Sources of University Aid

Several forms of university-funded aid, based on need and merit, are available.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY GRANTS
Funds budgeted from general income to provide need-based, non-repayable assistance. Lehigh University Grants are also used as a ‘placeholder’ until we are notified of the amounts we are able to award for each of the endowed funds.

SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS
Individuals, foundations, and corporations provide these funds through annual contributions to the university. Lehigh has 60 such sponsored funds. Lehigh University grants are also used as a “placeholder” until we are notified of the amounts we are able to award for each of the endowed funds.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS
Income from invested gifts to the university make these need based scholarships possible. The university has over 800 such funds, half of which are for general, unrestricted use. Curriculum, geographic, outside interests, etc. restrict most of the others.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC MERIT AWARDS
The equivalent of seven full tuition awards (awarded as one half or full tuition) will be awarded to entering freshmen. Selections are made by the Office of Admissions based on academic excellence, extra curricular and leadership activities. Awards are renewable for four years of undergraduate study and require a 3.0 average and satisfactory progress toward a Lehigh degree.

DEAN’S SCHOLARSHIPS
Approximately 70 scholarships, in an annual amount of $12,000 will be awarded to entering freshmen. Selections are made by the Office of Admissions based on academic excellence and significant extra-curricular and leadership activities. Awards are renewable over four years of undergraduate study, and require a 3.00 average and satisfactory progress toward a Lehigh degree.

BAKER GIFTED ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS
Awards are given to students from Northeast Pennsylvania and are valued at $3,000 per year, renewable over four years. Selections are made by the faculties of the Music and Theatre departments, and are based on taped performances and letters of recommendation.

ARMY ROTC LEADERSHIP AWARDS
In certain instances, the university may supplement an Army ROTC scholarship with a leadership award that is equal to the cost of room and board. These are highly competitive and require a 2.5 average for renewal.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
Lehigh is a collegiate sponsor of the National Merit Scholarship program. Scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $2,000 per year may be awarded to Merit finalists selecting Lehigh as their first choice college, and who are not also receiving another form of National Merit scholarship.

RODALE SCHOLARSHIP IN JOURNALISM
Qualified students may receive a $2,500 scholarship (which may be renewed for three additional years); opportunities to intern at Rodale Press or other prominent media; and one-on-one instruction with Lehigh faculty.

ATHLETIC AWARDS
Alumni Student Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and exceptional athletic talent as evaluated by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Alumni Student Grants replace the loan and employment portion of a financial aid package. Lehigh also awards NCAA grants in the sports of wrestling, football, and men’s and women’s basketball. A limited number of full, three-quarter, half or quarter tuition awards are available in other sports.

PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARS PROGRAM
This program provides an opportunity to receive free tuition for a fifth year of study, up to 12 months immediately following the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. The Registrar is responsible for determining eligibility. For further eligibility requirement information please go to the Registrar’s Office Web page at lehigh.edu.