



University Scholarship Policy 2027-2028 Bear Partner Scholarship Policy

This policy applies to the Bear Partner scholarship only. The Bear Partner scholarship is a transfer scholarship offered to a select student(s) from a participating 2-year college(s). The scholarship covers in-state tuition, mandatory fees, and other instructional fees up to 15 hours per semester.

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must:
 - Be named a Bear Partner scholarship student at a participating 2-year college;
 - Be an incoming full-time, first-time UCA transfer student seeking a first bachelor's degree;
 - Be admitted to UCA;
 - Have completed all remediation requirements prior to awarding; and,
 - Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- To assist in determining whether remediation requirements have been satisfied, students are encouraged to submit test scores (e.g., ACT, SAT, AP, CLEP, CLT).

Award Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 15 UCA undergraduate credit hours as of 4:30pm on the 8th class day each semester during the term of their scholarship.
- Scholarships are for the duration of four consecutive semesters or through the completion of the first bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- Students must maintain good academic standing during the term of their scholarship in accordance with the [Good Academic Standing Policy](#).
- The scholarship is awarded for the Fall and Spring semesters only.

Renewal Requirements:

- To renew the scholarship, students must:
 - Fall to Spring
Earn a minimum of 11 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum 3.25 UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
 - Spring to Fall
Earn a minimum of 30 UCA undergraduate credit hours (Fall/Spring combined) with a minimum 3.25 UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA. If requirements have been completed, the scholarship will renew to the next semester.
 - Students beginning in Spring – 1st Spring to 1st Fall
Earn a minimum of 15 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum 3.25 UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA. If requirements have been completed, the scholarship will renew to the next semester.
- 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: 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. The hours and grades/credits associated with Graduate and Intensive



English Program courses are not considered in scholarship renewal or disbursement. However, Graduate credit hours earned from eligible UCA combined and accelerated degree programs may be considered (3+2 or 4+1 programs).

- 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 Bear Partner scholarships.
- Students can receive only one of the following awards: Academic All-Star Scholarship, Bear Partner Scholarship, or Transfer Scholarship.
- Bear Partner scholarships will only apply to charges for in-state tuition, mandatory fees, and other instructional fees directly assessed by the University except for approved programs through the Office of Education Abroad and National Student Exchange. For such programs, the scholarship may be applied only to actual tuition, mandatory fees, and other instructional fees assessed.
- Bear Partner scholarships are for the duration of four consecutive fall and spring semesters or through completion of a first bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- Exceptions to this policy can be found at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/policies/>.