

Foundation Scholarships – Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions:

Q: When do I start applying for Foundation Scholarships?

A: You should submit your general applications each year **between February 1 through February 28.**

Q: What is the minimum eligibility requirement for Foundation Scholarships?

A: In order to be eligible for a Foundation Scholarship, you must:

- Complete the award year ULM Scholarship Application
- Meet all requirements as set forth by the donor
- Complete a FASFA if the donor requires demonstration of financial need (*International Students do not need to complete this form*)
- Maintain a minimum **2.5 cumulative GPA each semester** unless otherwise designated by donor
- Be in compliance with [ULM's Code of Student Conduct](#)

Q: Who is eligible to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

- Current high school seniors who have been admitted to ULM for Fall 2018
- Currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students
- Incoming transfer students
- International and Out-of- State Students
- Traditional and non-traditional students
- Online Students

Q: Who is not eligible to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

- Students receiving a President's Distinguished Academic Scholarship (*does not apply to students who are currently receiving a renewable Foundation Scholarship*)
- Students graduating from ULM in May 2018 (*Scholarships are awarded for the following Fall and Spring semesters*)
- Students not admitted to ULM

Q: What is the award amount for each Foundation Scholarship?

A: Foundation Scholarship awards vary depending on the terms of the scholarship agreement and current market conditions. Most awards range between \$200 and \$5000. Funding availability is subject to change each year.

Q: Do you have to be admitted to ULM to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

A: Yes, you have to be admitted and assigned a ULM username and CWID in order get access to the application portal.

Q: Do I have to submit the General Application every year?

A: Yes, you must submit a new general application every year to be considered for scholarships because prior applications are removed from the system at the end of each award cycle.

Q: When is the application deadline for Foundation Scholarships?

A: The application deadline for all Foundation scholarships is **February 28 at 11:59 pm CST**. Applications submitted prior to the deadline, will be reviewed with equal merit regardless of the date they are submitted.

Q: Where can I find the criteria of all Foundation Scholarships?

A: Criteria for each scholarship can be found in two ways:

- Go to <https://ulm.academicworks.com/opportunities>. You can view the criteria by simply clicking on the title of each scholarship. You **do not** need to login.
- Log-in [ULM Foundation Scholarship Website](#). On the top of the page, click on the tab “Opportunities” and view the criteria for each scholarship currently available.

Q: What is the best way to search for Foundation Scholarships?

- Go to <https://ulm.academicworks.com/opportunities>.
- Click on “Show Filters” button to the far right of the “Search by Keyword” feature.
- Click on the filter you want.
- Click on “Filter Opportunities” to view all scholarships that match the scope or category selected.

Application Process:

Q: What are the types of Foundation Scholarships?

A: Based on students’ general application and academic data pulled in from Banner, Academic Works is able to identify and match student applications two ways:

Auto-match:

- These scholarships match to you according to your general application and information pulled from Banner.
- You do not need to take any further action other than complete the general application to qualify for these scholarships.

Apply-to:

- To be considered for apply-to scholarships, you must answer the additional questions, submit an essay, or submit reference letters.
- An apply-to scholarship will have an Apply button next to it in the scholarship listing.
- When you click on Apply, you will see the questions you need to complete.
- Once you complete them, save and submit your answers.

Q: Do I need to submit a FAFSA to apply for Foundation Scholarship?

A: A FAFSA is not required for a majority of Foundation Scholarships. However, this information is required for some need-based scholarships.

International students and certain non-citizens **do not** have to submit a FAFSA.

Q: Do my parents have to be alumni of ULM to apply for the Foundation Scholarships?

A: No, we accept applications regardless of your connections to ULM. All applications are reviewed with equal merit, regardless of an applicant’s connection to ULM.

Q: Do I need to be a United States citizen to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

A: No, you do not need to be a United States citizen to apply for Foundation Scholarships. International students as well as certain non-citizens are eligible to apply.

Q: How do I apply for Foundation Scholarships?

- To be able to apply, you must have a Campus Wide ID (CWID) and email address assigned by ULM.
- Go to https://ulm.academicworks.com/users/sign_in
- Login using your Warhawk username and password (ex. abc@warhawks.ulm.edu).
- Once you log in, complete the general application.
- The general application asks basic questions regarding your personal information and extracurricular activities.
- Once you complete all required questions, click “Finish and Continue.”
- You **MUST** answer all questions marked with an asterisk.

Q: What happens after I complete my General Application?

