

Blue Scholar Program

UNE Scholarship

The Benefit: UNE will provide a scholarship on behalf of a qualified full-time benefits eligible employee directly to the institution of higher education attended by their qualified dependent. These funds can cover any expense associated with the dependent's education, including tuition, books, and other educational expenses.

Supporting documentation* must be submitted as soon as possible at the start of the semester.

Documentation Submission: Supporting documentation including an itemized invoice and proof of enrollment should be submitted to the appropriate office as soon as possible at the start of the semester or quarter.

Eligibility: Dependents of full-time benefits eligible employees who have completed at least ten years of continuous, uninterrupted full-time service. Professional Staff is considered eligible if their start date is by the end of the fiscal year before their dependent starts their academic year. Faculty is considered eligible if their start date is by September 1st before their dependent starts their academic year.

Staff Examples: A staff member is hired 06/25/2007. The employee will reach their 10th year 06/25/2017 and will be eligible for the scholarship effective 06/01/2018. A staff member is hired 03/06/2007. The employee will reach their 10th year on 03/06/2017 and will be eligible for the scholarship effective 06/01/2018.

Faculty Examples: A faculty member is hired 09/25/2007. The employee will reach their 10th year on 09/25/2017 and will be eligible for the scholarship effective 09/01/2018.

Eligibility: Dependents may participate in undergraduate programs only, be age 21 or under and enrolled full time. The benefit is available for up to 8 semesters or 12 quarters to any one dependent.

To receive the benefit: A dependent must be a full-time student at the time of enrollment.

- x 20 years + totaling up to \$20,000 annually (\$10,000 per semester for 2 quarters)
- x 25 years + totaling up to \$25,000 annually (\$12,500 per semester for 2 quarters)

Payment: Payment will be sent directly to the institution and if the amount owed is less than the scholarship amount, UNE will pay only the amount owed. Any credits applied to the student account to which Blue Scholar payments have been made, should be returned to UNE from the receiving institution up to the amount paid by UNE.

Important to know:

- x The institution must be regionally accredited.
- x Dependents must meet IRS dependency requirements.
- x If the dependent withdraws and receives a refund, the employee must promptly notify UNE and immediately return any amount received.

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