

Named/Endowed Scholarships Frequently Asked Questions

I just received a Named/Endowed Scholarship... do I get additional money?

No. These scholarships are dollar for dollar replacements of Skidmore Grant aid. Donors have given these funds to the College to support deserving students with outstanding academic records.

What is an “Endowed Scholarship?”

An endowed scholarship has been established by a donor and invested with the College’s endowment. We will award this fund in perpetuity, spending only the interest accrued in a given year, not the principal.

What is an “Annual Fund Scholarship?”

Annual Fund Scholarships are established on an annual basis by donors who give generously to the College’s Annual Fund which supports current operations. These grants are often repeated from year to year, but not awarded in perpetuity as are the endowed scholarships.

Why was I selected as a Named/Endowed Scholarship recipient?

You were selected as a recipient of your particular scholarship because you are receiving financial aid (except if you are a Porter or Filene Scholar, see below) *and* have an impressive academic record. Some scholarships have various criteria such as major and geographic information as well.

What is expected of me as a scholarship recipient?

Each year, we ask that our scholarship students connect with their donor. Included with your notification letter is a web address to visit and fill out an online questionnaire. Once completed, we will send your responses to your individual donor.

Additionally, once a year we host the *Celebration of Skidmore Scholars and Donors*. All scholarship recipients are invited to this reception as well as donors. We expect that, barring any unforeseen circumstances, you will attend this event. This year, the event will be held Friday, April 15, 2011.

There may be additional opportunities to meet your donor. For example, if your donor comes to campus, we will set up meetings for lunch or coffee. Also, we may ask you to contribute to a printed piece about scholarship at Skidmore, perform at the Scholarship Event, or be profiled in our Scholarship Event program.

Can I put this on my resume?

Certainly! These scholarships are awarded to students based on academic achievement; it is an honor to receive one.

I am receiving a Porter Presidential Scholarship in Math and Science or a Filene Scholarship. How are these scholarships different?

The Porter and Filene Scholarships are the only two Skidmore scholarships which are based on merit rather than need. You received this scholarship because of your performance in either math and science or music. The scholarships are awarded without consideration of economic need.

If I have questions, who should I contact?

Beth Brucker-Kane in the Office of Donor Relations manages the named/endowed scholarships and stewardship of donors to these funds. She may be reached via email at bbrucker@skidmore.edu. For questions about your individual financial aid package, please contact the Student Aid Office.