

Financial Aid and Scholarships

FINANCIAL AID

The University of Arkansas annually awards over \$90 million of financial aid and scholarships to students. Financial aid is divided into categories of grants, work, loans, and scholarships. Unless otherwise specified, a student needs to complete only two forms to apply for all four basic types of assistance: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which analyzes the ability of the student's family to pay for college; and the University's Application for Admission. These forms collect information used by the Office of Financial Aid and the University's scholarship committees in determining awards. In some cases, copies of the parents' and/or student's tax returns are needed.

DETERMINING FINANCIAL NEED

To determine financial need a student needs to complete the FAFSA. Students release their information to the University of Arkansas by completing the college release section with the University of Arkansas Title IV Code of 001108.

There is a priority date of **MARCH 1** for the submission of the FAFSA for the approaching school year for new students. Federally funded financial aid will be awarded on the basis of need as reflected by the FAFSA.

The Student Aid Report from the FAFSA (consisting of several pages) will be sent directly to the student by the Central Processing Service. A student needs to be enrolled or accepted for enrollment before a financial aid award may be generated. To continue receiving financial aid, the student needs to be making satisfactory progress toward a degree, as defined by the University of Arkansas. (See Satisfactory Academic Progress, below.)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Apply for admission to the University, if not currently enrolled or admitted.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit it to the federal processor by mail or online. You may submit the FAFSA on the Web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

Students hoping to be considered for scholarships need to have their application for admission submitted by February 15 to the University for priority consideration. However, please check with your department for earlier deadlines and additional forms.

To receive priority consideration for financial aid, all forms and applications need to be submitted by March 1. Students are encouraged to apply even if they miss this priority date. Funds will be available after the priority date.

A student has a couple of choices concerning processing his or her FAFSA. These include mailing the form to the Federal Student Aid Programs or submitting it electronically on the Web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. The processing time for electronic applications is three weeks, and processing time for mailed applications is four to six weeks.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Federal regulation requires that a student must be making satisfactory academic progress regardless of whether he or she has previously received Title IV aid. All students enrolled at the University of Arkansas who receive financial aid through the Title IV Assistance Programs must meet satisfactory academic progress requirements as defined below to be eligible for further aid. Satisfactory academic progress is deemed to have been made by any undergraduate student who meets both the quantitative and qualitative requirements indicated below.

Quantitative Requirements

There are two quantitative requirements that the student must meet to remain eligible to apply for financial assistance. First, the student must pass, at a minimum, 67% of the credits attempted while attending the University. Also, the student will remain eligible to apply for aid as long as the number of credits attempted is not more than 150% of the number of credits required for the student's degree.

A transfer student may have earned credits at another school that will count toward his or her degree at the University of Arkansas. Only transfer credits that apply to the student's degree will count as part of the 150% maximum.

The determination of each student's meeting the quantitative requirements for satisfactory academic progress will be made annually following the conclusion of the spring semester. If a student fails to pass at least 67% of the credits attempted or has attempted more than 150% of the number of credits required for graduation, then the student must appeal for reinstatement of financial aid eligibility.

Qualitative Requirements

A student is deemed to have met the qualitative requirements for satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes provided the student's academic status is not one of Academic Dismissal.

Graduate and Law Students

Satisfactory academic progress for graduate and law students is determined as described above with one exception. To meet the quantitative requirement, the student must pass with at least a grade of C, at a minimum, 67% of the credits attempted while attending the University at the graduate level.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Office of Academic Scholarships is part of the Honors College and is housed in Old Main, Room 518.

The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, awards over 5,000 scholarships totaling more than \$14 million for students each year. This total does not include funds that support such external scholarships held by UA students as Governor's Scholarships or Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships. Scholarships funded by the University fall into three broad categories: distinguished fellowships, academic scholarships and special interest/skills scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW STUDENTS

Distinguished Fellowships

The University of Arkansas offers four distinguished Fellowships. The Sturgis Fellowship (est. 1985), the Bodenhamer Fellowship (est. 1998), the Boyer Fellowship (est. 2000), and the Honors College Fellowships (est. 2002) are among the most competitive and prestigious fellowships in the nation and are awarded to the most competitive students in the country. Each Fellow receives up to \$50,000 for four years of study. Students who wish to apply should visit the Web site at www.honorscollege.uark.edu. One application is used for all four Fellowships.

The Bodenhamer Foundation, acting through its trustee, Lee Bodenhamer (BSBA 1957, MBA 1961), established the **Bodenhamer Fellowships** to encourage Arkansas' brightest and best high school students to pursue any course of study that leads to a baccalaureate degree at the University of Arkansas. Students outside of Arkansas are also encouraged to apply. Ten Bodenhamer Fellowship offers are made to entering freshmen each year. Contact information: Gary Standridge, Director, Bodenhamer Fellowship Program, 479-575-3593, cgs@uark.edu or Kelly Carter, Director, Academic Scholarship Office, 479-575-4464, bhamer@uark.edu.

