



Regional Academic Scholarship Guidelines

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The University of Southern Indiana Regional Academic Scholarship (RAS) promotes academic excellence. For selected Illinois and Kentucky scholars, the University provides awards which cover a significant portion of non-resident tuition. The discounted amount varies by year but provides a net tuition payment equal to 120 percent of Indiana resident tuition. These awards are coordinated with other tuition-specific aid (if applicable) to ensure that total of such aid does not exceed total tuition charges. No cash refunds are made to students from tuition specific aid.

1. Initially matriculating students who meet the following requirements will be considered for this award on a competitive basis at the time of admission.

A) Earn a minimum score of 1500 (with writing component) or 1000 (without writing component) or a composite ACT score of 21.

AND

B) Earn a high school or college transfer grade point average of 2.75/4.0.

NOTE: Application for admission to the University as a degree seeking student must be completed at least two months prior to the start of the term for which the student is admitted. Awards are subject to approval by the Office of Student Financial Assistance based upon availability of funding.

2. Award recipients must enroll in the minimum number of hours required for on-campus residents during the fall or spring and each successive regular semester (fall/spring) following award notification. Enrollment is determined on census day (5th day of fall and spring). Failure to comply with these requirements nullifies the award and all future entitlement. Under exceptional circumstances, a student may petition the Director of Student Financial Assistance for a "leave of absence" for one semester and an extension of calendar year limits **or** an exception to the minimum enrollment requirement (only for legitimate medical or academic reasons).

NOTE: Award recipients may utilize this award for fall, spring, and summer enrollment with no minimum enrollment required for summer.

3. Freshman recipients may participate in the program for no more than 5 consecutive calendar years from the date of initial enrollment or until a total of 136 semester hours have been earned, whichever comes first. Transfer recipients may participate in the program for no more than 4 consecutive calendar years from the date of initial enrollment or until a total of 136 semester hours have been earned, whichever comes first. This award is limited to the pursuit of the recipient's first bachelor's degree.

NOTE: All transfer hours and semester hours earned prior to undergraduate enrollment at USI (ex. AP, CAP, CLEP, IB, etc.) are included in the maximum 136 semester hour limit.

4. Students who decline USI's offer of the RAS forfeit all future entitlement. This scholarship offer is valid only for the year in which the award is made and will not be offered a second time.

5. The award may be renewed automatically if the student earns a minimum of 67 percent of attempted hours each academic year (fall/spring) and maintains the required minimum cumulative GPA. The Office of Student Financial Assistance will evaluate earned hours after the Spring Semester. Any deficit in earned hours may be made up in the summer at the non-resident rate. A written request for review of program must be sent to the Director of Student Financial Assistance after summer grades are officially recorded on the student's transcript.

The required minimum cumulative GPA is 2.5/4.0. Students who fail to earn the required minimum cumulative GPA will be placed on probation for one semester. Failure to comply with the cumulative GPA requirement after one probationary semester will result in cancellation of this scholarship and forfeiture of all future entitlement. Upon permanent loss of the Regional Academic Scholarship a student may be eligible to receive the Non-Resident grant if their GPA and completion rate meet the GPA and completion rate guidelines of the Non-Resident grant. An eligible student will continue to receive the Non-Resident grant as long as they meet the guidelines for the Non-Resident grant.

NOTE: All participating students must maintain good standing at USI. Students who are dismissed from the University, for any reason, forfeit all entitlement to this scholarship.

6. Recipients of this award must reside in University housing in all regular semesters (fall/spring). RAS recipients who choose not to live in University housing may replace the RAS with the Non-Resident Grant which has no housing requirement.

7. Appeals Process:

Students may request exceptions to these regulations when unusual or mitigating circumstances warrant such action. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Student Financial Assistance Appeals Committee at USI. Send all correspondence to the Office of Student Financial Assistance, University of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.