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Aloha All BYU-Hawaii Faculty, Staff, and Students:

As departmental budgets are evaluated and campus projects re-prioritized, occasionally there is a need for policy changes to ensure purposes are aligned with the mission of the university. With this in mind, we are announcing new guidelines to the Merit Scholarship effective Fall 2017.

Merit Scholarship: Policy Changes effective Fall 2017

(New CGPA requirements for the merit scholarship effective FALL 2017)

- 3.450 – 3.749: ¼ Tuition
- 3.750 – 3.849: ½ Tuition
- 3.850 – 3.949: ¾ Tuition
- 3.950 – 4.0: Full Tuition

We realize these changes may have an impact on your finances. As such, here are a few “Game Plan” options to help prepare:

1. **Federal Aid.** You can start filling out an application for the new academic year 2017-2018 as early as October 1, 2016. Visit fafsa.ed.gov.
2. **External Scholarships.** Financial Aid compiles a list of opportunities on its website; a search for external scholarships on the Internet can also make you aware of other probable prospects.
3. **Department and Donor Scholarships.** Contact your Academic department to understand if you are eligible for those opportunities and what the application process is.
4. **Deferred Payment Plan.** This can be done through your Student Account, on mybyuh.
5. **Payroll Deduction.**
6. **External Loans.** Most well-known lenders are Wells Fargo, Sallie Mae, etc.

Feel free to schedule an appointment with a Financial Aid Counselor to discuss these options further.