- Your complete, submitted General Application profile and your academic record imported from Banner (*ULM’s student database system*) automatically applies you to any Auto-Match scholarships for which you are eligible.
- If you would like to be considered for scholarships that require additional work outside of the General Application submission, review “Recommended Opportunities” and click “Apply” next to opportunities.
- Read the posted criteria carefully and only apply to scholarships for which you are truly eligible.
- You must apply to each scholarship that you wish to be considered for individually.
- Please note that some scholarships require additional questions; you have not actually applied until you have clicked apply next to an opportunity.

Q: Why can’t I see any auto-match scholarships in my Academic Works portal?

A: Auto-matches made using student information from the general scholarship application are not viewable in students’ Academic Works portal because there is no further action required for a student to be considered.

Q: Where is the information imported from Banner located?

A: The **Applicant Record** tab contains all other information imported from Banner (the university’s student information system) such as your current term GPA, overall GPA, major, hours completed, hours enrolled, etc.

Q: Can I only apply for scholarships that are recommended to me?

A: No, the system will suggest scholarships based on your general application, but it does not match your qualifications 100%. You must browse all scholarships to identify and apply to scholarships for which you may be qualified. If you rely solely on recommendations, you will miss other opportunities that you may qualify to apply.

Q: Can I apply for more than one Foundation scholarship?

A: Yes. You can apply for as many scholarships for which you are eligible but please read the eligibility requirements of each scholarship carefully before applying.

Q: How do I know that I have completed my application and it has been received by ULM?

- Once you have successfully applied for an opportunity, click on **“Applications”** on the left-hand side of the page. You should see **“Complete”** under General Applications.
- You will receive an email from the ULM Scholarships Office ‘scholarships@ulm.edu’ that says ‘ULM Scholarship Application Submission Confirmation.’
- Individual scholarships that you have successfully applied for will be visible under **“Active”** and you should see **“Application Submitted”** on the upper right-hand corner of the box.

Q: Do I have a better chance if I submit my application early?

A: No, our scholarships are based on various different requirements but they are not first come first serve so please take your time filling out the application. It is more important that you provide the correct information and submit it before the deadline than to be the first application submitted.

Q: What are my chances of receiving Foundation Scholarships?

A: The possibility of you receiving a scholarship depends on several factors, including the number of students eligible for the scholarships and the number of scholarships to be awarded.

Q: I do not have the best grades. Can I still be considered for a Foundation Scholarship?

A: Yes. Some of the scholarships take grades into consideration, but other scholarships emphasize alternate areas of performance such as leadership, community service and other extra-curricular activities. Good grades are not always the only requirement for scholarship awarding.

Q: What if I start my general application and cannot finish it in one sitting?

A: You can save your responses (or even submit them) and return whenever you are ready to complete, but before the deadline date.

Q: I made a mistake on my submitted application. Can I make changes to it?

A: You may go back and change, correct, and update your General Application and Apply-to Applications until the deadline date.

Application Review:

Q: How will my application be evaluated? Are scholarships awarded based on merit or financial need?

- The scholarship committee makes award selections based on a compilation of various criteria, including but not limited to: leadership potential, academic performance, work experience and commitment to school and community, as well as financial need and any other donor-specific requirements.
- Scholarships each have defined criteria and priorities. Some scholarships are merit based, some scholarships are based on financial need, and some are a combination of both.

Q: If I qualify for a Foundation Scholarship, will I automatically receive the scholarship?

A: No. The scholarship committees throughout the university will review applicants who meet the criteria (*qualifications*) and award the most qualified applicant(s) based on the criteria listed for each scholarship.

Notification and Awards:

Q: When will I find out if I have been awarded a Foundation Scholarship? Will you let me know if I have not?

- You will receive an email in your Warhawk email account from the ULM Scholarships Office 'scholarships@ulm.edu' that says "*ULM Foundations Scholarships: Congratulations! You have been selected for the _____ award.*" You will also have to accept the offer by clicking on the link provided in the email, and complete the post acceptance questions on your academic works account.
- You can login to your Foundation Scholarship account (https://ulm.academicworks.com/users/sign_in) to check on the status of all the scholarships that you applied.
- A status of "*Offered*" under the *Needs Attention* category indicates that you have been awarded a scholarship. It will ask you to accept the award.
- A status of "*Application Submitted*" under the *Current* category indicates that the scholarship is still under review.
- A status of "*Not selected for this year*" under the *Current* category indicates that you were not selected for an award this award cycle.
- We encourage you to check the website regularly for status updates between May and July.

Q: What is needed for the post-acceptance process if I am awarded a Foundation Scholarship?

A: You must **accept the Foundation Scholarship offer**; complete the post acceptance questions following the specific directions indicated in the offer email.

