



University Scholarship Policy 2018-2019 Academic Scholarship Policy

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

Eligibility:

- Required documentation must be received by the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services by **December 15, 2017**, for priority scholarship consideration. Students who submit required documentation after the December 15, 2017, priority deadline but before the **February 15, 2018**, final deadline will be considered for remaining scholarship funds as they are available.
- Students must be a first-time entering undergraduate.
- Student's ACT/SAT scores must be within the last five years and no later than the December 2017 test date.
- Students must have a minimum ACT composite score of 23 or the SAT equivalent.
- Students cannot require remediation.
- Students 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 for the Future Leaders, University, Achievement, and Excellence scholarships. Students must earn a 3.50 cumulative high school GPA (on a 4.00 scale) based on the sixth or seventh semester high school transcript for the Distinguished and Out of State Distinguished scholarships. In the event that a student is graduating high school early, a 4th or 5th semester transcript will be considered. A final transcript must be submitted after high school graduation.
- Award upgrades due to subsequent ACT/SAT scores will be automatic as funds are available. December 2017 scores will be the last results considered for upgrades. Test scores must be received by the Office of Admissions & Enrollment Services by February 15, 2018, to be eligible for a scholarship upgrade.
- 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:

- Required documentation must be received by the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services by the priority deadline of **December 15, 2017**, for priority scholarship consideration. Students who submit required documentation after the December 15, 2017, priority deadline but before the **February 15, 2018**, final deadline will be considered for remaining scholarship funds as they are available. Admission application, ACT/SAT scores, and specified transcripts must be received by the Office of Admissions & Enrollment Services by December 15, 2017, for priority consideration and February 15, 2018, for remaining scholarship funds as they are available.
- Students are required to accept the scholarship offer.
- Students are encouraged to accept or decline the scholarship offer within three weeks of the date of the award letter. Students who fail to respond to the scholarship offer will forfeit scholarship funds and their offer will be deemed as declined. Students awarded based on the priority deadline must accept their offer by February 15, 2018, to avoid forfeiture. Students awarded based on the final deadline must accept their offer by March 15, 2018, to avoid forfeiture.
- Students who meet all scholarship criteria and submit required documentation after the priority deadline but before the final 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 15 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 or through the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. University, 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 12 UCA undergraduate credit hours and earn a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA (Future Leaders, University) or 2.75 cumulative GPA (Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, Out of State Distinguished).
- 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 cumulative undergraduate GPA for Future Leaders and University scholarships and a minimum 3.25 cumulative 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.
 - 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. All other summer terms regardless of start and end date are not considered for hours or cumulative GPA of the current year.

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 12 UCA undergraduate credit hours and earn a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA (University) or 3.25 cumulative GPA (Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, Out of State Distinguished).
- 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 cumulative undergraduate GPA for University scholarships and a minimum 3.25 cumulative 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.
 - 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. All other summer terms regardless of start and end date are not considered for hours or cumulative GPA of the current year.



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, room/board, 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/>.