

## University Scholarship Policy 2024-2025 Academic Scholarship Policy

*This policy applies to the Future Leaders, University, Achievement, and Distinguished scholarships.*

### Eligibility:

- To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must:
  - Submit required documentation to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services and be fully admitted by:
    - January 23, 2024 – Achievement and Distinguished scholarships;
    - May 1, 2024 – Future Leaders and University scholarships
  - Be a UCA first-time entering undergraduate;
  - Meet the below cumulative GPA requirement based on the student's 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> semester high school transcript:
    - Distinguished 3.000
    - Future Leaders 3.500
    - University 3.750
    - Achievement 4.000
    - If a student is graduating high school early, a 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> semester transcript will be considered.
  - A limited number of Distinguished awards are available through a competitive review process. In addition to all other requirements, students must submit a separate application/resume and ACT/SAT score by the deadline to be considered. Factors including but not limited to GPA, ACT/SAT score, school/volunteer activities, and community service will be considered in determining recipients.
    - Student's ACT/SAT scores must be within the last five years and no later than the December 2022 test date.
  - Students receiving the Schedler Honors College scholarship will not be eligible for the Distinguished scholarship. A student awarded the Distinguished scholarship and later admitted to the Schedler Honors College will have the Distinguished scholarship replaced with the academic scholarship initially awarded.
  - Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- All institutional scholarships are highly competitive and are awarded based on academic performance and available funds.

### Deadline:

- **Scholarship Deadlines**
  - Achievement and Distinguished: January 23, 2024
  - Future Leaders and University: May 1, 2024

### Award Requirements:

- Future Leaders, University, Achievement, and Distinguished scholarships are for the duration of eight consecutive fall and spring semesters or through the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 15 UCA credit hours as of 4:30pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> class day each fall and spring semester during the term of their scholarship.
- Students must maintain good academic standing as defined by the current UCA Undergraduate Bulletin during the term of their scholarship.

## Renewal Requirements:

- To renew the scholarship, students must:
  - Year one (Fall to Spring)  
Earn a minimum of 11 UCA credit hours with a minimum 2.50 (Future Leaders, University) or 2.75 (Achievement, Distinguished) UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
  - Year one (Spring to Fall)  
Earn a minimum of 27 UCA credit hours (Fall/Spring combined) with a minimum 3.00 (Future Leaders, University) or 3.25 (Achievement, Distinguished) UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
  - Year two and after (Fall to Spring)  
Earn a minimum of 11 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum 3.00 (Future Leaders, University) or 3.25 (Achievement, 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 (Future Leaders, University) or 3.25 (Achievement, 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 UCA summer term credit hours and GPA will be considered in the renewal process.
- Scholarship renewal criterion is based on UCA undergraduate and transition credit hours only.
- Students must have successfully completed any remediation requirements before renewing the scholarship to Year two.
- Any student who earns an incomplete (I) grade(s) must have the grade(s) resolved according to the Incomplete Grade Policy and meet renewal requirements for the scholarship to renew. Otherwise, an exception request must be submitted in accordance with the Exception Policy.

## Disclosures:

- 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 and Intensive English Program courses are not considered in scholarship renewal or disbursement.
- Academic scholarships will only apply to charges for in-state tuition, room/board, and mandatory fees directly assessed by the University except for approved programs through the Office of Study Abroad. For such programs, the scholarship may be applied only to actual tuition and mandatory fees assessed.
- Students must live in University housing to receive the housing award and therefore the annual total award.
- Exceptions to this policy can be found at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/policies/>.