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DATES AND DEADLINES

August 15
  • Admission application available

October
  • FAFSA and scholarship application available

November 1
  • Admission application deadline for scholarship consideration

December 1
  • Scholarship application deadline for incoming freshmen

January 15
  • Admission application deadline

February 1
  • Financial aid priority deadline

May 1
  • Scholarship response deadline
AUSOM

Auburn University Scholarship Opportunity Manager (AUSOM)

- Apply through AUSOM beginning in October
- Must be accepted for admission
- Activate user account
- Log into AU Access
- Receive consideration for all scholarships for which eligible
- Complete application each year
- More information available at auburn.edu/ausom
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Freshman Scholarships**
- Merit based (ACT/SAT score and HS GPA)
- Four-year renewable
- Awarded from October – December

**General Scholarships**
- Donor funded
- One-year award
- 50% need based
- Awarded beginning in December

**Departmental Scholarships**
- Donor funded
- One-year award
- Awarded beginning in December

**External Scholarships**
- Awarded outside of Auburn University
- Processed through the Office of University Scholarships
FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS: ALABAMA RESIDENTS

Spirit of Auburn Scholarships
  • Requires a minimum 28 ACT or equivalent SAT score and a minimum 3.5 high school GPA for consideration.
  • Awarded between $4,000 - tuition per year for four years.

Ever to Conquer Scholarships
  • Requires a minimum 3.0 GPA for consideration.
  • $20,000 over four years ($5,000 per year) for incoming freshmen or $10,000 over two years ($5,000 per year) for incoming transfer students.

All Auburn Scholarships
  • Requires a minimum 26 ACT or equivalent SAT score and a minimum 3.5 high school GPA for consideration.
  • Awarded at $2,000 per year four years.
FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS: NON-RESIDENTS

**Academic Scholarships**
- Requires a minimum 29 ACT or equivalent SAT score and a minimum 3.5 high school GPA for consideration.
- Awarded between $8,000 - $18,000 per year four years.

**True Blue Scholarships**
- Requires a minimum 26 ACT or equivalent SAT score and a minimum 3.5 high school GPA for consideration.
- Awarded at $4,000 per year four years.
GENERAL & DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Criteria
- Geographic – city, county, or state of residence or high school attended
- Academic Achievement – high school GPA or test score as incoming freshman
- Financial need – preference or requirement on approximately 50%
- Academic program – college/school or major (primarily Departmental)

Selection
- Typically one General or Departmental Scholarship awarded per student
- Award amounts vary with average award $1,500 to $2,000 for one year

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Required each year for need-based scholarship and financial aid consideration
- Available beginning in October using 2017 tax information at fafsa.ed.gov
EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Criteria
- Vary greatly from scholarship to scholarship
- May include academic achievement, financial need, heritage, underrepresented status, or community or religious affiliations

Consideration
- Awarded independently of university
- Sponsoring organizations can be companies, foundations, or professional associations

Selection
- Award amounts vary
- Funds awarded available for use at any college or university
- Funds sent to Office of University Scholarships and applied as credit on university billing account
ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

Internal Audit
- Scholarships should be audited on an annual basis.
- Scholarships identified should be shared with the respective Development unit to determine action steps and/or a solution.

Communications
- Templates are provided to update all communications within the Auburn University Scholarship Opportunity Manager (AUSOM).

Scholarship Response Deadline
- Incoming students have until May 1 to accept or decline financial aid offers, including scholarships.
- If an earlier response deadline is requested, an incoming student must be given an opportunity to request in writing an extension of this deadline until May 1.
Cost of Attendance

- Auburn University has an over cost of attendance policy which limits the total amount a student may receive in institutional scholarships to the annual estimated cost of attendance.
- The current annual estimated cost of attendance for residents is $31,590 and for non-residents is $50,838.
- OUS periodically reviews a report including all students awarded over cost and notifies the scholarship coordinator if a student’s award must be reduced.
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Posting Deadline
• December 15 for incoming freshmen
• February 28 for all other scholarships awarded to undergraduate students.
• June 30 for Nursing, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine scholarships.

Financial Need
• February 1 is the priority deadline the FAFSA to be received by Auburn for consideration for need-based scholarships.

Recipient Selection
• Scholarships should be awarded to the recipient who most closely reflects all stated criteria.
• Recipients must have at least 1 qualification point to be selected.
• When a criterion is stated as a preference, efforts should be exhausted to identify a student who meets the preferred criterion before the criterion may be waived.
• Applicants who are current students with an expected graduation date of Fall 2018 should be excluded.
• In addition to the selected recipient(s), it is advisable to identify a minimum of two alternate recipients.
BEST PRACTICES

Award Amount

- Scholarships should be awarded at the university’s minimum amount required to establish a scholarship, currently $1,000.
- Award amounts should be rounded to the nearest $100.

Post-Acceptance

- Recipients can only be required to accept the scholarship offered to receive payment.
- Recipients are encouraged but cannot be required to express appreciation to the donor, attend receptions or meetings, provide services, or complete internships or programs.
QUESTIONS?