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Scholarships

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For example, men's basketball and football scholarships and women's basketball and volleyball scholarships are distributed on a head count basis. A specific number of full scholarships are awarded to these sports.

All others are equivalency sports, which means scholarships can be divided by as many as four ways between these players.

John David Crow, associate athletic director of stadium revenue funds, says that, among other rules, football players must pass 24 hours per year to be eligible to play. Students who don't meet this requirement and fail to pass 24 hours the next year lose their scholarship, he says.

As long as the player meets the requirements, the one-year scholarship will continue to be renewed.

The NCAA also prohibits football players from getting jobs to earn extra money and from receiving any other scholarships.

Lynn Brown, student financial aid administrator of scholarships, says the stipends of academic scholarships total \$7 million.

Out-of-state tuition is waived for academic awards, but the tuition increase has affected the stipends.

Brown says University scholarships can not exceed \$5,850, the cost of education at A&M as computed by the scholarship office. This figure allows for tuition, room and board, required fees, transportation and personal expenses.

However, students may receive more money from outside donors, Brown says. For example, she says one student receives \$10,000 per year in scholarship money.

But this is uncommon, Brown

says. While University scholarship stipends are spread among as many students as possible, students still need more money.

Three permanent endowments are the President's Endowed Scholar Awards, Lechner Fellowships and McFadden Scholarships.

The stipends from these endowments range from \$750 to \$2,500

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per year.

Brown says these awards are given to incoming freshmen with outstanding high school records and a score of at least 1250 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Academic Excellence Awards are given to undergraduate students who show excellent scholastic progress.

All scholarship recipients are guaranteed dormitory space, Brown says.

Though most donors establish certain scholarship requirements, no scholarship can be accepted if it is discriminatory, she says.

Taft Benson, director of student

financial aid, says that some lengthy restrictions cause problems because it takes time to find the student with the right qualifications.

He says he has seen some scholarships with two pages of restrictions, looking for a student "that can't be over 30 years of age, has to be male, must be from Podunk County, last name must be Park, must be of good moral character, must not drink alcohol, must be clean-cut and close shaven, must be in the Corps of Cadets, and so on."

Benson says it is difficult to find someone that meets all the criteria.

Most of the criteria is never so restrictive that a scholarship can't be awarded, he says, but, if this happens, necessary changes can be made legally.

Brown says two unusual criteria she has seen were for a cadet studying sociology and for a student with a grade-point ratio below 3.0.

Scholarships often serve a dual purpose. Some help the University meet minority enrollment requirements.

Lloyd Taylor, director of school relations, issues the President's Achievement Award, which provides four-year scholarships for black and hispanic students.

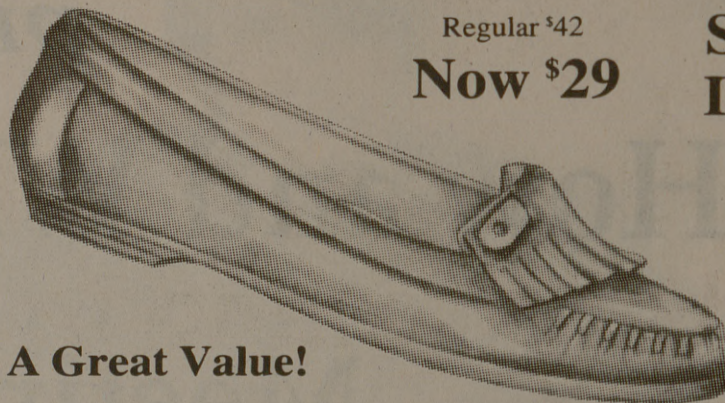
"The office of civil rights said we had to have a certain percentage of hispanic and black students enrolled in the University, and, of course, our goal is to satisfy that requirement," Taylor says.

Taylor says the awards are based on financial need. The applicant's academic record, SAT score and school involvement record are examined.

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