

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Tuition Benefit for Dependents, Spouse, Domestic or Civil Union Partner program

**Q: The benefit policy states “Students are eligible for 130 credits of support, or until receiving their first Baccalaureate from Rowan University, whichever comes first. The 130 credit limit refers to enrollment, not successful completion.” Is there a per-semester cap?**

*The scholarship will cover all of the tuition charged for the term including any tuition charge over 17 credits.*

**Q: If my dependent has been awarded other scholarships such as the Rowan Scholars program or EOF, can the tuition benefit also be used?**

*Yes, the tuition benefit can be applied but may be reduced based on what has been awarded. At no time can the student receive cash back.*

**Q: Can the Tuition Benefit be applied towards the Study Abroad program?**

*Dependent scholarships cannot be used for students who chose to participate on a study abroad program through one of the Program Providers. However, students can use the Tuition Benefit for Dependents for Study Abroad Exchange Programs.*

**Q: If my dependent falls below the required 2.5 GPA, is the benefit revoked?**

*No, the dependent has the following academic year to raise the GPA to the required minimum of 2.50. If the GPA has not improved enough to meet the requirement after that academic year, no further benefit will be issued. However, the dependent can be reinstated once the cumulative 2.5 GPA has been achieved.*



**Q: Does the benefit for spouses, domestic or civil union partners cover certifications?**

*No, the benefit applies only to the pursuit of a Bachelor's degree.*

**Q: Does the benefit apply to graduate programs?**

*No, the benefit is intended for undergraduate programs only.*

**Q: Can my dependent pursue a bachelor's degree, if he or she attained one previously?**

*Yes, as long as it is their first Bachelor's degree from Rowan University. The policy states "Under this program, students are eligible for 130 credits of support, or until receiving their first Baccalaureate **from Rowan University**".*

**Q: Are stepchildren included in the benefit program?**

*Yes, according to the policy "Children who were born to, or adopted by, the spouse or domestic partner of the employee but who have not been adopted by the employee (i.e., stepchildren) are also eligible for this program, provided that they are declared dependents on the employee's tax returns."*