CRITERIA FOR GRADUATE SCHOLARS AWARD

PURPOSE

The Graduate Scholars Award (GSA) has been established to enhance the geographical diversity of applicants to the Graduate School of the University of Charleston, South Carolina. In the belief that the education of people is not confined to the classroom, the university encourages individuals from diverse backgrounds to meet and exchange ideas and experiences in the collegiate environment.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

New and Incoming Students:

1. Be an admitted degree-seeking graduate applicant at the College of Charleston.
2. Have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 = A.
3. Plan to enroll full-time, at least 6 hours of graduate coursework during the semester.

NOTE: If an applicant does not meet criteria 2 and/or 3, a letter of support from the Program Director is required and the award amount will be reduced.

Continuing Students:

1. Be a degree-seeking graduate student at the College of Charleston.
2. Have a cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.0.
3. Be enrolled full-time, at least 6 hours of graduate coursework during the semester, or 3 hours for the Maymester, Extended Summer, or Summer I terms.

NOTE: If an applicant does not meet criteria 3, the award amount will be reduced.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND NOTIFICATION

New and Incoming Students:

Fall – March 15 priority
Spring – rolling

Continuing Students:

Fall – April 15 priority
Spring – rolling

GSA applications will be considered on a rolling basis after the priority deadlines. Funding is first-come, first-served. Students who have been awarded the GSA will be notified by the Graduate School.

RESTRICTIONS

1. Students receiving an assistantship or institutional scholarship are not eligible for the GSA.
2. Students registering for continuous enrollment credits (900 courses) during the fall and/or spring semesters are not eligible for the GSA.
3. Students only enrolling in Summer II graduate courses are not eligible for the GSA.

NOTES

1. The GSA funding schedule is tied to the academic year with the fall being the first award term. GSA applications are eligible for one academic year (fall, spring, and summer). A new application must be submitted each academic year.
2. The maximum amount which can be awarded is $500 per major semester, or a total of $1,000.
3. Out-of-State students who receive the GSA are eligible for abatement funding in the terms awarded.
4. Summer GSA: Students will receive notification from the Graduate School if funding is available.