



University Scholarship Policy 2019-2020 Academic Scholarship Policy

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

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must:
 - Submit required documentation to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services by **December 14, 2018**, for priority scholarship consideration;
 - Be a first-time entering undergraduate;
 - Have a minimum ACT super score of 23 or the SAT equivalent. Qualifying scores must be on a test within the last five years and no later than the December 2018 test date;
 - Have completed all remediation requirements;
 - Meet GPA Requirements:
 - Future Leaders, University, and Achievement Scholarships*
 - Minimum 3.25 cumulative high school GPA (on a 4.00 GPA scale) based on the 6th or 7th semester high school transcript.
 - Excellence, Distinguished, and Out-of-State Distinguished Scholarships*
 - Minimum 3.50 cumulative high school GPA (on a 4.00 scale) based on the 6th or 7th semester high school transcript.
 - If 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.
 - Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen; and,
 - If awarded, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to the disbursement of scholarship funds.
- All institutional scholarships are highly competitive and are awarded based on academic performance and available funds.

Upgrades:

- Award upgrades due to subsequent qualifying ACT/SAT scores and/or transcripts will be automatic as funds are available.
- December 2018 scores and 7th semester high school transcripts will be the last results considered for upgrades.
- Qualifying test scores and transcripts must be received by the Office of Admissions & Enrollment Services by February 14, 2019, to be eligible for a scholarship upgrade.

Deadlines:

- *Priority*
 - **Scholarship Deadline: December 14, 2018**
 - Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: February 14, 2019
- *Final*
 - Scholarship Deadline: February 14, 2019
 - Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: March 14, 2019

Award Requirements:

- Students are required to accept the scholarship offer.
- Students who fail to respond to the scholarship offer by the acceptance deadline will forfeit the offer and the scholarship will be deemed as declined.

- 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.
- Students must enroll in a minimum of 15 UCA undergraduate credit hours each semester during the term of their scholarship.
- Students must maintain good academic standing as defined by the current Undergraduate Bulletin.
- The scholarship is awarded for the Fall and Spring semesters only.

Renewal Requirements:

- To renew the scholarship, students must:
 - Year one (Fall to Spring)
Earn a minimum of 12 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum 2.50 (Future Leaders, University) or 2.75 (Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, Out-of-State Distinguished) UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
 - Year one (Spring to Fall)
Earn a minimum of 27 UCA undergraduate credit hours (Fall/Spring combined) with a minimum 3.00 (Future Leaders, University) or 3.25 (Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, and Out-of-State Distinguished) UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
 - Year two and after (Fall to Spring)
Earn a minimum of 12 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum 3.00 (Future Leaders, University) or 3.25 (Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, Out-of-State Distinguished) UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
 - Year two and after (Spring to Fall)
Earn a minimum of 30 UCA undergraduate credit hours (Fall/Spring combined) with a minimum 3.00 (University) or 3.25 (Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished, and Out-of-State Distinguished) UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- If requirements have been completed at the end of the Spring semester, the scholarship will renew at that time.
- If 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 included.
- Scholarship renewal criterion is based on UCA credit hours only.

Disclosures:

- 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.
- There will be no reinstatement of a lost scholarship.
- Costs associated with Summer Courses are not covered by academic scholarships.
- The hours and grades/credits associated with Graduate, Department of Student Transitions, 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.
- Individuals awarded the Out-of-State Distinguished Scholarship who subsequently receive funds through the State of Arkansas (e.g., Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship) will have their award automatically converted to the Distinguished Scholarship.
- Exceptions to this policy can be found at <http://uca.edu/scholarships/prospective-students/>.