

APPROVED
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DESCRIPTION OF VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROCEDURES FOR LITHUANIAN DIASPORA

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Description of Vytautas Magnus University (hereinafter “University”) Scholarship Award Procedures for Lithuanian Diaspora (hereinafter “Description”) regulates scholarship (hereinafter “Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship”) award and payment procedures to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of exile and foreigners of Lithuanian descent who lived abroad for not less than three years and upon their arrival to the Republic of Lithuania started studying at a not lower than the eighth grade and have been admitted to the University’s first cycle or integrated study mode studies since 2013 (hereinafter “Student/s”).
2. Students shall have the right to receive several kinds of scholarships at the same time: those that are awarded by the University, the Republic of Lithuania or allocated by private persons or funds and are awarded and paid in accordance with decrees of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, the Description of Vytautas Magnus University Scholarship Award Procedures and other acts of the Republic of Lithuania and the University’s internal legal acts that regulate scholarship award and payment procedures.

II. PROCEDURES OF LITHUANIAN DIASPORA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AND PAYMENT

3. Students who meet the requirements of this Description shall have to submit to the University Office of Student Affairs (hereinafter “OSA”) the following documents to be awarded the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship:
 - 3.1. an application of free form addressed to the Rector to award the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship;
 - 3.2. documents proving that the Student, before arriving to study at a Lithuanian school of general education, had lived abroad for not less than three years and started studying in the Republic of Lithuania at a not lower than the eighth grade.
4. The Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship shall be awarded by the University Rector’s or his authorised Vice-Rector’s order on the basis of the OSA’s official report that shall have been coordinated with the University Students’ Council (hereinafter “SC”).
5. The Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship shall not be bigger than 4 BSB (Basic Social Benefit approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania) and shall be paid from the University’s scholarship fund that is formed from the funds of the budget of the Republic of Lithuania, the University and other funds allocated to Student support.

6. The Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship shall be awarded as of the date of the consecutive month than indicated in the Student's application form to receive the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship during the whole study time and shall be paid:

6.1. in spring semester – from February 1 till June 30;

6.2. in autumn semester – from September 1 till January 31.

7. Payment of the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship shall be suspended or terminated in the cases indicated in the Description of Vytautas Magnus University Scholarship Award Procedures and in the following cases:

7.1. if a Student receives an academic debt, payment of the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship shall be suspended as of the consecutive semester until all academic debts are liquidated;

7.2. if a Student has been awarded an Encouragement Scholarship whose size is smaller or equal to the one of the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship awarded by the University Rector's or his authorised Vice-Rector's order, the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship shall be paid instead of the Encouragement Scholarship;

7.3. if a Student has been awarded an Exchange Programme Scholarship, payment of the Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarship shall be suspended for the period of time during which the Exchange Programme Scholarship shall be paid.

III. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

8. The OSA shall administer Lithuanian Diaspora Scholarships by coordinating the award of such scholarships with the SC.

9. The Description shall come into effect after the Rector shall have approved it by order.

10. Exceptions to this Description shall be made by the University Rector's order after having coordinated them with the SC.
