



Non-Resident Top Scholar's Award Guidelines

Student Financial Assistance Office
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The University of Southern Indiana Non-Resident Top Scholar's Award is intended to promote academic excellence. For selected scholars, the University provides awards which pay the difference between non-resident and Indiana resident tuition. These awards are coordinated with other tuition-specific aid (if applicable) to ensure that the total of tuition-specific assistance does not exceed total tuition charges. No cash refunds are made to students from tuition-specific assistance.

1. Initially matriculating freshmen who meet the following requirements will be considered for this award on a competitive basis at the time of admission.
 - A) Earn a minimum SAT score of 1700 (with writing component), 1100 (without writing component) or a composite ACT score 25.

AND

- B) At the end of the 7th semester, rank first or second in 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.

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/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 this award for fall, spring, and summer enrollment with no minimum enrollment required for summer.

3. Scholarship recipients may participate in the program until the first bachelor's degree is earned or 136 semester hours are earned, 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 a Non-Resident Top Scholar's Award forfeit all future entitlement. This award offer is valid only during the fall semester (spring semester for fall graduates) 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 enrolls full-time and successfully completes a minimum of 27 semester 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. Students may make up earned hours deficits in the summer term at the non-resident rate. **Courses used to make up deficits in earned hours must be taken at USI.** 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 2.75/4.0 through 61 semester hours earned 3.00 after earning 62-92 hours, and 3.25 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 this scholarship.

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. 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.