# Institutional Scholarship Policies

**Applying for Institutional Scholarships**

- Complete the UAM Admissions application, submit test scores and an official high school transcript.
- Meet eligibility requirements: qualifying ACT superscore (or SAT/Accuplacer equivalent) and a 2.5 high school GPA.
- The July ACT test is the final score report accepted for scholarship consideration, subject to available funding. Students will only be awarded the scholarship with the highest eligible value.

**Award Information**

Scholarships are used to help pay tuition, mandatory fees, course-related charges, books purchased at the UAM bookstore, and on-campus room and board. Half of the award amount will be applied to the student's fall semester account balance and the other half to the spring account balance. A scholarship recipient who elects to live off campus (instead of in a UAM residence hall), will forfeit any remaining scholarship funds. **Institutional scholarships may not be combined and are non-refundable. Institutional scholarships can be used towards tuition/fees, on campus housing, and course related bookstore charges.**

**Interaction with Other Aid**

Institutional scholarships are intended to cover University charges. If a student receives additional scholarships, grants, or external aid (such as Arkansas Rehabilitation) that cover part or all their tuition and fees, institutional scholarship funds will be reduced or removed accordingly. Because these scholarships are non-refundable, they cannot be applied toward off-campus expenses or refunded as cash to the student.

**Scholarship Enrollment Requirements for first time freshman Institutional Scholarships**

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in 15 credit hours at UAM on the 11th class day of each semester. The one exception is the students' first freshman semester at UAM, which requires only 12 credit hours. Students must successfully complete 27 credit hours in the first academic year and 30 credit hours each academic year thereafter. Recipients must be fully admitted as degree-seeking students earning their first undergraduate degree.

**Scholarship Renewal Requirements for first time freshman Institutional Scholarships**

For scholarship renewal, students must make academic progress toward earning a degree and be in good standing with the University. Students must earn at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA by the end of each semester. Only UAM coursework will count towards GPA and credit hour completion for scholarship purposes. Students must complete 27 credit hours with a 2.5 GPA by the end of the spring semester of their freshman year. Students must then complete 30 credit hours with a 2.5 GPA by the end of the spring semester every year after the freshman year.

Students who do not complete the required hours and maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at UAM, will be placed on scholarship probation. Students on scholarship probation can correct deficiencies the following term (spring for fall; summer for spring). If deficiencies are not corrected the following term, students will not be allowed an additional semester to maintain their scholarship. Students placed on academic probation due to a GPA below 2.0, or who are no longer meeting the UAM Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy standards at the end of any semester will immediately lose their scholarship.

**UAM Transfer Scholarship Requirements**

- Be an incoming full-time (15 hours), first-time UAM transfer student seeking a first bachelor's degree.
- Have been enrolled at an accredited college/university within the two most recent fall and spring semesters prior to the initial semester at UAM (excluding summer terms), with no more than one consecutive fall or spring semester of non-enrollment.
- Have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.50. GPA will be based on the official and final cumulative GPA from the college/university the student is transferring from.
- Have 12-90 accepted transfer hours (these are the hours that UAM will accept from all previous schools attended).
- Award amount and number of renewable semesters is based on the number of accepted transfer credits.

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**Campus-within-a-campus Scholarship Requirements**

Institutional scholarships are awarded by UAM for dual and standard students. For dual students, the UAM scholarship will be prorated to pay only for UAM hours. Institutional scholarship awards are considered once a student has completed an application for admission to UAM.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Students enrolled in a UAM bachelor's program at [campus-within-a campus school] with at least 55 hours completed at [campus-within-a-campus] and no more than 90 accepted transfer hours between all previously attended schools.
- Have a minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA from [campus-within-a campus school].

**Renewal Criteria:** Complete at least 15 hours each semester with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA at UAM for a maximum of four academic terms of continuous enrollment or the completion of a bachelor's degree if completed in less than 4 semesters.

UAM institutional scholarships require 15 hours per semester; [campus-within-a campus school] + UAM hours will be counted for dual students.

**Length of Institutional Scholarship Renewal**

Institutional scholarships are available for up to eight semesters (four years) of continuous enrollment, except for the UAM Transfer Scholarship and the Campus-within-a-Campus Scholarships. The UAM Transfer Scholarship is awarded on a tiered basis: Tier 1 is available for up to six semesters (three years) of continuous enrollment, while Tier 2 and Tier 3 are each available for up to four semesters (two years). Campus-within-a-Campus Scholarships are also limited to four semesters (two years) of continuous enrollment. Students who earn a bachelor's degree are no longer eligible to receive institutional scholarships.

**Requesting Institutional Scholarship Hold**

Students can request to place their institutional scholarship on hold for no more than one semester due to military enlistment or service. Requests must be submitted to the Scholarship Coordinator in the Financial Aid Office prior to the start of the semester the student is requesting the hold. Students will be required to present their military shipment paperwork as documentation of their enlistment or service. It would be the student's responsibility to notify the financial aid office the following semester of their return for the scholarship to be renewed after the semester of being on hold.

**Scholarship Appeals**

Students who do not meet the renewal criteria for their scholarship will not have their award renewed. However, students may appeal this decision if they have experienced extenuating circumstances or medical emergencies by submitting an Institutional Scholarship Appeal with supporting documentation. Appeals are only granted in extreme circumstances beyond the student's control, and the Scholarship Committee retains final authority regarding each appeal decision. Failing to enroll in the required number of hours does not constitute an acceptable basis for appeal. Students will be notified of the deadline to submit an appeal at the time they are informed that their institutional scholarship was not renewed.