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Article 1-Legal basis

This Directive is based on the Statute of EPOKA University.

Article 2- Definition of the scholarship

Scholarships are instruments of economic support that the university offers for the education of students, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievements as well as for contribution to society.

Scholarships provided by EPOKA University amount to a full or partial discount from the payment of the tuition fee by the concerned students.

Article 3- Scope

This Directive defines the characteristics of the scholarships offered by EPOKA University, respectively: Merit-Based Scholarships, Scholarships for Students with Disabilities, Scholarships to candidates who belong to the “children of Albanian policemen killed in the line of duty” category, Scholarships to candidates who belong to the “orphan coming from a low-income family” category, Scholarships to students belonging to the Roma and Egyptian communities, Scholarships to sportsmen with very high results in the respective Olympic sports category, and Scholarships to high-achieving students graduated from high schools in the Municipality of Vora.

SECTION I

Scholarships for students enrolled in the Bachelor and integrated second cycle study programs

Article 4- Merit-Based Scholarships

EPOKA University grants merit-based scholarships for the high school students who achieve a high overall average (CGPA) for the entire normal duration of their studies achieve a high CGPA and obtain high results in the Matura State Exam or achieve high results in the SAT Exam.

Based on the criteria determined by the Administrative Board, the candidates can be awarded the following scholarships:


- 100% discount;
- 75% discount;
- 50% discount.

Article 5- Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

EPOKA University offers scholarships for students with disabilities according to the criteria determined by the Administrative Board.

Article 6- Scholarships to candidates who belong to the “children of Albanian policemen killed in the line of duty” category

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EPOKA University offers scholarships to candidates who belong to the “children of Albanian policemen killed in the line of duty” category, based on the list provided by the State Police of the Republic of Albania.

Article 7- Scholarships to candidates who belong to the “orphan coming from a low-income family” category

EPOKA University offers scholarships to candidates who belong to the “orphan coming from a low-income family” category according to the criteria determined by the Administrative Board.

Article 8- Scholarship to students belonging to the Roma and Egyptian communities

EPOKA University offers scholarships to candidates who belong to the Roma and Egyptian communities according to the criteria determined by the Administrative Board.

Article 9- Scholarships to sportsmen with very high results in the respective Olympic sports category

EPOKA University offers scholarships to candidates who have achieved very high results in the respective Olympic sports category in Albania as recognized by the respective National Sports Federation of the Republic of Albania and according to the criteria determined by the Administrative Board.

Article 10- Scholarships to high-achieving students graduated from high schools in the Municipality of Vora

EPOKA University offers scholarships to high-achieving students graduated from high schools in the Municipality of Vora according to the criteria determined by the Administrative Board.

Article 11- Continuity of the scholarship


In order to ensure the continuity of the scholarship, the concerned students in the Bachelor and integrated second cycle study programs shall meet the following conditions:

- a) Successfully complete the study program during the normal duration of studies;
- b) For students whose scholarship is less than 75%
 - i. Achieving and maintaining excellent results of the studies with a CGPA of at least 2.50 over 4:00. If the CGPA at the end of the academic year is less than 2.50, the awarded scholarship is halved during the following academic year. If at the end of this academic year of study the CGPA increases back to at least 2.50 over 4:00, the student regains the initial scholarship; on the contrary, he/she completely loses the scholarship.

For students whose scholarship is equal or more than 75%

- ii. Achieving and maintaining excellent results of the studies with a CGPA of at least 2.75 over 4:00. If the CGPA at the end of the academic year is less than 2.75, the awarded scholarship is halved during the following academic year. If

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at the end of this academic year of study the CGPA increases back to at least 2.75 over 4:00, the student regains the initial scholarship; on the contrary, he/she completely loses the scholarship.

- c) must not interrupt the studies for a definite duration;
- d) participate actively in all extracurricular activities of the University;
- e) conduct in accordance with the Code of Ethics of the university and non-committing of disciplinary violations set forth in the Regulation of EPOKA University "On Student Discipline";
- f) refrain from making a horizontal transfer within the University;
- g) represent the University with integrity and respect.

Article 12- Distribution of Scholarships

The Rectorate of EPOKA University every year establishes the Scholarship Commission, which distributes the scholarships for the candidates to be enrolled in the Bachelor and integrated second cycle study programs according to the criteria and quotas determined by the Administrative Board.

SECTION II

Scholarships for students enrolled in the Master’s study programs

Article 13- Scholarships for students enrolled in the Master’s study programs

Scholarships to students enrolled in Master’s study programs are awarded based on the CGPA achieved by the candidates in the Bachelor study programs they have completed according to the following categories:

a) *Graduates of EPOKA University:*


- CGPA 2.70-2.99 - 10% discount;
- CGPA 3.00-3.29 - 20% discount;
- CGPA 3.30-3.49 - 30% discount;
- CGPA 3.50-3.99 - 40% discount;
- If CGPA is 4.00 or the candidate is ranked as the highest-achieving student in the Bachelor study program - 50% discount.

b) *Graduates from outside EPOKA University:*

- CGPA 8.50 - 8.99 or equivalent - 10% discount;
- CGPA 9.00 - 9.49 or equivalent - 20% discount;
- CGPA 9.50 - 9.99 or equivalent - 30% discount;
- 10.00 CGPA or equivalent - 40% discount.

Article 14- Continuity of the scholarship

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The discount will be applied for the normal duration of studies. In case of extension of studies beyond the normal period of studies, the respective full fee will be applied.

SECTION III

Concluding provisions

Article 15- Criteria and quotas for the awarding of scholarships

The criteria and quotas for the awarding of scholarships for each study are determined by the Decision of the Administrative Board.

Article 16- Entrance into force

This Directive shall enter into force after the approval by the Administrative Board of the University.

Article 17- Enforcement

The enforcement of this Directive is ensured by the Administrator of EPOKA University.

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