



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – RESPONSIBILITIES – POLICIES

Full and/or partial tuition and mandatory fee scholarships for the Fall and Spring semesters of the academic year are available to undergraduate students at the following USM institutions.

Bowie State University (BSU)
Coppin State College (CSC)
Frostburg State University (FSU)
Salisbury University (SU)

Towson University (TU)
University of Baltimore (UB)
University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP)
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore (UMES)
University of Maryland University College (UMUC)

Eligibility Criteria

(Provide this page to prospective student applicants.)

1.
 - **New Enrollees – BSU, CSC, FSU, SU, TU, UMBC, UMCP, UMES**
Must have a **combined** SAT score minimum of 1000 (1200 preferred) **and** 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative **academic** high school grad point average.

Or

 - **New Enrollees – UB, UMB, UMUC**
Must have completed 60 credits of study **and** have a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average.

Or

 - **Transfer Students**
Must have been accepted in one of the USM institutions and have a minimum cumulative 3.5 grade point average from the institution from which transfer is being made.

Or

 - **Students currently enrolled at USM institutions**
Must have a minimum cumulative 3.25 grade point average.
Students re-applying for the AA-I Scholarship Award.
 2. Must be enrolled as a full time undergraduate student with a minimum of 12 semester hours.
 3. Must be a Maryland resident (as defined in the **University System of Maryland Board of Regents Policy on Student Residency Classification for Admission, Tuition and Charge-Differential Purposes**) at the time of application.
 4. Must have **documented** leadership ability demonstrated through community and school activities.
**** Documentation in application package must include:**
 - a) A written statement from each applicant with information about interests, leadership/participation in community and/or school activities, career goals, etc.
 - b) Transcripts
 - c) Reference letters (Professors/Deans/Teachers/Counselors) – minimum of 2
- All documentation must be dated within the previous 6 months. Students re-applying must provide updated documentation.**
5. Must maintain a cumulative 3.25 grade point average to remain in good standing.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID OF THE USM INSTITUTION

1. Receive applications – completed applicant summary form and application documentation package. (For each applicant, fill in the RECEIVED BY: on the applicant summary form.)
2. Review application(s) for eligibility criteria and application requirements. (Fill in the REVIEWED BY: field on the applicant summary form.)
3. Evaluate qualified applicants and select scholarship recipient(s) and alternate(s). Determine the amount of funding to be allocated to recipient(s) from the amount allocated by AA-I. It is recommended that alternates be chosen each year in case the selected recipient (s) becomes ineligible for funding.
4. Notify AA-I of the selected scholarship recipient (s) and alternate(s) and amount of funding awarded for each by **March 30**. Please include a copy of the selected recipient(s) applicant summary form and application package.

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5. Provide AA-I each semester, with written confirmation of student's full-time enrollment status after the add/drop period along with information on whom check is to be written and where it is to be mailed.
6. Publicize scholarship program during recruiting and in appropriate institution publications.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AA-I

1. Provide notification, policies/procedures, and financial information to institution admission and financial aid offices, detailing the program and eligibility requirements.
2. Receive copies of recipient(s) and alternate(s) application summary form and application package from each USM Financial Aid office by **March 30**.
3. Pay tuition and mandatory fees directly to the institution on behalf of the recipient(s) each semester, **after written confirmation of enrollment and amount owed is received from the institution.**
4. AA-I will post the scholarship award recipients on its web site.

AA-I POLICY

1. RE: DUPLICATE TUITION & MANDATORY FEES FUNDING

In the event the recipient of an AA-I Scholarship receives other scholarship funding which includes tuition and mandatory fees, whether in full or in part, the dollar amount of the AA-I Scholarship award shall be reduced to prevent any duplicate funding. In no case shall the cumulative total for scholarship funding awarded to a student for tuition and mandatory fees exceed the amount charged by the applicable USM institution.

In the event any portion of the above noted duplicate funding ceases to be available to the recipient for the 2nd semester, as long as he/she continues to meet the other criteria for AA-I's scholarship Program, AA-I's funding for the 2nd semester may be adjusted or reinstated, as appropriate, upon receipt of written notification from the applicable institution.

2. RE: FUNDING IF A RECIPIENT ELECTS TO GO ELSEWHERE

AA-I Scholarships approved for funding are paid on a per semester basis to the applicable USM institution and not to the student. The approved funding will be applied against the student's tuition and mandatory fees. The approved funding will be based upon the Institution's Schedule of Fees at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

Should a recipient of an AA-I Scholarship award elect not to attend the USM institution that had submitted his/her application for consideration, that institution forfeits the right to receive those scholarship funds for the current award cycle. However, should a student transfer to another USM institution during the approved for funding academic year, the scholarship will transfer with the student, as long as the above criteria are met. The transferable funding amount is limited to the lesser of 1) the originally approved funding, or 2) the fee for the Institution into which the student is transferring.

Alumni Association-International, Inc. (AA-I) is an equal opportunity organization with respect to both education and employment. AA-I's policies, programs and activities are in conformance with pertinent federal and state laws and regulations on non-discrimination regarding race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, physical or mental handicap.

Scholarship recipient's names may be used in AA-I Scholarship information and publicity unless recipient notifies AA-I in writing that recipient does not want his/her name used.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – APPLICANT SUMMARY FORM

Please complete and attach this form to each scholarship application package

Applicant Name _____ Soc Sec # _____

Permanent Address

Maryland Resident Yes _____ No _____

Student applying for scholarship to: _____

Current Status of applicant (Complete the appropriate category)

▪ **New Enrollee** _____ (BSU, CSC, FSU, SU, TU, UMBC, UMCP, UMES)

SAT Score _____ Grade Point Average _____

▪ **New Enrollee** _____ (UB, UMB, UMUC)

Credit Hours Enrolled _____ Grade Point Average _____

▪ **Transfer Student** _____

Transfer From _____ to _____

Cumulative GPA _____

▪ **Current USM Student** _____ Cumulative GPA _____

▪ **Re-Applying for AA-I Award** _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Full-Time Undergraduate Student? (12-semester hours minimum) Yes _____ No _____

Full (1) Year Tuition & Mandatory Fees \$ _____

Total of other Financial Assistance funding \$ _____

Demonstrated Leadership Ability Through community and school involvement?

(If Yes – attach supporting documentation/application package)

Yes _____ No _____

For USM Institute Office Use only:

Received By: _____ Date _____

Selected Yes _____ No _____

Alternate Yes _____ No _____

Amount of AA-I Award \$ _____