



Lawton Grant Guidelines 2023-2024

A. Purpose:

The Lawton Undergraduate Minority Retention Grant is funded by the State of Wisconsin and provides financial assistance to designated under-represented minority undergraduate students to improve the opportunity for retention and graduation and to reduce the reliance of student loans.

B. Eligibility/Applicants MUST be:

- Resident of the State of Wisconsin
- Self-disclosed status as a member of minority undergraduate students: Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American, or Southeast Asian (Cambodian, Laotian, Vietnamese, Hmong decent specifically)
- Have not received your first Bachelor's degree
- At least at Sophomore level with 30 credits or more earned at the start of Fall 2023.
- Have established and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Enrolled for a full-time academic credit load (a minimum of 12 credits or more for each semester)
- Demonstrate financial need as evidenced by the results of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

C. Application Deadline: **November 3, 2023**

D. Terms of the Lawton Grant:

By completing this application and if you are chosen as a recipient, you understand that in order to maintain the Lawton Grant you must:

- Maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher
- Must be enrolled full time (a minimum of 12 credits or higher for each semester)
- Complete an approved financial literacy workshop or activity each academic year
- Complete and submit your FAFSA each year

Failure to meet these requirements will result in ineligibility and the removal of this grant from your financial aid.



E. The following criteria will be used to evaluate applicants:

- Fully completed Qualtrics Application (linked at bottom of Guidelines)
- Personal Essay (We suggest that you complete your personal essay as a Word document first before you begin the online application. You will need to upload this essay in the online application).
 - Personal Essay Question: Please share how this Lawton Grant will help support your academic and future goals from a financial and personal standpoint?
- Financial Need
- FAFSA Completion
- Meeting all Lawton Grant Eligibility requirements

F. Award Amount will be based on your cumulative GPA at the start of the Fall 2023 semester:

- GPA 2.0 - 2.59 = \$1,500 (\$750 per semester)
- GPA 2.6 - 3.09 = \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester)
- GPA 3.1 - 3.59 = \$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester)
- GPA 3.6 - 4.0 = \$3,000 (\$1,500 per semester)

G. Additional award of up to \$1,000 will be given for High Impact Practice (HIP) participation. Examples include:

- If you are doing study abroad
- Undergraduate Research
- Field Experiences
- Internships (summer or semester long internships)
- To apply for additional HIP award please go [HERE](#).
- **Deadlines for HIP award:**
 - **Fall 2023: October 10th**
 - **Spring 2024: February 10th**
- **Maximum award possible for Lawton + HIP is \$4,000**

Please submit the application located [HERE](#).

For questions about the Lawton Grant please contact:

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