

University Scholarship Policy 2017-2018 Academic Scholarship Policy

This policy covers the following academic scholarships: Future Leaders (2-years), University, Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, and Distinguished (Out-of-State).

Eligibility:

- Student must be **fully admitted** by **January 31, 2017**.
- Student must be admitted as a first-time entering undergraduate.
- Student's ACT/SAT scores must be within the last five years and no later than the December 2016 test date.
- To qualify for the various academic scholarships the ACT composite score must be a minimum 23 or above or the SAT equivalent.
- Cannot require remediation.
- Student must have a minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA (on a 4.00 GPA scale) based on the sixth or seventh semester high school transcript. In the event that a student is graduating high school early, a 5th semester transcript (only) will be considered. A final transcript must be submitted after high school graduation.
- Award is contingent upon verification of student's status as U.S. citizen and/or an eligible non-citizen.
- All entering institutional scholarship recipients are required to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to the disbursement of scholarship funds.

Deadlines:

- Fully admitted by **January 31, 2017**. Admission application, ACT/SAT test scores, and sixth or seventh semester transcripts must be received by the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services by **January 31, 2017**.
- Students are required to accept or decline scholarship offer three weeks from the date of the award letter.
- Students failure to respond to the scholarship offer will result in the offer being deemed declined.
- Students fully admitted after the deadline may be awarded subject to available funds.

Scholarship Renewal Requirements:

- Scholarship renewal criterion is based on UCA credit hours.
- Student must enroll in a minimum of 12 UCA undergraduate credit hours each semester during the term of their scholarship.
- Student must maintain good academic standing as defined by the current Undergraduate Bulletin.
- Future Leaders scholarships are for the duration of four consecutive semesters. Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, and Out of State Distinguished scholarships are for the duration of eight consecutive semesters or through the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.

Year one

- The scholarship is awarded for the Fall and Spring semesters only.
- To maintain scholarship eligibility, at the end of the Fall semester the student must earn a minimum of 9 UCA undergraduate credit hours and be in good academic standing.
- To renew for the upcoming academic year the student must earn a minimum of 27 UCA undergraduate credit hours (Fall and Spring) with a minimum 3.00 combined undergraduate GPA for Future Leaders and University scholarships and a minimum 3.25 combined undergraduate GPA for Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, and Out of State Distinguished scholarships. If the requirements are completed at the end of the Spring semester, the scholarship will automatically renew at that time. Combined GPA will be calculated based on Fall through Spring semester.

- If renewal requirements are not completed at the end of the Spring semester then May Intersession, 8-week Summer Session, and Summer I hours and GPA will be considered in the renewal process. Combined GPA will be calculated based on Fall, Spring, May Intersession, 8-week Summer Session, and Summer I semesters only. All other summer terms regardless of start and end date are not included.

Year two and after

- The scholarship is awarded for the Fall and Spring semesters only.
- To maintain scholarship eligibility, at the end of the Fall semester the student must earn a minimum of 9 UCA undergraduate credit hours and be in good academic standing.
- To renew the University, Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, and Out of State Distinguished scholarships for the upcoming academic year the student must earn a minimum of 30 UCA undergraduate credit hours (Fall and Spring) with a minimum 3.00 combined undergraduate GPA for University scholarships and a minimum 3.25 combined undergraduate GPA for Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, and Out of State Distinguished scholarships. If the requirements are completed at the end of the Spring semester, the scholarship will automatically renew at that time. Combined GPA will be calculated based on Fall through Spring semester.
 - If renewal requirements are not completed at the end of the Spring semester then May Intersession, 8-week Summer Session and Summer I hours and GPA will be considered in the renewal process. Combined GPA will be calculated based on Fall, Spring, May Intersession, 8-week Summer Session, and Summer I semesters only. All other summer terms regardless of start and end date are not included.

There will be no reinstatement of lost scholarship.

Costs associated with Summer Courses are not covered by academic scholarships.

The hours and grades/credits associated with Graduate, University College, and Intensive English Program courses are not considered in renewal or disbursement of academic scholarships.

Academic scholarships will only apply to charges for in-state tuition and mandatory fees directly assessed by the University.

All institutional scholarships are competitively awarded and limited based on available funds.

Exceptions to this policy can be found at <http://uca.edu/scholarships/prospective-students/>.