



## Deans Scholarship Guidelines

Student Financial Assistance Office  
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Evansville, IN 47712  
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The University of Southern Indiana Deans Scholarship is intended to promote academic excellence. For selected scholars the maximum award is \$2,000 per academic year.

1. Initially matriculating freshmen who meet the following requirements will be considered for this award on a competitive basis.

A) Earn a minimum SAT score of 1100 (without the writing component) or 1700 (with the writing component) or a composite ACT score of 25.

AND

B) Meet one of the following criteria: National Merit Semifinalist or Scholar; meet all the requirements for the USI Presidential Scholarship; or rank in the top five percent of the high school graduating class.

NOTE: Application for admission to USI as a degree seeking student must be completed by March 1 of the student's senior year of high school. Awards are subject to approval by the Office of Student Financial Assistance based on availability of funding. Presidential Scholarship recipients are not eligible for the Deans Scholarship.

2. Award recipients must enroll as full-time students during the fall and each successive regular semester following award notification. Exceptions are made to permit fall graduates to begin University enrollment in the spring. A full-time student is defined as one who enrolls in at least 12 **official** semester hours each fall and spring. **Official** enrollment is determined on census day (5th day of fall/ 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 the Deans Scholarship only for fall and spring enrollment.

3. The Deans Scholarship is available until recipients earn their first bachelor's degree or 136 semester hours, whichever comes first.

NOTE: 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 Deans Scholarship forfeit all future entitlement to this award. The Deans Scholarship offer is valid only during the next regular (fall/spring) semester of 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 27 semester hours each academic year (fall and spring) and maintains the required minimum cumulative grade point average. Any deficit in earned hours may be made up in the summer at the student's expense. A written appeal for reinstatement of Deans Scholarship eligibility must be sent to the USI Student Financial Assistance Office after the summer grades are officially recorded on the student's transcript.

The required minimum cumulative GPA is 2.5/4.0 up through 61 semester hours earned, 2.75 after earning 62 to 92 hours, and 3.0 thereafter. 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 the Deans Scholarship and forfeiture of all future entitlement.

6. Appeals Process:

Students may request exceptions to the Deans Scholarship Rules and 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.