

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY™

BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD

For students entering in academic year 2018-2019

/// COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ///

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD?

The 2018-2019 Billiken Catholic Award has a total award value of **\$12,000**. Your award is comprised of a **\$3,000** academic scholarship for a maximum of four years. Half of the yearly award value will be credited to your fall semester costs; the other half will be credited to your spring semester costs.

Your award eligibility begins in fall 2018 and continues for a maximum of eight semesters or until you complete a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. To receive the full value of your award, you must enroll as a full-time student. Full-time enrollment is defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

MUST A BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD RECIPIENT FILE THE 2018-2019 FAFSA?

Filing the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is not required to ensure or maintain eligibility for the Billiken Catholic Award. However, in order to ensure priority consideration for all need-based University, federal and state financial assistance programs, Billiken Catholic Award recipients must file their 2018-2019 FAFSA between **Oct. 1 and Feb. 1, 2018**.

Students must file a renewal FAFSA between Oct. 1 and Feb. 1 of every academic year to ensure funding priority for need-based financial aid programs. Additionally, Saint Louis University reserves the right to reduce the value of University-funded financial aid awards in the event that the sum of a student's total free assistance exceeds his/her billed tuition costs.

HOW CAN I SECURE MY PLACE IN THE 2018-2019 SLU FRESHMAN CLASS AND MY ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL UNIVERSITY-FUNDED FINANCIAL AID?

As an admitted freshman student, you must submit a \$450 enrollment and housing deposit and formally accept your Scholarship/Financial Aid Award Notification by **May 1, 2018**, to secure both your place in the freshman class and your eligibility for all University-funded financial aid. Scholarship/financial aid award notifications will be sent to you by March 1, 2018, so long as the Office of Student Financial Services receives your 2018-2019 FAFSA information by **Feb. 1, 2018**.

IS THE BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD RENEWABLE?

The Billiken Catholic Award is renewable over a maximum of eight semesters of continuous, full-time, undergraduate, traditional enrollment, or until completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. **Renewal is contingent upon the student maintaining a 2.0 cumulative grade point average at Saint Louis University.**

Please note that full-time enrollment is defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD RECIPIENT DOES NOT MAINTAIN THE REQUISITE 2.0 CUMULATIVE GPA?

If a Billiken Catholic Award recipient's cumulative SLU GPA falls below the requisite renewal 2.0 cumulative GPA, as reviewed at the end of each spring semester, he/she may lose some or all of the award based on the cumulative GPA. If the cumulative GPA should exceed 2.0 in a future semester, the award may be reinstated.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD RECIPIENT?

Billiken Catholic Award recipients are expected to adhere to the University's Student Code of Conduct and to participate in University activities that support and further the mission of Saint Louis University. A Billiken Catholic Award recipient is also required, if asked, to participate in the University's efforts to thank its donors who fund the Billiken Catholic Award program. As such, a Billiken Catholic Award recipient may be asked to write a letter of appreciation and/or to attend a reception to thank the University's donor(s).

CAN A BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD BE USED FOR SUMMER TUITION EXPENSES?

No. The Billiken Catholic Award may only be used for full-time, undergraduate tuition expenses in the **fall and spring semesters** of the academic year.

CAN A BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD BE USED TO STUDY ABROAD?

Your Billiken Catholic Award may only be used for billed tuition expenses at approved Saint Louis University study abroad programs.

The Billiken Catholic Award cannot be applied towards the cost of room and board for study abroad programs or towards the cost of study abroad programs sponsored by other colleges/universities. A student must check with SLU's Office of International Services at 314-977-2318 to obtain a list of SLU-sponsored study abroad programs and the mandatory study abroad checklist.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD RECIPIENT INTERRUPTS HIS/HER REQUIRED CONTINUOUS, UNDERGRADUATE, FULL-TIME, TRADITIONAL ENROLLMENT? CAN THE STUDENT TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT LOSING HIS/HER AWARD ELIGIBILITY FOR FUTURE SEMESTERS?

If a Billiken Catholic Award recipient has to leave the University for any reason, including a suspension, and/or cannot maintain continuous, undergraduate, full-time, fall/spring, traditional enrollment, **he/she must request a Scholarship Deferment with the Office of Student Financial Services.** Such a request may not exceed one academic year in length.

The Scholarship Deferment request must be approved before the start of the semester(s) when absence from the University or deviation from enrollment policy requirements is expected. **Without a Scholarship Deferment request, the student's award renewal eligibility will terminate at the start of that semester without appeal.**

If approved, a Scholarship Deferment permits an award recipient to be absent from the University or be enrolled less than full-time over an approved academic period without jeopardizing his/her award renewal eligibility.

The Scholarship Deferment request form is available in the Office of Student Financial Services or at slu.edu/financial-aid. On this form, students must explain why it is necessary to leave the University or attend in a less than full-time status and state when they will return to the University as a full-time undergraduate. **Please be advised that this request is not a substitute for other necessary University withdrawal procedures.**

CAN A BILLIKEN CATHOLIC AWARD BE COMBINED WITH OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID?

Students may receive only one Saint Louis University merit-based scholarship. However, Billiken Catholic Award recipients may combine their Billiken Catholic Award with need-based financial assistance and/or other outside funding. To qualify for federal/state aid or SLU need-based assistance, Billiken Catholic Scholars should annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Billiken Catholic Award recipients who receive additional private scholarships will have full use of those private scholarships subject to the limitations set forth by each individual award. For example, private scholarships that are applicable only towards tuition may be applied only up to the billed cost of tuition at Saint Louis University. Private scholarships that are not limited to a specific use may be applied only up to Saint Louis University's total cost of attendance.

Billiken Catholic Award recipients who are eligible for any of Saint Louis University's Employee Tuition Remission Benefit Programs (Spouse/Children, Faculty/Staff, FACHEX, Tuition Exchange, SSM Health Care, etc.) will only be considered for honorary, non-monetary Saint Louis University Scholarship designation.

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