Student Awards and Eligibility

Presidential Scholars
The top 20 students in the sophomore, junior and senior classes are honored as Presidential Scholars. Selection is based on the highest cumulative QPA earned and then on the number of credits earned at SRU. (Example: Student A earned a 3.998 overall QPA based on 95 credits earned and Student B earned a 3.998 overall QPA based on 90 credits earned. Student A would rank first and Student B would rank second.) In the event of a tie, both students are honored.

Students must have completed the minimum number of hours as indicated below:
- Part time students must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours during the previous academic year (including spring, summer and fall). Students registered in an exchange program are eligible for consideration when university tuition is paid to Slippery Rock as part of the exchange agreement.

The following credit requirements must be fulfilled for consideration:
- **Sophomores** - Students earning 30 to 59 credits and completing a minimum of 28 semester hours at Slippery Rock University.
- **Juniors** - Students earning 60 to 89 credits and completing a minimum of 40 semester hours at Slippery Rock University.
- **Seniors** - Students earning 90+ credits and completing a minimum of 52 semester hours at Slippery Rock University.

Presidential Scholars receive individual on-stage recognition, awards, and congratulations from the President of the University.

Honors Program Graduates
The University Honors Program offers students an opportunity to gain the most from their undergraduate careers. Students enrolled in the Honors Program take 21 credit hours of special course work in limited enrollment classes that emphasize extensive reading, critical thinking, intensive writing and group discussion. In order to earn recognition as program graduates, they must maintain a 3.25 grade-point average or higher and participate in various honors activities, including community service, leadership and extra-curricular requirements.

Honors Program graduates receive individual on-stage recognition, cords, and congratulations from University Administration.

College Awards - Outstanding Students in Research, Scholarship or Creative Activity & Outstanding Student Academic Leaders
Slippery Rock University students in each of the four colleges (College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, Environment and Science, and College of Liberal Arts) are involved in many research, scholarly and creative projects as well as academic leadership activities. In recognition of the importance of student scholarship and leadership at SRU, each college recognizes an outstanding student in the area of research, scholarship and creative activity and an outstanding student academic leader.

Outstanding Students receive individual on-stage recognition, and congratulations from University Administration.

Student Leadership:
- Student Government Association Membership
- Service Leadership Coordinators
- First Year Leader Scholar Program Peer Mentors
- Jump Start Peer Mentors - 2+ Years of Service
- Senior Community Assistants for Residence Life

Student Leaders receive group or individual recognition, and congratulations from University Administration.
Academic Honor Society Membership
Honorary societies recognize students who have excelled academically in various disciplines.

Academic Scholarship Recipients
Each academic scholarship is established with certain criteria. Students must meet specific requirements to be eligible for a particular scholarship.

This year, Slippery Rock University has approximately 455 named scholarships, awarding deserving students approximately $1.25 million.

Interested in establishing a scholarship? Please contact the Office of University Advancement, 100 Old Main, (724)738-2004, Slippery Rock University.

Deans’ List Recognition
Undergraduate students who earn an adjusted semester quality point average of 3.500 or higher will be eligible for recognition as a Dean's List Student. This QPA must be based on a schedule of at least 12 newly attempted and earned credits (repeated courses and P/NC courses will not be computed into the 12 credit hour minimum required) and a cumulative QPA of at least 2.000. Dean's list status must have been earned during the spring and/or fall semesters of the previous year.

Scholar Athletes
The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference recognize students who compete in a varsity sport and achieve a 3.25 cumulative QPA.

Students currently in attendance and participating in their sport who earned recognition by The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference for 2016-2017 will be honored at the 2018 Academic Honors Convocation.

Rising Star Award Nominees
A Rising Star is a student who has exemplified leadership development during this 2017-2018 academic year. The award winners will be announced at the Rising Star awards ceremony in late April, 2018 the Robert M. Smith Student Center Ballroom.

Winners of the Rising Star Award will receive a certificate of achievement, and have a star named after them in the International Star Registry courtesy of AVI FoodSystems, Inc. (provider of SRU dining services.)

Note: All honored students on this page receive group recognition.