

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS



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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.

ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

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.

BEST PRACTICES

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?