

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION SCHOLARSHIP



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

**Arkansas State
UNIVERSITY
MOUNTAIN HOME**

All Academic Distinction Scholarship recipients are responsible for understanding the rules and meeting all responsibilities of scholarship receipt and renewal. Recipient may lose the scholarship if all rules and requirements for receipt and renewal are not met.

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATION

Students qualify for eligibility of the ASUMH Academic Distinction Scholarship by meeting the following criteria.

- Be a First Time Entering Freshman at ASUMH no more than 12 months after having completed high school, home schooling, or GED.
- Never having attended any other Post-Secondary College or Training after completion of high school, home schooling, or GED. *NOTE: College level coursework taking before completion of high school, home schooling, or GED completion are NOT a disqualification.*
- Meet one of the following.
 - Have an ACT COMPOSITE or SUPERScore of 24 or higher **and** have a non-weighted high school Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
 - Have an SAT score of 1160 or higher **and** have a non-weighted high school Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
 - Students that do not meet the ACT or SAT required scores, listed above, but rank in the top 10% (No Rounding) of your high school graduating class of 20 or more students, **and** have a non-weighted high school Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
 - Have a GED score of 660 or higher.

Official final high school transcripts reflecting graduation, grades, and/or class rank along with the appropriate ACT, SAT, or GED test scores must be received by the ASUMH Office of Admissions to finalize eligibility.

AWARD SCALE

Award Amount per semester	ACT SCORE With 3.0 GPA composite or super score	SAT SCORE With 3.0 GPA	CLASS RANK With 3.0 GPA When otherwise ineligible by a test score	GED SCORE
\$1000.00	24-25	1160-1230	-	660-674
\$1250.00	26-27	1240-1300	-	675-689
\$1500.00	28 and up	1300 and up	Top 10%	690 and up

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SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE

ACCEPT the initial Academic Distinction Scholarship Award Offer.

- Accept the offer within 30 days of the date on the notification offering the Academic Distinction Scholarship.
- Academic Distinction Scholarship offers not accepted within 30 days of date on the notification letter offering the Academic Distinction Scholarship are subject to possible forfeiture.
- Recipients that attend another college or other post-secondary institution after high school graduation, home school completion, or GED completion and before attending ASUMH forfeit their scholarship offer.
- Recipients that plan to attend another college or other post-secondary institution should decline the award offer.

SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT

ENROLL in at least 12 ASUMH credit hours every FALL and SPRING semester.

Any credits received by testing out of Computer Essentials and/or Intro to Computers through the Computer Challenge Exam are **NOT** counted in the 12 ASUMH credit hours enrollment requirement.

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

- **Complete and Pass a Minimum of 12 ASUMH credit hours every fall and spring semester.**
- **Maintain the Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.00** at the end of every fall and spring semester. **NOTE:** Academic Distinction Scholarship recipients who first enroll in summer school immediately following completion of high school, home school, or GED completion will be eligible for the scholarship during Fall semester regardless of the outcome of the summer coursework. However, all grades for courses taken at ASUMH including High School concurrent credits are included in the minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average renewal requirement.
- Any credits received by testing out of Computer Essentials and/or Intro to Computers through the Computer Challenge Exam are **NOT** counted in the 12 ASUMH credit hour renewal requirement.

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GENERAL GUIDELINES

- The Academic Distinction Scholarship is available for attendance in Arkansas State University – Mountain Home courses only.
- The Academic Distinction Scholarship can be renewed up to 3 times, for a total of 4 consecutive semesters, excluding summer enrollment.
- Eligibility for renewal is checked after fall and spring grades are posted. See the SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL section of this document for more details.
- Recipients that do not attend ASUMH consecutive fall and spring semesters lose the scholarship.
- ASUMH summer school enrollment does not count toward or assist with any hour completion requirements for receipt or renewal of the Academic Distinction Scholarship.
- ASUMH summer school grades and high school concurrent course grades are included in the Cumulative Grade Point Average calculation and will be part of the renewal criteria determinations.
- Academic Distinction Scholarship recipients that also receive Grants and/or Scholarships from the State of Arkansas are subject to the State of Arkansas Stacking Law. Students that receive Grants and/or Scholarships totaling more than their Cost of Attendance plus any Pell Grant award may be subject to a reduction in the awarded amount of the Academic Distinction Scholarship.
- Courses that are considered completed when grades are due each Fall and Spring semester are used in determining renewal eligibility. A grade of Incomplete (“I”) is not considered completed when grades are due and count as zero credits in the renewal criteria. Students with grade changes PRIOR TO the beginning of the students next Fall or Spring semester may be subject to the reconsideration of eligibility for the Academic Distinction Scholarship.
- The student is responsible to notify the ASUMH Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for consideration of any type of grade change consideration in scholarship renewal process and the grade change must be completed PRIOR TO the beginning of the students next Fall or Spring semester.
- Grade changes that are after the beginning of the student’s next Fall or Spring semester will only be given consideration for future term eligibility. Semesters that have begun without the Academic Distinction Scholarship will not receive funding from the Academic Distinction due to the delayed grade change.
- Retaking a course for a better grade and academic clemency are NOT acceptable reinstatement considerations.

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SCHOLARSHIP HOLD Request (First semester only)

An Academic Distinction Scholarship recipient may **only** delay enrollment for their first semester of attendance at ASUMH, provided the following requirements are met.

- The recipient's first enrollment period of actual attendance at ASUMH is less than one (1) calendar year after high school graduation, home school completion, or the GED testing date.
- The recipient submits, in writing, their intent to begin attendance in the next semester to the ASUMH Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid **PRIOR TO** the beginning of the fall or spring semester they were scheduled to begin attendance.
- The recipient **does not** enroll in any other post-secondary institution prior to beginning enrollment at ASUMH.

PROBATION

Only one (1) probation semester is allowed for any Academic Distinction scholarship recipient. Any recipient that completes 12 credit hours at ASUMH but **IS NOT** maintaining the minimum **Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.00** after their first or second semester of the Academic Distinction scholarship will be placed on probation. The recipient loses Academic Distinction scholarship funding during the probation semester and loses one (1) of the traditional four (4) semesters of eligibility.

To be eligible for reinstatement after the probation semester, the recipient must:

- Enroll in, complete, and pass a minimum of 12 college credit hours offered by ASUMH during the probation semester.
- Have a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.00 at the end of the probation semester.

Probation is not possible after the third semester of the Academic Distinction scholarship.