Q: Is there a deadline for accepting a scholarship offer?

A: Yes. The scholarship offer will expire within two weeks of the email notification.

Q: Can the Foundation Scholarship funds be applied towards my summer or winter sessions?

A: No, award amounts are applied only to the Fall and Spring semesters.

Q: I am graduating after the fall semester; may I have the full amount of my scholarship in the fall?

A: No. Scholarship funds are disbursed across the academic year with 50% of the award paid in the fall semester and 50% paid in the spring semester.

Q: What happens if I move or change schools after I have been awarded a Foundation Scholarship?

A: Award recipients who move should contact the Scholarship Office and update their mailing address on their General Application so we make your sure that your thank you card will be sent to the correct address for you to complete to the donor.

Recipients who have a change of school should also notify the Scholarship Office of the change. All Foundation Scholarships are awarded to students who are enrolled at ULM and are non-transferrable.

Q: Why has my Foundation Scholarship not been posted to my Student Account?

A: Scholarships are processed and posted by the Scholarship Office in the order they are received. It may take a little while for the scholarship award to be processed and show in the your account depending on the volume of scholarships being processed.

It is important to note that award recipients' thank you cards must be received and approved before scholarship funds are paid out and are reflected on your bills.

Thank You to the Scholarship Donor:

Q: How do I thank the donor of my scholarship?

- As a scholarship recipient, you are **required** to complete a thank-you card to the donor(s) of your scholarship before your funds are disbursed.
- Once you complete your post acceptance questions on your academic works account, the Scholarship Office will mail you a thank you card along with a guide to help you write on the card.
- You must complete the thank you card and return it in the postage paid envelope or hand deliver it to the Scholarships Office, located in Sandel Hall, Suite 102.
- Your thank you card will be forwarded to the donor(s) or sponsor(s) of your scholarship.

Q: Is it possible that I could lose my Foundation Scholarship?

A: If it is determined that you no longer meet criteria (*qualifications*) of the Foundation Scholarship, your scholarship could be cancelled. Below are some examples of factors that could affect a student's scholarship eligibility:

- Major change
- GPA falling below the minimum requirement of the scholarship
- Less than full-time status (*if the scholarship requires a student to be full-time*)
- Student conduct conviction
- Honor code violation
- Student withdrawal from the university.

Q: Why was I not awarded a Foundation Scholarship?

A: Foundation Scholarships are very competitive as many students are applying. The Scholarship Committee selects the most qualified applicants. We encourage you to apply every year.

Renewal of Scholarships:

Q: What are renewable scholarships and how do they work?

A: ULM has several renewable scholarships. This means that your scholarship provides funding over multiple years if you maintain your eligibility (*donor criteria, GPA, enrollment status, degree program etc.*). **You must reapply every year in order to be considered for renewal.** For more information about specific renewable scholarships, please contact the ULM Scholarships Office directly.

Q: If I receive a scholarship one year, will I automatically receive an award for the following year?

A: No, scholarships are for one academic year so you must apply each year. In order to be considered for renewal for an auto-matched scholarship, you must complete the general application each year. If the scholarship was an Apply To, you must complete the general application as well as **apply to the scholarship every year to be considered for renewal.**

Q: Is the renewal of the Foundation Scholarship that I received last year guaranteed?

A: No, the renewal of your scholarship depends upon different factors, such as availability of funds. Most scholarships require students to reapply, continue to meet certain criteria (qualifications) and compete with the rest of the students applying for the scholarship.

Technical Questions:

Q: What system requirements are necessary to complete the general application on Academic Works?

- Academic Works supports only the current and the immediately previous major releases of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, and Microsoft Internet Explorer.
- You may receive emails from Academic Works. To ensure proper delivery, add no-reply@academicworks.com to spam filters or safe sender lists.

Q: What is my username?

A: Your Warhawks username is the same as your email address. If your email address is *'user123@warhawks.ulm.edu'* then your username is *'user123'*. If you do not know what your email address, you may use this [online form](#) to lookup your username using your CWID.

Q: What is my password?

A: Your default password is your birth-date followed by a dash "-" and the last four digits of your CWID. For example if your birthday is 04-17-85 and the last four digits of your CWID is 1234, then your myULM default password will be 041785-1234. There are no spaces in the password. Here is an example of the format:

MMDDYY-XXXX

MM=Birth month

DD=Birthday

YY=birth year

- = dash character

XXXX = last four digits of CWID

Q: I cannot remember my password to access myULM, webmail, or Moodle.

A: Call the Helpdesk at **(318)342-3333** or email helpdesk@ulm.edu.