The **Boyer Fellowships** were established by Tommy (1964 BSBA) and Sylvia (1963 BSE) Boyer to assist an outstanding student from Arkansas who also demonstrates financial need and selects a major in the Sam M. Walton College of Business. One Boyer Fellowship offer is made to an entering freshman each year. Contact information: Karen Boston, Managing Director, Boyer Fellowship, 479-575-4622, basucces@walton.uark.edu.

The **Sturgis Fellowship** established by the Roy & Christine Charitable Trust Fund was created to attract students from the state and across the country who are interested in majoring in areas in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences. Ten Sturgis Fellowship offers are made to entering freshmen each year. Contact information: Sidney Burris, Director, Sturgis Fellowship, 479-575-2509, sburris@uark.edu.

In 2002, The Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation established the **Honors College Fellowships** to assist in attracting outstanding students from Arkansas and the country. Honors College Fellowship applicants have a minimum of a 32 ACT or 1420 SAT or are National Merit Semi-Finalists and have a strong academic record. Up to 75 Honors College Fellowships offers are made to entering freshmen each year. Contact information: Suzanne McCray, Associate Dean, Honors College, 479-575-7678, honors@uark.edu.

Academic Scholarships

A limited number of academic scholarships also are awarded to entering freshmen and transfer students. Selection criteria include national test scores (ACT or SAT), grade-point average, National Merit or National Achievement recognition, quality and quantity of courses taken, and other pertinent factors.

Academic scholarships are either general University scholarships or

those awarded by a specific academic area (college, department, or program). The general scholarships are awarded to new students by the Office of Academic Scholarships in conjunction with the University Scholarship Review Committee. Scholarships that are more specific are awarded to upper-class students whose scholastic performance at the University serves as a criterion for the awards.

The **Honors College Academy Scholarships** (up to \$16,000 for four years) are awarded competitively to students in Arkansas from under-represented areas with a minimum of a 28 ACT and a 3.5 gpa. To apply for the Honors College Academy Scholarships we need only the admissions application. To view the admissions application, visit the following Web site: <http://admissions.uark.edu>.

Special skill and interest scholarships are awarded to new or continuing students on the basis of skills and performance in music (including band) and athletics, or on the basis of an interest in a military career (Army and Air Force scholarships).

Information about scholarship opportunities at the University is available from the Office of Academic Scholarships. Students may also obtain specific information about scholarship opportunities from the University departments that award them. The following listing of scholarship programs is provided to demonstrate the scope of scholarship opportunities at the University of Arkansas. Space in this catalog does not permit an all-inclusive listing.

See www.scholarships.uark.edu for more information.

UA SCHOLARSHIPS—GENERAL INFORMATION

The following regulations govern the general University scholarships described below:

1. **FEBRUARY 15** is the scholarship deadline for entering freshmen and **MARCH 15** for entering transfer students. An applicant must be admitted to the University by the above mentioned deadline to be considered for these scholarships.
2. An "entering freshman" is defined as a student who has not enrolled in another post-secondary institution in a fall or spring semester following graduation from high school.
3. Eligibility for renewal of Chancellor's and general University scholarships is determined at the end of the spring semester each "year." For this purpose, a "year" is defined as an academic year composed of summer sessions, fall semester, and spring semester, in this order. Students may "catch up" in summer terms by taking classes at their own expense on the Fayetteville campus.
4. These scholarships are generally awarded per academic year to cover the fall and spring terms, up to an eight-semester maximum. Renewal criteria are evaluated every two semesters. See <http://scholarships.uark.edu/renewal.html> for renewal schedules.
5. A student who is placed on academic warning forfeits his or her scholarship effective the semester of academic warning. See <http://www.uark.edu/admin/regrinfo/docs/academicstanding/ASpolicy.html> for a full description.

Chancellor's Scholarships

There are three levels of Chancellor's Scholarships, which are applied toward tuition, fees, and room and board (double occupancy) in designated residence halls. Greek House room and board allowances will begin with the freshmen class of Fall 2003. Chancellor's Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.

- The Chancellor's Merit Scholarship, for National Merit or Achievement finalists who designate the University of Arkansas as their first-choice institution to the Merit or Achievement organization;

- The Chancellor's Distinguished Governor's Scholarships, for Arkansas residents who apply and qualify for the Arkansas Distinguished Governor's Scholarship when funds are available from the State of Arkansas; and
- The Chancellor's Scholarship: Consideration will be given to students in the top 5% of the University's applicant pool and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and examples of community service.

Scholarships, Grants, and Other Awards for Non-Resident Students

See Appendix A.

