semesters. The summer is not included.
- You must enroll and maintain full time hours every semester as of the 15th class day of the semester.
- You must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher at the end of each academic year.
- You must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above at the midpoint (end of Fall semester).
- You must earn a minimum of 24 hours at the end of each academic year. If you are admitted in the Spring semester, you should earn 12 hours or more and maintain a minimum overall cumulative 3.0 GPA. Bypass, Audit courses and Advanced Placement (AP) credits do NOT count toward this earned hour requirement(s) for this scholarship.
- If you earn an “I” (incomplete), your scholarship cannot be evaluated for retention purposes. You should contact the Financial Aid Office for details.

• General Guidelines:

- This scholarship may be used in conjunction with TOPS and other Louisiana state tuition-based scholarships, exemptions or waivers to cover the balance of tuition and eligible fees. Examples of other Louisiana state tuitionbased scholarships, exemptions, or waivers are TOPS, National Guard, Employee Exemptions, Academic Common Market and other UNO merit-based scholarships. To avoid an over-award of a student’s tuition, eligible fees, and/or nonresident costs, a student’s Louisiana state tuition-based scholarship, institutional scholarship, exemption, or waiver cannot exceed full cost of the tuition and eligible fees.
- Your award is available for eight (8) semesters or graduation whichever comes first, provided you meet the retention guidelines each semester.
- The intent of the scholarship is to assist the student with one degree in one major. Students may choose to change majors. However, the scholarship semester limit will not be extended.
- If you have an in-state scholarship and you are awarded TOPS at a later date but within the same semester, your award will be converted to pay the balance of your tuition, and reduced to prevent a tuition overaward. If you receive TOPS after the 15th class day, contact the Financial Aid Office for detailed guidelines.
- If you are an out of state student receiving an out of state award and later receive in-state status, the out of state award will be removed accordingly. The student will continue to pay in-state tuition.
- Cost of attendance (COA) is defined as “an estimate of the student’s educational expenses for a period of enrollment” pursuant to Title IV. This definition and the COA components are included in the LOSFA TOPS guidelines. A student’s total award package cannot exceed the total Cost of Attendance (COA). When combined with TOPS, waivers, fee exemptions, state aid, federal financial grants or loans, or Federal College Work Study Program and all other aid, university scholarships should not exceed the “cost of attendance.”



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The University of New Orleans Homer Hitt Award specifically covers these items (these amounts are per year):

- Tuition - \$6090.37
- Other Mandatory Fees - \$1059.63
- Non-Resident Fees - \$4836
- Meal Plan - \$3594
- Housing - \$5710
- Books - \$1000

The funds are linked to these specific scholarship components and cannot be applied for any other fee, nor can it be given to the recipient as a refund. If the student has any other awards that specifically covers a portion already covered by the Homer Hitt Scholarship (excluding the Book Award), that award will be applied, and the relative Homer Hitt scholarship will be reduced or cancelled.

If the student is a current Louisiana resident and would be charged in-state tuition, or is a resident of Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, or Florida and would have their non-resident fees waived via the Gulf States Residency Promise, the portion of the Homer Hitt Scholarship that covers the non-resident fees will be voided.

If the student receives the TOPS Award, TOPS will cover the tuition cost and the tuition portion of the Homer Hitt Scholarship will be voided. The TOPS Performance or Honors stipend will still be usable towards any fees.

If the student chooses to live off-campus, the housing scholarship will be cancelled and the meal plan assignment will be reduced to the *Commuter Meal Plan*. If the student chooses to upgrade their dorm assignment, or live in Privateer Place or Lafitte Village, they will be offered the \$5710 for on-campus housing costs and full Meal Plan, but will be required to pay the remaining housing fees out-of-pocket or with other financial aid or scholarships.

If you have any questions, please contact Adham Hussain, Coordinator of Scholarships, at ahussain@uno.edu.

The University of New Orleans reserves the right to modify the policy that governs these awards.

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