

## “Will my scholarship affect or be affected by my financial aid?”

The majority of scholarships are based on merit and academic achievement, but are still considered part of your financial aid package. They are counted towards your overall package along with grants, work-study, and loans. Federal and state financial aid programs require that students not receive financial aid in excess of one's cost of attendance. Need based aid, (such as grants and subsidized loans) also must remain within a student's financial need as determined by the FAFSA. (Financial need = COA - EFC – Financial Aid and Scholarships received)

**IMPORTANT:** A student's financial aid package may be adjusted by our financial aid office based on federal and state regulations if scholarships are received in the excess of students cost of attendance or financial needs as determined by the FAFSA.