



## **Lawton Grant Guidelines 2025-2026**

### **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 2025.
- 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. Priority Application Deadline: July 31, 2025**

### **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 2025 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 2025: October 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Spring 2026: February 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **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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