

# USOC/DeVry University Academic Performance Partnership Eligibility Requirements for Scholarship Recipients June 2014 - December 2015

### Description of the USOC/DeVry Academic Performance Partnership Scholarship Program

As of December 2011, DeVry University (DeVry) will provide academic services as defined below to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

The primary goal of the USOC/DeVry Academic Performance Partnership is to provide athletes with educational opportunities for professional career success through academic tuition reductions and full tuition scholarships. The full tuition scholarships will provide funds for each semester in which the student athlete remains qualified for participation in the program and full scholarships are available. Those not eligible for the full tuition scholarship DeVry University or Keller Graduate School of Management tuition rate.

### Effective Date

The current plan is in effect and will terminate on December 31, 2016 unless DeVry and the USOC choose to extend this program. In addition to meeting DeVry University's standard entrance requirements, athletes must meet additional requirements set forth by the USOC in order to qualify for financial assistance.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Eligibility for Full Tuition Scholarship - Athletes may be eligible for the full tuition USOC/DeVry Scholarship if they have participated in the events below. (Those not eligible for a full tuition scholarship may be eligible to receive educational partner tuition rate, 30% savings from current tuition rate.):

- 1. Olympians and Paralympians that have competed/participated in the previous two (2) Olympic or Paralympic Games
- 2. Athletes that have competed/participated in the following events within the last four (4) years
  - a. World Championships
  - b. World Cups, Grand Prix or equivalent
  - c. Senior National Championships

Eligibility for educational partner tuition rate, 30% savings from current tuition rate - Individuals who meet the guidelines below may be eligible:

- 1. Current regular (not temporary or contract) employment with the USOC
- 2. Current regular (not temporary or contract) employment with a National Governing Body
- 3. Coaches and other athlete support staff
- 4. Pan Am and Para Pan Am athletes
- 5. Currently training Olympic and Paralympic athletes not awarded the full tuition scholarship
- 6. Retired Olympic and Paralympic athletes that do not qualify for the full tuition scholarship
- 7. Athletes going for a second degree (i.e. second masters, etc.)

### **Application Instructions**

- 1. Individuals meeting the aforementioned eligibility criteria for the scholarship and/or educational partner programs will apply through an electronic application that can only be found online at http://usoc.keller.devry.edu/home.
- 2. Upon completion and fulfillment of the required application information, the form will be submitted and copies will be sent to both DeVry and the USOC Selection Committee for review.

2013 – 2014 USOC/DeVry Academic Performance Partnership Terms and Conditions Version 1.0 3. The USOC Selection Committee will review the application to determine the applicants' financial program eligibility and DeVry will review candidates based on their academic qualification criteria. DeVry University has the full authority to accept or reject candidates for enrollment based on their stated academic qualifications.

# **Selection Process**

- 1. Upon receipt of the completed application, the **USOC Selection Committee** will determine whether an applicant is eligible for a full tuition scholarship, the educational partner tuition rate (30% savings from current tuition rate), or is ineligible for the program.
- 2. The factors to determine the awards can be categorized broadly, as either:
  - a. Past performance athletic, academic and career
    - b. Indicators of future performance
    - c. Funds still available for the full scholarship
- 3. Once eligibility has been confirmed by the USOC Selection Committee, the recipient will be contacted via email by a member of the USOC Selection Committee and the award benefits will be explained.
- 4. All scholarship recipients will be sent a confirmation award letter and a copy of this Terms and Conditions document via email. Physical, mailed copies will only be sent upon specific recipient request.
- 5. At this time, the USOC will send an email notification to DeVry, informing them of the recipient's selection for award of scholarship or tuition reduction.

# Scholarship or Educational Partner Tuition Rate Selection

- 1. Applicants enrolling in this program will be limited to a single DeVry-based scholarship or special tuition rate. If a student qualifies for more than one, the applicant will select the option most favorable to him or her and submit his or her selection to the USOC for approval prior to enrolling at DeVry.
- 2. Neither the USOC nor DeVry will encourage nor discourage academic program recipients from applying for additional financial aid and grants. Should recipients seek out these opportunities, it is their responsibility to notify DeVry immediately of any award. Payback of all financial aid sought is the sole responsibility of the recipient.

