University Scholarship Policy
2028-2029 Academic Scholarship Policy

This policy applies to the Momentum, 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 by:
    - January 24, 2028 – Achievement scholarship;
    - May 1, 2028 – Momentum, Future Leaders and University scholarships
  - Be a UCA first-time entering undergraduate;
  - Meet the below cumulative GPA requirement based on the student's 6th or 7th semester high school transcript:
    - Momentum 3.000
    - Future Leaders 3.500
    - University 3.750
    - Achievement 4.000
    - If a student is graduating high school early, a 4th or 5th semester transcript will be considered.
  - 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: January 24, 2028
  - Momentum, Future Leaders and University: May 1, 2028

Award Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 15 UCA credit hours as of 4:30pm on the 8th class day each fall and spring semester during the term of their scholarship.
- 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:
  - *Year one (Fall to Spring)*
    Earn a minimum of 11 UCA credit hours with a minimum UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA of:
    - 2.50 (Momentum, Future Leaders, and University)
    - 2.75 (Achievement)
  - *Year one (Spring to Fall)*
    Earn a minimum of 27 UCA credit hours (Fall/Spring combined) with a minimum UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA of:
    - 2.50 (Momentum)
    - 2.75 (Future Leaders)
    - 3.00 (University)

- 3.25 (Achievement)
- *Year two and after (Fall to Spring)*
  Earn a minimum of 11 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA of:
  - 2.50 (Momentum)
  - 2.75 (Future Leaders)
  - 3.00 (University)
  - 3.25 (Achievement, Distinguished).
- *Year two and after (Spring to Fall)*
  Earn a minimum of 30 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA of:
  - 2.50 (Momentum)
  - 2.75 (Future Leaders)
  - 3.00 (University)
  - 3.25 (Achievement, Distinguished).
- 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 at https://uca.edu/ubulletin/ 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). Hours and grades/credits associated with transitional courses are not considered in scholarship renewal or disbursement after year one.

- 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.
- 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.
- Future Leaders, University, Achievement, and Distinguished scholarships are for the duration of eight consecutive fall and spring semesters or through the completion of a first bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- Students must live in University housing or have a UCA meal plan to receive the housing/food award and therefore the annual total award.
- Exceptions to this policy can be found at https://uca.edu/scholarships/policies/.