

## Graduate Awards Policy

<b>Policy Title</b>	Graduate Awards
<b>Policy Holder</b>	Office of the Vice President Academic
<b>Policy Approver(s)</b>	Senior Team
<b>Related Policies</b>	Ch5-s1-01 Course Evaluation and Grading Policy Ch5-s3-01 First Class Standing Ch5-s3-02 Award Selection Process Ch5-s3-04 Academic Honour Roll
<b>Related Procedures</b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
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### Purpose

To define the process of creating, evaluating, awarding, and administering scholarships, awards, and bursaries to students.

### Scope

The policy applies to the college community including donors, staff, and students.

### Definitions

Advancement Department	The Department of Advancement works alongside community partners, donors, and alumni to secure resources necessary to advance education and provide opportunities for our graduates to grow the economies of our region of northwestern Ontario and beyond.
Award	Given in recognition of a student’s academic achievement and may include participation in extracurricular activities and/or other activities such as volunteerism and leadership.
Bursary	Financial support provided to a student based primarily on proven financial need as assessed by the College’s Financial Aid Department.

College Community	Includes all students, employees of the College, staff of the Student Association, donors, contractors, clients, volunteers, and visitors to the College.
Good Standing	Students with a grade point average of 2.00 or higher are eligible to continue in their current program. Some exceptions may apply. Refer to specific program information.
Program Grade Point Average	All courses required to graduate from a program are used in the calculation of the Program grade point average.

## Governing Laws and Regulations

The Governor General's Academic Medal Directives

## Policy Statements

Graduate awards are presented at each Confederation College graduation ceremony.

### 1. **Academic Award of Excellence:**

- 1.1 The Academic Awards of Excellence are granted to those graduates who have attended full-time and have achieved the highest academic standing from each postsecondary program at each campus. A minimum program grade point average of 3.50 is required.

### 2. **Campus Award of Excellence:**

- 2.1 The Campus Award of Excellence is granted to a graduate who has attended full-time and has achieved the highest academic standing in an Ontario College Diploma, Ontario College Advanced Diploma, or an Honour Bachelor's Degree program at each Campus. A minimum program grade point average of 3.50 is required.

### 3. **President's Award of Excellence:**

- 3.1 The President's Award of Excellence are granted to those graduates who have achieved the highest academic standing in each Academic School enrolled in an Ontario College Diploma, Ontario College Advanced Diploma, or an Honour Bachelor's Degree program. A minimum program grade point average of 3.50 is required.
- 3.2 The recipients are chosen from among the Academic Awards of Excellence recipients.

**4. Governor General Medal - Bronze:**

- 4.1 The Governor General’s Academic Medal is one of the most prestigious awards that a student in a Canadian educational institution can receive and is granted to the graduate who has achieved the highest academic standing with a minimum program grade point average of 3.5 in a diploma level program.
- 4.2 The recipient will be chosen from among the President’s Award of Excellence recipients.

**5. Governor General Medal - Silver:**

- 5.1 The Governor General’s Academic Medal is one of the most prestigious awards that a student in a Canadian educational institution can receive and is granted to the graduate who has achieved the highest academic standing with a minimum program grade point average of 3.5 in a degree level program.

**6. Derek and Joan Burney Award of Excellence:**

- 6.1 The recipient of the Governor General Medal receives the Derek and Joan Burney Award of Excellence.
- 6.2 This is a monetary award.
- 6.3 The annual payout figure will be set by the Advancement Department of Confederation College.

**7. Board of Governors’ Awards:**

- 7.1 Board of Governors’ Awards is granted to one graduate from each Academic School. Recipients are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and contribution made to student life, community affairs and or citizenship.
- 7.2 Recipients are chosen from nominations by college staff.

## Non-Compliance

It is the responsibility of the Registrar to ensure that the guidelines contained in this policy are followed and adhered to in order to support student focused learning objectives effectively and efficiently. Lack of compliance will result in delays in academic operations and student success.

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