

## University Scholarship Policy 2025-2026 Academic Scholarship Policy

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

### Eligibility:

- To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must:
  - Submit required documentation to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services by:
    - January 27, 2025 – Achievement and Distinguished scholarships;
    - May 5, 2025 – 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 3.750
    - 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 2024 test date.
  - 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 27, 2025
  - Future Leaders and University: May 5, 2025

### 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 2.75 (Future Leaders) or 3.00 (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 2.75 (Future Leaders) or 3.00 (University) or 3.25 (Achievement, Excellence, 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 2.75 (Future Leaders) or 3.00 (University) or 3.25 (Achievement, Excellence, Distinguished) UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- If requirements have been completed at the end of the Spring semester, the scholarship will renew at that time.
  - Students who do not meet renewal requirements at the end of the spring semester must have attempted hours in one of the following terms at UCA: May Intersession, 13-week Summer Session, 10-week Summer Session, 8-week Summer Session, Summer I, or Summer II prior to submitting an exception request. Please refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin for more information on what counts as attempted hours.
  - Scholarship renewal criterion is based on UCA undergraduate and transition credit hours only.
  - Students must have successfully completed any remediation requirements as outlined in the UCA Undergraduate Bulletin 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, housing/food (formerly “room/board”), and mandatory fees directly assessed by the University except for approved programs through the UCA Education Abroad and National Student Exchange Office. 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/>.