LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW TUITION & SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Block Tuition. Tuition at the College of Law is generally charged in per-semester blocks instead of by the credit. Block tuition enables law students to pay one flat fee for course loads totaling 10-17 credits per semester at the College of Law, providing a predictable cost for each semester. Students who need to take a reduced load of fewer than 10 credits per semester will be billed at a per-credit rate instead of the block tuition rate. Block tuition covers courses taken by JD students in other graduate programs at UF if those courses count toward the student's JD degree requirements. Tuition will be assessed at a per-credit rate for any courses taken outside of the College of Law that do not count towards the student's completion of the JD degree. This includes credits taken as part of a combination program that do not count toward the JD degree.

Entering Student Scholarships and/or Stipends. The College of Law offers some incoming 1L students tuition scholarships and education-expense stipends. Incoming 1Ls who are not offered a scholarship and/or stipend will not be eligible for College of Law scholarships and/or stipends after enrollment except as described in the next section. Scholarships will be applied directly to qualifying tuition and fees. Education-expense stipends may be used for education-related expenses within the parameters of the estimated Cost of Attendance. Scholarship and/or stipend awards may not be negotiated after enrollment. Scholarship and/or stipend amounts may be reduced for combination degree students who receive scholarships from their other programs of study.

Limited Post-Enrollment Scholarships. Students who are not awarded scholarships and/or stipends as incoming 1Ls are not eligible for College of Law scholarships and/or stipends at a later date, with the following exception. Students not receiving a scholarship or receiving a scholarship less than \$5,500 per year (residents) or \$9,000 per year (non-residents) who are selected as editors for the *Florida Law Review* will receive a scholarship raising their award amount to no more than \$5,500 per year (residents) or \$9,000 per year (non-residents). This post-enrollment scholarship will be awarded for students' 2L and 3L years so long as they remain enrolled at the College of Law and in "good standing" on the *Florida Law Review* during those years. These post-enrollment scholarships are available only to students who complete their 1L year at the College of Law and who continue their JD studies at the College of Law.

Courses Eligible for Scholarships and/or Stipends. All scholarships and/or stipends are applied to qualifying tuition and fees for courses taken at the College of Law during the fall and spring semesters. Scholarships and/or stipends may also cover the costs associated with the following fees during the fall and spring semesters: Capital Improvement Trust Fund; Student Financial Aid; Technology, Activity and Service; Athletic; Health; Transportation Access; and Resident and Non-Resident Student Financial Aid. Students are responsible for any other fees assessed, including the Pathways to Excellence programming fee, and scholarships and/or stipends will not offset those fees.

Scholarships and/or stipends for JD students may be used to fund up to six semesters of study at the block tuition rate. Scholarships and/or stipends for LLM students may be used for three semesters of study at the block tuition rate. The College of Law will apply scholarships toward

the tuition costs of credits taken in furtherance of a combination degree so long as those credits count towards the JD and thus are part of the block tuition rate.

Scholarships and/or stipends may not be used to cover the cost of summer semester credits.

Enrollment Requirement for Scholarships and/or Stipends. To retain their scholarships and/or stipends, JD students must be enrolled as full-time students at the College of Law during the fall and spring semesters for each of the three years of JD study. JD students must also remain in "good standing," which is currently defined as maintaining at least a 2.2 law school grade point average. Scholarships and/or stipends will be reduced, be eliminated, or not be applied if students fall below the 2.2 law school grade point average threshold, drop below full-time status, enroll in terms other than the fall and spring semesters, or enroll at a law school other than UF Law. This means that scholarships and/or stipends will not cover the tuition, fees, and other costs of a study abroad program at any time, and scholarships are suspended when a student enrolls as a transient/visiting student at another law school.

Residency Classifications for Scholarships. Scholarship award amounts are based on students' residency classifications at the time of admission. Students who represent in their law school applications that they are eligible for Florida residency classification will be awarded a scholarship that applies only to resident tuition, even if students fail to submit the required documentation to establish Florida residency. <u>This may result in a balance due if the student is ultimately classified as a non-Florida resident</u>. Non-residents who establish residency in their second or third years will have their tuition reduced to the Florida resident rate, and scholarships will be accordingly reduced.

Percentage-based Scholarships. Percentage-based scholarships awarded by the College of Law are based on the actual amount of full-time tuition that the student is charged. The percentage of tuition covered by the scholarship will not change, but the scholarship dollar amount will be adjusted if the student's actual tuition increases or decreases because of a tuition increase, the granting of a tuition waiver, or reclassification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes.

Effect of Tuition Waivers on Scholarships. Tuition waivers issued by any source reduce tuition costs, and percentage-based scholarships will be reduced in proportion to the amount of tuition students are charged once the waiver is applied.

Interaction of JD Scholarships and/or Stipends and Combination Degree Programs. The College of Law will apply scholarships and/or stipends toward the tuition costs of credits taken in furtherance of a combination degree if those credits also count towards the JD degree. The College of Law will reduce scholarships and/or stipends awarded to combination degree students if those students also receive scholarships from their other degree program.

Interaction of Scholarships and GI Bill Benefits. Scholarships reduce qualified tuition and fees and are paid directly to the College of Law. If a student has GI Bill benefits, the GI Bill will be "second to pay" the tuition and fees not covered by the scholarships. If a student receives a stipend, the GI Bill will be "first to pay" and the student will receive their stipend after the GI

Bill. If the GI Bill pays full tuition, the stipend will be paid directly to the student in the form of taxable income and will count toward the total Cost of Attendance for financial aid purposes.

7-semester JD/LLM Program. Students who enroll in the 7-semester JD/LLM program will be assessed tuition at the JD block tuition rate for their first six semesters and at the LLM block tuition rate for their seventh semester. Any JD scholarship and/or stipend awarded will continue to apply to their 5th and 6th semesters of the JD/LLM program. Students will not be eligible for scholarships and/or stipends for their 7th semester with the following exception. Students selected as editors of the Florida Tax Review will be awarded a scholarship for their 7th semester.

Scholarship and/or Stipend Funding. Scholarships and/or stipends may be funded by multiple sources, and those sources may change from year to year. Changes to the source of funds do not affect the total amount of scholarships and/or stipends awarded. The amounts of scholarships and/or stipends will remain constant even if they are funded in different ways. If students receive scholarships and/or stipends that are funded by private donors, we will ask those students to write a letter thanking the donors who contributed.

Scholarship and/or Stipend Award Errors. We ask students to report any errors in scholarship and/or stipend awards to the Assistant Dean for Admissions, and/or Associate Dean for Students, whether the awards are larger or smaller than expected. The College of Law will correct errors in awards, and we have a duty to recoup any award or part of an award issued in error.

Scholarship Reconsideration Requests.

Prior to enrollment, students may request scholarship reconsideration under the following conditions:

- They received a competitive offer from a peer school and would like their award decision reevaluated; or
- They can present new and compelling material information that was not available to the Scholarship Committee at the time the award was made.

Please note that neither Gator Scholars nor full-tuition scholarships are reviewable.

To request a scholarship reconsideration form, contact <u>admissions@law.ufl.edu</u>. Students may only request scholarship reconsideration once.