



Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship Contract

The University of Miami established the Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship to honor the legacy of the university's first director of minority affairs. The scholarship recognizes outstanding high school seniors from across the country that has demonstrated academic excellence, a commitment to their personal goals, and students who have aspirations of continuing their academic pursuits through graduate education. As part of its commitment to the mission of the ideals Hammond embodied, UM awards this full tuition scholarship to selected students. ****The Hammond scholars are eligible for up to eight semesters of scholarship assistance to meet both credited and cumulative grade point average requirements to maintain their academic scholarship.***

Credit hour Requirement

Ronald A. Hammond Scholar must attain full-time status of 24 credit hours at the University of Miami each academic year; the academic year is defined as fall and spring semesters.

Meeting/Service Requirement

The Ronald Hammond Scholars are required to attend all scholarship accountability meetings each semester with their assigned Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship Advisor. In addition Scholars are required to participate in activities related to the Ronald Hammond Scholarship approved by the Office of Academic Enhancement. As a freshmen, scholars are also required to complete six (6) hours of community service per month (beginning in September) during their freshmen year; a total 18 service hours for the semester.

Grade Point Average Requirement

Scholarship recipients must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of **3.00** for all credits earned at the University of Miami to retain their scholarship. If scholars fall below the required minimum, they will be required to follow the appeal procedure outlined below.

Semester Review

During midterms and at the end of each semester the academic progress of all Ronald Hammond Scholars will be reviewed. If it is determined that a student does not meet the University's standards for the Scholarship, the scholar will be notified via mail/email and will be required to meet with the Ronald Hammond advisor within **one week** of receiving said correspondence.

Scholarship Probation

In order to maintain the Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship, the recipient must maintain a **3.00** cumulative grade point average during their eight semesters while attending the University of Miami. Each semester the scholar's academic status will be reviewed. Provided that the scholarships' requirements are satisfactorily met, the scholarship will be continued for the following semester.



In the event that a scholar **does not** maintain a **3.00** GPA each semester, the scholar **will automatically be placed on probation for the following semester (fall or spring)**. Should scholars successfully obtain a **3.00** cumulative GPA at the completion of the probationary period, then the Office of Academic Enhancement will remove the “probation status” from the scholars’ record and submit this information to the Office of Financial Assistance. **NOTE: When a scholar is placed on scholarship probation, they are highly discouraged to engage in any additional activities that may interfere and/or distract them from their academic progress/focus (i.e. join/participate in any additional clubs/organizations/extracurricular activities).** Please be aware that scholars may be requested by their scholarship advisor to temporarily suspend membership and/or participation in specific activities in order to regain academic stability. If a scholar continues to engage in activities and academic progress is not obtained, the scholar could risk having their scholarship revoked.

Appeal process

In the event that a scholar does not obtain a **3.00** cumulative GPA within the semester probationary period, the scholar is required to submit an appeal with the Office of Academic Enhancement within one month of the completion of the probationary semester. At which time, the Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship Appeals committee will convene and decide on the status of the appeal. After the decision is made, scholars will be notified via letter and email. In the event that the appeal is not granted the scholarship will not be reinstated. The decision will be noted in the student’s records and submitted to the Office of Financial Assistance.

Scholars are asked to follow the guidelines below to appeal for reinstatement of the Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship:

1. Submit a written explanation to the Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship Appeals committee as to why he/she was unable to meet or maintain the minimum academic progress requirements.
2. Describe the strategies the scholar plans to utilize to improve his/her academic progress.
3. Attach any supporting documents
4. Mail the aforementioned documents to the:

**Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship Appeals Committee
C/O Office of Academic Enhancement
Pearson Residential College
5185 Ponce De Leon, Suite 144
Coral Gables, FL 33146-6010**

I, _____ have received, read, and agree to assume the requirements and conditions of the Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship on _____, 2010

Signature _____.