

## **LONG TRAIL SCHOOL ANNUAL MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP POLICY**

**GOAL:** The goal for allocating merit scholarships, regardless of financial need, is to enroll academically gifted and talented students to enhance academic competition. Merit Scholarship students must have the personal qualities to become student leaders and excel in the fine and performing arts and/or athletic programs.

Merit Scholarships are allocated annually by the Scholarship Committee and are based on the following criteria depending on available funds:

1. Academic talent and accomplishments will be determined by reviewing standardized tests, review of past and present transcripts, written recommendations, and LTS entrance tests.
2. Student submission of a letter covering the student's past contributions to a school community as part of his/her enrollment application. The student will establish academic, extracurricular, and community service goals for the coming year.
3. Returning merit scholarship recipients must reapply annually by March 1 by submitting a letter requesting reconsideration and outlining their accomplishments for the year in contributing to the school community, academic and extracurricular performance, and community service achievements. The parents of each repeating merit scholar must also submit a letter requesting continued merit scholarship consideration.
4. All merit scholarship materials for applying and reapplying for merit scholarships are due by March 1.

*Approved by the Board of Trustees February 27, 2006.*