



## USJ Merit Scholarship

The USJ Merit Scholarships are offered to the best local applicants in BPY and BSW programmes covering four years of tuition. The Merit Scholarships are gift to students with outstanding performance in secondary schools. These are positive reinforcements for high achievers to continue striving to their optimum potentials at USJ.

### Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be Macao residents.
2. Applicants must be in the top 10% of the graduating year in their respective secondary schools, and possess an English level of B1, or equivalent.
3. The recipients of the Merit Scholarship must not be receiving other scholarships from any other entity.

### Applications and selections:

1. All applicants to programmes that offer a merit scholarship will be invited to apply for the scholarship. The University of Saint Joseph Scholarships Committee selects the recipients according to the criteria below with the confirmation of the programme coordinators. All the candidates will be evaluated by a panel appointed by the Rector to select the recipients.
2. Applicants are required to fill in a Merit Scholarship Application form and submit to the Admissions Office **during application or on the day of admissions exam**.
3. The Merit Scholarship for each programme is awarded to the applicants with the highest application grade, to be calculated based on the following:
  - a. Secondary school grades 20%
  - b. Evidence of extra-curricular achievements 10%
  - c. (Including recommendation letter from High Schools)
  - d. USJ's entrance exam essay 20%
  - e. English placement test 20%
  - f. Panel interview of the relevant panel for each Merit Scholarship 30%
4. USJ will announce the result through USJ media at the beginning of September. Official application period is announced by the Admissions Office (ADO) and sent to eligible students via USJ email. Deposit paid by the recipient will be refunded after completion of the programme.

### Duties for USJ Community Scholarship Recipients:

1. Students who are granted USJ Community Scholarships must attend the USJ Scholarships and Fellowships Award Ceremony unless justified and approved by the related Committee.
2. Students must sign the Scholarship Agreement (OSA-013) & Acceptance/Decline Form (OSA-015) within 15 days of receiving the official notice from the Office for Student Affairs that they have been awarded USJ Merit Scholarships.



3. Students are expected to comply with all USJ policies and guidelines (please refer to the Student Handbook).

**Disqualifying Merit Scholarship Recipients:**

In order to renew the merit scholarships, scholarship recipients are required to fulfill specific conditions. Recipients of Merit Scholarships are expected to be top performers at USJ. The scholarship will be reviewed annually, and may be revoked if the recipient fails to meet the following criteria:

1. A cumulative GPA not below 15 at the end of each academic year;
2. Be in the top 10% of the respective programme;
3. Pass all enrolled modules;
4. Not found guilty in any disciplinary action;
5. Submit any false information or declaration;
6. Enroll normally and study uninterruptedly for the normal duration of the programme. Requests to change programme, suspend or withdraw from studies disqualifies recipients.

**Annual Review:**

1. The panel for Merit Scholarships for each programme meets at the end of each academic year to review the performance of the recipients. If any recipient meets one of the criteria for disqualification, the panel determines whether the scholarship should be revoked.
2. If a Merit Scholarship is revoked, the former recipient will have to pay full tuition for the following academic year(s) and the MOP\$10,000 deposit will be credited for the tuition payment for the following year. Should the scholarship is revoked due to withdrawal from the programme, the MOP\$10,000 deposit will not be refunded. The Merit Scholarship covering the following years of tuition will then be awarded to the student with the highest GPA in the same class.