Non-Resident Tuition Grant

The Non-Resident Tuition Grant is for entering freshmen from neighboring states with a 3.0 or higher GPA and a minimum 24 ACT/1090 SAT test score. This award will pay the out-of-state tuition differential. Neighboring states include Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. Please contact the Office of Academic Scholarships at 479-575-4464 for more information.

COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following college and departmental scholarships are available to entering freshmen at the University of Arkansas. Complete addresses and phone numbers of the colleges, schools, or departments listed below may be found in the respective college or school sections of this catalog.

School of Architecture

Herbert Thomas Memorial Academic Scholarship is available to an entering freshman with outstanding high school records and ACT (or SAT) scores. This scholarship carries an annual stipend of \$1,750. It is renewable annually to the recipient who maintains a 3.00 cumulative grade point average in either the Bachelor of Architecture degree program or the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree program and makes satisfactory progress toward the degree. (Recipients must carry a minimum of fourteen hours of work each semester.) Upon graduation or forfeiture by the recipient, another scholarship is awarded.

Mary Pipkin Johnson Memorial Scholarship is available to a freshman entering the School of Architecture in the amount of \$2,250. This funding is based on high school performance and promise of professional ability. The scholarship continues as long as the recipient in the architecture or landscape architecture program maintains a 3.00 grade-point average. Upon graduation or forfeiture by the recipient, another scholarship is awarded.

Professional Advisory Board Freshman Scholarship. The recipient of this award is chosen by past academic success. He or she must show promise as a future professional in the fields of architecture or landscape architecture. It is open to any freshman entering the School of Architecture who is interested in either architecture or landscape architecture in the amount of \$1,000.

J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences

The J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences offers many outstanding scholarship opportunities. Collectively, Fulbright's 19 departments offer more than 100 scholarships and awards. At the college level, 12 scholarships benefit students in the arts and sciences. For comprehensive information about these awards, visit the Web at <http://www.uark.edu/~arsc/students/scholarships.html> or call 575-4801.

Three college-wide scholarships merit special attention: Through the Sturgis Fellowship Program, Fulbright College offers premier scholarships worth \$50,000 over four years to exceptionally talented students

with the intellectual potential to become future leaders in society. In addition, all honors students are eligible to apply for research and study abroad funding through the Sturgis Grants Program. For information or an application, contact Director of Honors Studies at 575-2509.

The King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies offers substantial four-year and two-year renewable scholarships to superior students majoring in Middle East Studies. The program also offers competitive funding for language study in Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt. Funding for summer study abroad and research projects is considered on a case-by-case basis. Scholarship applications and information about the program can be obtained by contacting mest@uark.edu or calling 575-4157.

In honor of the Fulbright commitment to international education, the College offers the J.W. and Elizabeth W. Fulbright Endowed Scholarship, which supports a year of study abroad. To qualify, students must display an interest in one of the following fields: literature, history (including theatre, art, and music history), jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative languages, and those aspects of the social sciences that employ philosophical or historical approaches. For more information about these opportunities, visit <http://www.uark.edu/~arsc/students/scholarships.html> or call 575-4801.

Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences

A Margaret Stearns Fellowship in the amount of \$9000 will be awarded annually to an incoming freshman that has achieved outstanding academic performance, and is renewable up to three years.

Beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year, Division of Agriculture Land Grant Scholars Endowment Program shall provide up to 16 scholarships, dependent upon the availability of funds: the goal is to award one graduate fellowship at \$11,000; two undergraduate scholarships \$8000 each, one to an entering freshman and the other to a new transfer student; thirteen undergraduate scholarships for \$4000 to three entering freshman and to ten new transfer students.

Dale Bumpers Distinguished Scholar Program provides one \$2500 scholarship to the outstanding transfer undergraduate and a \$1000 award to the outstanding graduate student.

Information and application procedures regarding these and approximately 200 departmental scholarships are available on the college Web site: <http://www.uark.edu/depts/dbcafls/scholarships.html>.

Sam M. Walton College of Business

The Boyer Fellowship is offered to Walton College students who have achieved at an outstanding level both in and out of the classroom. High grades and standardized test scores are required along with a strong commitment to service and the demonstration of exceptional leadership skills. Applicants for the Boyer Fellowship must demonstrate financial need.

Other scholarships are available through the departments of accounting, information systems, economics, finance, management, and marketing & logistics as well as through the Walton College's general scholarship program. Scholarships are primarily awarded on the basis of academic achievement and/or financial need.

For further information on Walton College scholarships, contact the Undergraduate Programs Office at 575-4622.

College of Education and Health Professions

The College of Education and Health Professions offers a limited number of scholarships at various amounts. Applicants are selected on the basis of promise, character, leadership skills, scholarship, and financial need.

