Bishop State Community College provides a variety of achievement, ability, and activity scholarships. Some scholarships are state-sponsored, and other scholarships are funded through the philanthropy of private citizens, organizations, companies, fraternities, sororities, hospitals, and clubs. Following are descriptions of scholarship awards and qualifying criteria:

**Academic Excellence Scholarships** are awarded to graduating high school students based on their academic achievements. These scholarships pay tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. Full-time study is required. A minimum 3.25 G.P.A on a 4.0 scale is required for the initial award and ACT scores will be considered in the awarding process. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for maintaining scholarship eligibility.

**Athletic Scholarships** are awarded to students for active participation in baseball, cheerleading, men’s basketball, women’s softball, and women’s basketball. These scholarships pay tuition and fees for up to 16 hours during the fall and spring semesters, and books are provided on a loan basis. Recipients are recommended by the Athletic Department based on demonstrated athletic ability and eligibility based upon NJCAA guidelines. Contact the Athletic Department at (251) 405-7030 for additional information.

**Career Technical Scholarships** are awarded to high school students who will pursue a degree or certificate in any of the Technical School Divisions on the Carver or Southwest Campuses. The Technical scholarships will cover certificates program up to 1-year. A minimum 2.5 G.P.A is required. These scholarships pay tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. Recipients may renew these awards for a second with a minimum 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.

**GED Graduation Scholarships** are awarded to two GED graduates during the spring commencement ceremony. Applicants must be a United State citizens or eligible non-citizens. The scholarships cover tuition for up to two years. A minimum 2.25 GPA is required to maintain scholarship eligibility. Contact the GED Program at (251) 662-5370 for additional information.

**Institutional Scholarships** are awarded to students in the following leadership categories: Student Government Association and Miss & Mr. Bishop State. These awards are competitive and require an interview or a portfolio evaluation. This full scholarship pays tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. Approval of the activity sponsor is required for continued use of these awards. Contact the Dean of Students office at (251) 405-7087 for additional information.

**Performing Arts Scholarships** are awarded to students who excel in band & chorus. Awards will be on the basis of audition/portfolio and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.20. The full/partial scholarships will pay for tuition and fees only. Recipients will be expected to perform while attending Bishop State on scholarship and must register for the appropriate scholarship-related classes each semester. Contact Band at (251) 405-7186 or Chorus at (251) 405-7185 for additional information.

**Presidential Scholarships** are awarded to students from high school in Mobile and Washington Counties. These scholarships pay tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. A minimum 3.5 G.P.A on a 4.0 scale is required for the initial award. Recipients may renew these awards for a second year upon maintaining a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.

**Transfer Scholarships** are available to most colleges and universities. Twelve month period prior to completing academic coursework at Bishop State, the student should inquire at the intended university or on the university's web site regarding scholarship opportunities. Scholarship awards are made by the sponsoring institutions; however, a few institutions permit the Bishop State Scholarship Committee to make recommendations to the College’s President regarding the recipients. Students may apply for
transfer scholarships at the Financial Aid Office during the month of February in anticipation of
transferring for the following Fall semester. A student must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA and
cannot have previously attended the transfer institution. Transfer admission is required. The following
institutions traditionally offer scholarships: University of South Alabama, University of Alabama,
University of Mobile, Springhill College, Alabama State University, Troy University and Jackson State
University.

**Wildcat Ambassador** Scholarships are awarded to selected students who are willing to work as a
representative of the College. A minimum grade point average of 2.3 and complete the interview process.
Must participate in College-wide activities. Contact: Student Development Services (251) 405-7087.

**Scholarship Waivers**

**Dependents of Blind Parents**: Provide assistance to eligible children of blind parents (not to exceed four
standard academic years of nine months each, not to exceed 36 months). Per Board Policy 805.02,
eligibility of each applicant seeking benefits from this waiver is determined by the Chancellor. Applicants
must be United States citizens or eligible non-citizens per Board Policy 805.02 to qualify for this
scholarship. Documentation required in the scholarship file is approval from the appropriate State
Agency.

**One Free GED Class Scholarships**: Provide assistance to students successfully passing the GED in the
State of Alabama July 2002 or later. Eligibility is determined by the Alabama Community College
System which is the State Office for the GED Testing Program. Effective Fall 2009, this waiver will be
limited to 3 credit hours of instruction.

**Operation Family Shield**: Provide tuition assistance for spouses and dependents of Alabama National
Guard soldiers and reservists called to active duty. Established in 2003, the scholarship program has been
expanded in support of Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the Global War on
Terrorism. The scholarship provides tuition only during the term of the activation. Tuition scholarships
shall be available only after all other forms of federal financial assistance have been exhausted. A FAFSA
must be completed. Documentation required includes an official copy of military orders, marriage license
and/or birth certificate, signed and dated IRS tax returns, and documentation of approval by the
Scholarship Committee. Certification from the appropriate military office should reflect beginning &
ending activation dates to verify continued eligibility.

**Purple Heart Waivers**: Veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart award may be eligible to receive
a scholarship/waiver of tuition and fees to attend any community or technical college. Veteran recipients
of the Purple Heart award must be enrolled as full-time or part-time students in an undergraduate program
that culminates in a degree or certificate. Recipients must currently be residents of Alabama and must
have been residents at the time of the military action resulting the Purple Heart award. Recipients must
submit the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from service as documentation that they received
the Purple Heart award. This scholarship/waiver must be included in the number of institutional
scholarship/waivers authorized for colleges under Board Policy 805.02 Sections 3.2 and 3.4.

**Senior Adult Waivers** allows students 60 years of age or older, who have met admissions requirements,
to receive tuition waivers for college credit courses on a space-available basis only. Space-available basis
requires registration during the late registration process. Effective Fall 2015, Senior Adult Scholarships
will be limited based on available funds. This scholarship can cover up to four (4) hours per semester of
in-state tuition only after all other forms of financial assistance have been exhausted.