

Description of Awards

NOTE: Awards/Prizes/Gifts should not be made as consideration for payment of services.

- a. *Achievement Award:* Award presented to an individual to recognize academic excellence or extraordinary accomplishment. Awardee did not apply for this award.
Example 1 – Student has the highest GPA in the department and is presented with a plaque and a check for \$500.00.
Example 2 – Student is recognized for leadership qualities shown when tutoring fellow students.
- b. *Winner of Competition:* Individual is awarded a prize for a University competition.
Example 1 - The winner of the Cow Plop competition is given a \$1000.00 check.
Example 2 – The winner of a debate competition is given a cash prize.
- c. *Incentive Payments:* Individual receives a payment for participating in an event or survey.
Example 1 - Faculty member receives a payment for participating in a department focus group.
Example 2 – Student receives a check for taking part in a survey about alcohol use on campus.
- d. *Academic Research:* Individual receives a payment so that he/she can learn the skill of researching.
Example - The SURP program gives a stipend to students who learn the skill of researching in their field of study under the guidance of a faculty member. This payment is made to facilitate the student's learning and does not benefit LMU in any way.
- e. *Sponsorship for academic enhancement:* An award given to a student to help pay costs associated with travel or tuition so that the academic experience of the student is enhanced.
Example 1 – A department pays for student travel and hotel so that the student can attend a seminar in Orlando on Global Warming (which is the topic of her thesis).
Example 2 – A faculty member awards a History student \$1500.00 so that the student can go to an archeological dig in order to have hands on experience.