Scholarship applications are available in December of each year. We

strongly encourage all current and future COEHP students to take advantage of these scholarship opportunities.

For further information regarding scholarship opportunities within the College, visit the Web at <<http://www.uark.edu/depts/coehp/Scholarships.htm>> or contact the Boyer Center for Student Services, 8 Peabody Hall, 575-4205.

College of Engineering

The College of Engineering awards numerous scholarships and fellowships to entering freshmen, continuing students, transfer students, and graduate students. Most scholarships are based, primarily, on academic performance. However, scholarships are also awarded on the basis of financial need and minority status. Scholarships are available from both the College and its individual departments.

College scholarships are available to any engineering student while departmental scholarships are meant for students enrolled in a particular discipline of engineering. Students must be admitted to the University of Arkansas and accepted into the College of Engineering to qualify and receive either a College or Departmental scholarship.

The College has a one-step application process that allows a student to be considered for all college level scholarships. Departmental scholarship applications can be obtained from the respective department offices.

For more information concerning scholarship opportunities, contact the College of Engineering Scholarship Officer at 479-575-4092 or e-mail scholarship@engr.uark.edu. Questions regarding minority programs should be directed to the Minority Programs Director at 479-575-6012.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONDITIONS

ACT 1185

Arkansas income taxpayers and their dependents who reside in a bordering state in a county or parish contiguous to an Arkansas county in which a public institution of higher education is located may enroll at the University of Arkansas and receive an out-of-state tuition award under the provisions of ACT 1185 of 1995, Section 34. The availability of funds may vary each year, and the students must provide certain documentation. Please contact the Office of Academic Scholarships at 575-4464 for more information.

Arkansas Alumni Association Scholarships

The Arkansas Alumni Association awards two four-year Arkansas Alumni Association Scholarships per academic year to high school seniors planning to attend the University of Arkansas. Selection is based on academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and applicant's essay as well as extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and work experience.

- The License plate or "Roads" Scholarship recipients are automatically considered from applicants for the Arkansas Alumni Scholarship. Candidates are selected from various regions across the state, therefore the recipients must be Arkansas residents. The number of scholarships awarded depends on funds made available by the sale of the Razorback Collegiate License Plates.
- Arkansas Alumni Chapter Scholarships are funded by participating alumni chapters across the country to encourage high school seniors from their geographical areas to attend the University of Arkansas. Recipients are considered from applicants for the Arkansas Alumni Scholarship.

FEBRUARY 15 is the application deadline for scholarships.

Alumni Legacy Scholarships

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship will pay the out-of-state tuition differential. Non-Resident students with a 3.0 high school GPA and 24-36 ACT/1110-1600 SAT are eligible if they have a parent with a degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, who is a current member of the Arkansas Alumni Association. Please contact the Arkansas Alumni Association at 575-2801 for more information.

Alumni Legacy Tuition Reduction Grant

The Alumni Legacy Tuition Reduction Grant will pay 50% of the out-of-state tuition differential. Non-Resident students who are admitted, and have a parent with a degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, and are a current member of the Arkansas Alumni Association are eligible. Please contact the Arkansas Alumni Association at 575-2801 for more information.

Selection criteria includes national test scores (ACT or SAT) and grade-point average.

Music and Band

The music department offers scholarships for talented students who sing or play instruments. Band scholarships are given for participation in the UA Band Program and are based on playing ability, academic achievement, and potential contribution to the University of Arkansas Bands. Both awards are renewable for up to five years (ten semesters), as long as the student meets the conditions specified on the scholarship contract.

Music and Band Scholarships are available to music majors and to students majoring in other areas who participate in certain ensembles. All scholarships require an audition. To set up an audition, contact the music department at 479-575-4701 or the band office at 479-575-4100.

Air Force and Army ROTC

The Air Force and Army Reserve Officer Training Corps programs offer a number of scholarship opportunities for entering freshmen and on-campus students. See the Reserve Officer Training Corps section of this catalog for detailed information.

Veterans Benefits

The University of Arkansas is approved by the Arkansas Department of Education for veterans and veterans' beneficiaries who are working toward a degree. Veterans of recent military service, service members, members of reserve units, and the dependents of certain other servicemen may be entitled to educational assistance payments under the following programs: Title 38, Chapter 30, Montgomery GI Bill for Veterans; Title 38, Chapter 32, Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP); Title 38, Chapter 35, Survivors and Dependents Education; and Title 10, Chapter 106, Montgomery GI Bill for Selective Reserves.

Students must be working toward a degree and following the curriculum outline for their objectives, since only specific courses may be applied toward VA certification and graduation. Students eligible for educational benefits may contact the Office of the Registrar for further information.

Detailed information regarding stipends and housing is provided in the chapter "Reserve Officer Training Corps."