

President's Scholarship Q&A

The information below applies to traditional undergraduate students who have been offered a President's Scholarship that entitles them to unique opportunities in subsequent years at Fresno Pacific University. The information below is valid for President Scholars who enter the traditional undergraduate program during the 2011-2012 academic year.

What is a President's Scholarship and what impact might it have on my future studies at FPU?

Congratulations on your high academic achievement! The President's Scholarship represents special recognition for your academic achievements, and a substantial financial aid award that will be of help to you for up to four years of study at FPU. As a President's Scholar, you will arrive early to FPU and participate in the annual Leadership Retreat. This experience will make it possible for you to enter the fall semester having already learned of the many great things offered to all of our students next year. You will be drafted into a support role with a number of these special leadership opportunities and guided in discussion on what real leadership means. In addition, you will enroll in special coursework in which D. Merrill Ewert, our university President, will guide some of your discussions and challenge your ideas on what real leadership is about in the 21st century. This jump start approach to leadership development has been a hallmark of our university.

What is required of me as a President Scholar?

As a recipient of the President's Scholarship you are required to: enroll in the special coursework during the fall semester of your freshman year, maintain a 3.0 or higher FPU cumulative GPA and live on campus your first two years of attendance. If you do not meet these requirements you may be denied the scholarship.

What other kinds of special academic programs can I look forward to at Fresno Pacific?

All President Scholars are encouraged to enroll in General Education and major honors courses. These are courses specially designed and taught to prepare you for graduate study, and to launch you into professions. The course may be more difficult, and perhaps take a bit more time than a regular course, but you will learn how scholars and professionals approach their work and the production and application of knowledge. Successful completion of four honors courses is indicated on transcripts. We also encourage President Scholars to apply to join the Alpha Chi honor society, if eligible. This select group of students works with the society's faculty and administrative sponsors to prepare for the future, and our members regularly travel to the national conference to present the results of their academic work and rub shoulders with other honors students from around the country.

A final congratulations!

Again, we would like to congratulate you on your academic achievement and invite you into a select group of students who are finding the FPU community to be a place where they are challenged to develop and expand their strengths as a leader on campus, in the community and beyond.

If you have any questions about the President's Leadership Scholarship please feel free to contact the Student Financial Services Office at (559) 453-2041.