# **Institutional Scholarship Policies**

## **Applying for Institutional Scholarships**

- Complete the UAM Admissions application, submit test scores and an official high school transcript.
- Meet eligibility requirements: qualifying ACT superscore (or SAT/Accuplacer equivalent) and a 2.5 high school GPA.
- The July ACT test is the final score report accepted for scholarship consideration, subject to available funding. Students will only be awarded the scholarship with the highest eligible value.

### **Award Information**

Scholarships are used to help pay tuition, mandatory fees, course-related charges, books purchased at the UAM bookstore, and on-campus room and board. Half of the award amount will be applied to the student's fall semester account balance and the other half to the spring account balance. A scholarship recipient who elects to live off-campus (instead of in a UAM residence hall), will forfeit any remaining scholarship funds. **Institutional scholarships may not be combined and are non-refundable.** 

## **Scholarship Enrollment Requirements**

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in 15 credit hours at UAM on the 11th class day of each semester. The one exception is the students' first freshman semester at UAM, which requires only 12 credit hours. Students must successfully complete 27 credit hours in the first academic year and 30 credit hours each academic year thereafter. Recipients must be fully admitted as degree-seeking students earning their first undergraduate degree.

## **Scholarship Renewal Requirements**

For scholarship renewal, students must make academic progress toward earning a degree and be in good standing with the University. Students must earn at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA by the end of each semester. Only UAM coursework will count towards GPA and credit hour completion for scholarship purposes. Students must complete 27 credit hours with a 2.5 GPA by the end of the spring semester of their freshman year. Students must then complete 30 credit hours with a 2.5 GPA by the end of the spring semester every year after the freshman year.

Students who do not complete the required hours and maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at UAM, will be placed on scholarship probation. Students on scholarship probation can correct deficiencies the following term (spring for fall; summer for spring). If deficiencies are not corrected the following term, students will not be allowed an additional semester to maintain their scholarship. Students placed on <u>academic</u> probation due to a GPA below 2.0, or who are no longer meeting the <u>UAM Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy</u> standards at the end of any semester will immediately lose their scholarship.

Institutional scholarships are available for eight semesters (four years) of continuous enrollment, except for the Community College Transfer Scholarship and the Nighthawk Scholarship which are available for four semesters (two years) of continuous enrollment. Freshman and Sophomore Transfer scholarships are limited to eight semesters of continuous enrollment from all schools attended. However, once a bachelor's degree is earned, the student will no longer receive an institutional scholarship.

### **Scholarship Appeals**

There is no scholarship reinstatement policy for students who fail to meet the renewal criteria. However, if problems occur due to extenuating circumstances or medical emergencies, students may appeal to the Scholarship Committee by completing an <u>Institutional Scholarship Appeal</u> with supporting documentation. Appeals are only granted in extreme circumstances beyond the student's control, and the Scholarship Committee retains final authority regarding each appeal decision. Students will be notified of the deadline to submit an appeal at the time they are informed that their institutional scholarship was not renewed.