

Queen's University
Senate Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid
Report to Senate
Policy on Treatment of Permanent Residents
Submitted: May 7, 2012

Background

In October of 2011 the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid reviewed and approved terms of reference for The Horace's Father Bursary. Terms of this award included a provision that only Canadian citizens would be considered eligible for this bursary. Queen's Legal Counsel was consulted and it was determined that the University can establish an award that is exclusive to Canadian citizens only. This prompted a discussion regarding how or if the University ever differentiates between permanent residents and Canadian citizens. A survey of Queen's Legal Counsel, the Secretariat, and the University Registrar's Office was unable to find any case in practice where the University differentiates between permanent residents and Canadian citizens.

Analysis and Discussion

The Policy working group noted that permanent residents and Canadian citizens are assessed the same fee structure at the University.

As of April 9, 2012, Citizenship and Immigration Canada states on its website that permanent residents have the right:

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Summary:

SCSSA approved the following on April 9, 2012:

The Senate Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid in the development, approval and administration of awards, bursaries, fellowships and scholarships shall not distinguish between the status of Canadian citizens and permanent residents.¹

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