



RUBIO MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the award value of the Rubio Scholarship?

The Rubio Scholarship has a four-year award value of 8,000 € and an academic year award value of 2,000 € per year. Half of the yearly award value will be credited to your Fall Semester tuition costs; the other half will be credited to your Spring Semester tuition costs. Your scholarship award begins in Fall and continues for a maximum of eight semesters or until you complete a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.

How does one secure his/her place in the SLU-Madrid freshman class and any University-funded financial aid?

Admitted freshman (first-year) students must submit a non-refundable 200 € confirmation fee to the Office of Admissions and formally accept any scholarship awarded to him/her (through the acceptance form posted on the web) by May 1, in order to secure both a place in the freshman class and the Rubio Scholarship, if awarded.

Is the Rubio Scholarship renewable?

The Rubio Scholarship is renewable over a maximum of eight semesters of continuous, full-time, undergraduate enrollment, or until completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon the student maintaining a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at Saint Louis University.

What happens if a Rubio Scholarship recipient does not maintain the requisite renewal 3.0 cumulative GPA?

If a Rubio Scholarship recipient's cumulative SLU GPA falls below the requisite renewal 3.0 cumulative GPA, as reviewed at the end of each Spring Semester, the student may lose some or all of the scholarship based on the cumulative GPA.

What is expected of a Rubio Scholarship recipient?

Rubio Scholarship recipients are expected to adhere to the University's published Student Codes of Conduct and to participate in University activities that support and further the mission of Saint Louis University – Madrid Campus. A scholarship recipient is also required, if asked, to participate in the University's efforts to thank the donors who fund the Rubio Scholarship program. As such, Rubio Scholarship recipients may be asked to write a letter of appreciation.

May a Rubio Scholarship be used for summer tuition expenses?

No. The Rubio Scholarship may only be used for full-time, undergraduate tuition expenses in the Fall and Spring Semesters of the academic year.

Can a Rubio Scholarship be used to study abroad?

For Saint Louis University – Madrid Campus students spending a semester as a visiting (i.e. study abroad) student on the Saint Louis University – St. Louis Campus, the Rubio Scholarship may be used towards tuition expenses.

For Saint Louis University – Madrid Campus students visiting or moving permanently to the Saint Louis University – St. Louis Campus, their Rubio Scholarship will automatically convert into the Ignatian Scholarship, which is managed by the St. Louis Campus and which is subject to the particular conditions of that scholarship. Upon a student's return to the SLU-Madrid Campus, the scholarship will be converted back to the Rubio Scholarship.

The Rubio Scholarship cannot be applied towards the cost of study abroad programs sponsored by other universities, other than those with whom the Madrid Campus has a formal exchange agreement.

What happens if a Rubio Scholarship recipient interrupts his/her required continuous, undergraduate, full-time enrollment? Can a Rubio Scholarship recipient take a leave of absence without losing his/her scholarship eligibility for future semesters?

If a scholarship recipient has to leave the University for any reason, including a suspension, and/or cannot maintain continuous, undergraduate, full-time, fall/spring enrollment, the student may request a Scholarship Leave of Absence with the Coordinator of Financial Aid. Such a request may not exceed one academic year in length. The Leave of Absence request form must be submitted and receive approval before the start of the semester(s) when absence from the University or deviation from enrollment policy requirements is expected. On this form, a student must explain why it is necessary to leave the University or attend in a less than full-time status and must state when s/he will return to the University as a full-time undergraduate.

Without a granted Leave of Absence, the student's scholarship renewal eligibility will terminate at the start of that semester without appeal.

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

Can a Rubio Scholarship be combined with other sources of financial aid?

While students may receive only one Saint Louis University merit-based scholarship, the scholarship they receive may be combined with need-based financial assistance and/or outside funding.

SLU-Madrid students demonstrating need may be eligible for some tuition remission through the Work-Grant Program. (For more information, cf. enclosed information sheet.)

Permanent SLU-Madrid students from the United States seeking need-based aid may also do so through the FAFSA process. To qualify for federal/state free or need-based assistance, U.S. students should, between January 1 and March 1, annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It can be done online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Priority consideration is given to students who file the FAFSA by March 1; after March 1, need-based financial aid will be awarded based on the availability of funds. Please note: You do NOT have to file a FAFSA application in order to be eligible for the Rubio Scholarship, which is merit-based.

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