

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

Aspire to Achieve Grant Program

For those who aspire to achieve, Millikin University's mission is to deliver on the promise of education. The Millikin University Aspire to Achieve Program provides financial support to students who are on track for graduation, and who can demonstrate that receiving assistance from the grant will help them in achieving their academic goals.

Students Wishing to Apply for the Grant Must:

- Be continuously enrolled undergraduate student working toward a first undergraduate degree.
- Be in good academic standing (at least a 2.0 grade point average, both cumulatively and in the last graded term) with a completion rate of at least 67%.
- Have exhausted all loan eligibility (to include the ParentPLUS/Denial process and attempt to secure alternative loans) as well as any additional financial resources offered through the Office of Student Financial Services.
- If on a payment plan through the Office of Student Financial Services, your account must be current and in good standing.
- Participate in monthly financial coaching sessions and attend financial literacy programming for the academic year in which the funds are allocated.
- Secure employment on campus for at least 10 hours per week during the academic year in which the funds are allocated.
- Contribute monthly toward account balance.

Application Time frame:

- Applications are due to the Student Development Office before the last class day of the semester.
- Students must apply for each term in which they are requesting assistance. This grant is not automatically renewable.
- Determinations will be made after grades are posted for the most recent semester and up to the first day of class of the upcoming semester.

Not Eligible:

- Second semester seniors are not eligible for the grant
- Those who have not exhausted all loan eligibility through the Office of Student Financial Services

Grant Amount:

- Maximum of \$3000 per term / \$6000 per academic year
- Funds may be utilized towards Millikin University tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board.
- Students needing assistance for off-campus living, books, or other personal and emergency expenses may contact the Office of Student Development for information on other emergency loan and grant programs.

OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

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Aspire to Achieve Grant Program Application***Date rcvd in St Dev:** _____**Name:** _____ **Student ID:** _____**Home Address:** _____**Phone #:** _____ **Preferred email:** _____**Cum GPA:** _____ **Last Term GPA:** _____ **Anticipated Graduation Date:** _____**Academic Advisor:** _____ **SD Advisor:** _____**Do you work on campus?** _____ **Dept:** _____ **Hours/week:** _____**Do you plan to work during break?** _____**Balance Due:** _____ **Grant Amount Requested:** _____**Please answer the following questions, typed, on a separate page:**

1. What led to your current financial situation? Why are you at risk for not returning to Millikin?
**Please be specific and honest in your answers*
2. What will change in your behavior or habits, if you are awarded this grant? What will be different as you begin your next semester?
3. Why do you feel you are a deserving recipient of this grant?
4. What are ways you can contribute? Explain how you plan to work over the break?

Signature below indicates your agreement of the following terms:

- I agree that all information presented in this application is truthful and accurate.
- If awarded the Aspire to Achieve Grant, I will participate fully in all program activities, to include financial coaching, financial literacy sessions, and advisement.
- I will secure campus employment and report to such employment on time and consistently per my supervisor's expectations.
- I will be responsive to the University's communications with me.
- I will maintain good academic standing with Millikin University.
- I will maintain good conduct standing with Millikin University.
- I understand that failure to comply with these terms may result in revocation of the grant funds and dismissal from Millikin.

Print Name: _____ **Signature:** _____**Date:** _____ **VP/Dean Student Development:** _____