

Graduate Student Tuition Scholarship (GSTS)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- GSTS are given for instructional fees and/or for non-resident fees.
 - Instructional Fee Scholarship may only be used to pay for instructional fees.
 - Non-Resident Fee Scholarship may only be used to pay for non-resident fees. You can see if you were awarded a non-resident scholarship in the financial aid section of MyBGSU.
- Your GSTS will not pay for charges such as graduate services fee, registration fees, legal service fee, parking permits, matriculation fee, application fee, lab fees, health insurance, books, meal plans, late fees, service charges, course fees, facility fees, library charges, excess credit fees, Health Center fees, green fees, technology fees, etc.
- Your GSTS will not pay for the non-resident fee scholarship unless you were specifically awarded a non-resident fee scholarship.
 - Depending on GSTS availability within individual programs, students who are not Ohio residents are eligible for one year of GSTS assistance to cover non-resident fees. Students will see this denoted as Non-Resident Fee in the financial aid section of MyBGSU. However, Graduate College allocation budgets may not be used to pay for out-of-state tuition beyond one year (except for international students and at the discretion of the program). It is the **student's responsibility** to follow all state policies for residency requirements. See [Ohio Residency Application Instructions](#). Your GSTS may be used only to pay tuition (e.g., instructional fee and/or non-resident fee) for courses required as part of your graduate degree program as approved by your Graduate Coordinator or Department Chair/School Director.
- Graduate financial assistance for master's students in the form of GSTS is limited to two years (24 months) unless the student is working on *approved* dual or second master's degrees, in which case the maximum is 3 years (36 months). Students working on dual or second master's degrees must apply for a third year of funding. Doctoral students may be awarded financial assistance in the form of GSTS for no more than four years (48 months).
- GSTS funds cannot be used for repeated course(s) due to lack of academic progress, re-enrolling in a previously dropped/withdrawn course or grade replacement.

Registration Requirements:

- You must register for classes each semester at least 15 days prior to the first day of classes. Failure to register by the published deadline may result in the cancellation of your GSTS.
- If you meet the established enrollment requirements (please see the [Graduate College Guidelines](#)) your GSTS will be applied to your bursar account (billing record) no earlier than 10 days before the beginning of the semester.
- If you add or drop credit hours after your scholarship is disbursed to your bursar account, you must notify your department immediately. If a balance is due from dropped credit hours, the Financial Responsibility Agreement (Accessible in your Student Center) "Promise to Pay" section applies.

Academic Progress & Academic Standing Requirement:

- You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as described on the [Student Financial Aid website](#) and meet all conditions for satisfactory degree progress and good academic standing as defined by [Academic Progress policy](#).

Each term the GSTS is awarded, you must actively participate in the academic responsibilities requisite to your degree. **If you receive additional scholarships or financial aid:**

- The GSTS is a tuition-specific award (e.g., instructional fees and/or non-resident fees). If you receive an additional scholarship or waiver that is designated to pay for your instructional or non-resident fees, the GSTS will be reduced accordingly.
- No GSTS funds can be returned to you in cash or used to pay other fee charges.
- If you are the recipient of federal, state, private or other University financial aid, it may be necessary to adjust your financial aid package due to the receipt of the GSTS.

Unused GSTS funds:

- GSTS funds that are not used during the period in which they are granted cannot be transferred to future semesters or refunded to you.