



Important Information Regarding The Ciri Foundation's Life-Time Award Limit Policy

The Ciri Foundation (TCF) is implementing a Life-Time Award Limit Policy. This policy will help ensure that all Ciri original enrollees and their lineal descendants have an opportunity to benefit from the support of TCF.

The information included in this packet is to guide you through the new Life-Time Award Limit Policy.

The new policy means TCF applicants will now have a Life-Time Limit Amount for each degree-level category noted below. As with all of TCF's policies, applicants must meet all of TCF's funding requirements to be considered. All awards are subject to available funding. The policy's effective date is January 1, 2014 and the March 31, 2014 deadline will be the first deadline included in the new policy. The policy will be implemented as follows:

Degree-Level Category	Degree Programs	Maximum Award Amount	Life-Time Award Limit Amount
Undergraduate Degree and Certificate-Seeking	Includes: Fellowships, Vocational Training Programs, 2-year degree, and 4-year degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship up to \$250 • Vocational Training (up to \$4500 per calendar year) • 2-year and 4-year degree (up to \$4500 for part-time, up to \$5000 for full-time per academic year) 	\$30,000
Masters Degree	Includes all master level degrees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (up to \$4500 for part-time, up to \$5000 for full-time per academic year) 	\$20,000
Doctorate Degree	Includes any Ph.D. degree, professional degree, and doctorate level degrees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (up to \$4500 for part-time, up to \$5000 for full-time per academic year) 	\$20,000
TOTAL LIFE-TIME AWARD LIMIT			\$70,000

Helpful Terms:

Degree-Level Category: Each degree program is categorized under a degree-level category. Each degree-level category has its own Life-Time Award Limit Amount.

Degree Program: Your degree program indicates which degree you are receiving funding to complete. Fellowships, Vocational Training Programs, 2-year or 4-year degree-seeking programs, masters degree-seeking programs, or Ph.D. or professional degree-seeking programs are all various degree programs as defined by TCF. Each degree program determines what degree-level category you are in.

Maximum Award Amount: Your maximum award amount is the amount of funding in which you are eligible for each individual award or application.

Life-Time Award Limit Amount: Your life-time award limit amount is the cumulative amount of funding you are eligible to receive for each degree-level category.



Life-Time Award Limit Q&A

Q: Why does TCF need a Life-Time Award Limit Policy?

A: The number of lineal descendants of CIRI original enrollees continues to grow each year. TCF would like to prepare to give every future applicant an opportunity to receive funding. TCF anticipates the new policy will allow educational funding to continually be distributed to all eligible applicants.

Q: When does the policy take effect?

A: The policy will take effect on January 1, 2014. All awards approved after the January 1, 2014 effective date will be included in an applicant's life-time award limit amount. The first application deadline after the effective date is the March 31, 2014 vocational training/certificate-seeking deadline.

Q: How will I know what my life-time award limit amount is?

A: Each time a recipient is awarded, their life-time award limit amount(s) will be communicated to them. In the future, your life-time award limit amount(s) will also be available to you via your online student profile.

Q: Will my awards before January 1, 2014 impact my life-time award limit amount?

A: No, previous awards will not be counted toward your life-time award limit amount(s).

Q: What if I want to complete multiple degrees in each degree-level category?

A: Each applicant is able to use their life-time award limit amount as they wish, but you are only eligible for your life-time award limit amount for each degree-level category. Fellowships, Vocational Training Programs, 2-year degree, and 4-year degrees are combined into one category of undergraduate and certificate-seeking. Your total life-time award limit amount for your educational journey with TCF is \$70,000. Annual Award recipients, who receive higher, competitive award amounts, will only have the maximum general scholarship amount added to their life-time award limit amount (\$5000 per year).

Q: What happens if I reach my life-time award limit?

A: If you reach your life-time award limit amount for a certain degree-level category, you will be eligible for additional funding when you enroll into a degree program that moves you to the next degree-level category. For example, if you reach your life-time award limit amount of \$30,000 for your undergraduate/certificate-seeking degree-level category, then you will not be eligible for more funding until/if you enroll into a masters, graduate or Ph.D. program. Upon enrollment into a masters program you would then be eligible for an additional \$20,000 in awards.

Q: If my school returns a portion of my award because it was not used, will that amount be subtracted from my life-time award limit amount?

A: If a significant portion of your award is returned (more than \$1,000) to TCF, then TCF will subtract the total returned funds from your life-time award limit amount.

Please contact The CIRI Foundation at tcf@thecirifoundation.org or at (907) 793-3575 with questions. You may also visit our website at www.thecirifoundation.org for more information.