### Academic Conditions for Full Tuition Scholarship

- 1. DeVry scholarship recipients are expected to perform at a high level and to progress in a timely manner toward completion of the chosen degree program. The local registrar determines continued academic eligibility at the conclusion of each semester of enrollment.
- Student athletes are not required to maintain a minimum number of credit hours per semester in order to maintain eligibility for the scholarship. Student athletes will be required to follow university re-admittance procedures should they not attend classes for six consecutive sessions. Redetermination of scholarship eligibility may be required.
- 3. Recipients of USOC/DeVry Scholarship are encouraged to discuss Academic conditions with their designated student advisor on an ongoing basis. This form is not meant to be inclusive of all the Academic conditions and the obligations of the student to maintain good standing.
- 4. If a determination is made that a scholarship recipient does not meet the continued academic eligibility requirements required by DeVry University, the registrar will promptly communicate this information to the scholarship recipient and to the student finance office.
- 5. Scholarship recipients remain subject to the academic eligibility conditions set forth in their original documentation, even if more stringent conditions are imposed on subsequent recipients. If more lenient conditions are subsequently developed, existing recipients' eligibility requirements will incorporate the new conditions. Once enrolled, recipients of a scholarship must:
  - a. Maintenance of Minimum Cumulative GPA
    - Must maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 2.5 on a four (4) point scale for undergraduate and 3.0 on a four (4) point scale for graduate programs and remain in good academic standing by meeting all DeVry standards of academic progress as stated in the DeVry Academic Catalogue.
    - Be aware that the letter grades D or F may lower your cumulative GPA, resulting in loss of the scholarship
  - b. Withdrawals

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- The scholarship program has a two-strike rule regarding withdrawals from a class after the first week. The first class withdrawal after the one-week cutoff will result in a warning. The second will result in an immediate loss of the full tuition scholarship. The student may, however, be eligible to for the tuition reduction program and a financial aid package, if desired, after the loss of full tuition scholarship.
- The student should be aware that a withdrawal (W) from a class may lower his/her cumulative GPA, resulting in being placed on probation, or the loss of scholarship for academic reasons.

### **Attendance and Conduct Conditions**

- 1. Scholarship awards are determined by the student's enrollment for the semester. Scholarship disbursement, however, will be determined by the student's enrollment for the session. Scholarship recipients may attend classes at any location for which they qualify.
- 2. A disciplinary suspension or expulsion, or academic-based sanction may result in the scholarship recipient becoming ineligible for any further participation in the scholarship program.
- 3. Payback of all financial aid sought is the sole responsibility of the recipient.

### **Scholarship Duration**

The scholarship term begins the first day of the recipient's first class. It is a 12-month scholarship term. Each recipient will be reviewed for renewal by the USOC Selection Committee 30 days prior to reaching the expiration date of their scholarship. The USOC will contact each athlete with their renewal status prior to the start of the next session.

### **Financial Conditions**

- 1. For students receiving scholarship and reduced tuition, the cost of any remaining tuition, if applicable, as well as books, fees, transportation, living expenses, and any other expenses, are the responsibility of the recipient.
- 2. Scholarship monies unused at the point of graduation, or as the result of the recipient's ineligibility for continued participation for any reason, will not result in a monetary refund to the student.

### **Ineligibility for Participation**

- 1. Failure to meet any of the above conditions will result in forfeiture of the remainder of the scholarship. The scholarship may be reinstated, up to one time, only upon the express written approval of the USOC Selection Committee and DeVry.
- 2. Students who have forfeited their scholarships, but who are otherwise eligible to remain enrolled at DeVry, may continue in their programs of study without scholarship assistance.

### Marketing Opportunities

DeVry may request that student athletes participate in their marketing and PR campaigns. In the event that a student is contacted by DeVry for any such campaigns, DeVry will issue a separate agreement directly with that student.