



## Out-of-State Top Scholar Award Guidelines

Student Financial Assistance  
University of Southern Indiana  
8600 University Boulevard  
Evansville, IN 47712  
Phone: 812-464-1767 or 800-467-1965  
[www.usi.edu/financial-aid](http://www.usi.edu/financial-aid)

This scholarship is designated for outstanding students residing outside the state of Indiana who initially matriculate to USI fall 2016 and forward.

**Value:** University provides awards which pay the difference between non-resident and Indiana resident tuition. The current value of this scholarship is approximately \$9,340 annually for students taking 30 credit hours per year.

**Number available:** Varies. Offers may be limited based on availability of funding. For this reason, students are encouraged to apply early.

**Application:** No application is required. Eligible degree-seeking students will be identified based on their admission application credentials. While there is no application deadline, students are encouraged to apply early for admission to USI.

**Selection criteria:** Non-resident entering freshmen must be admissible to USI and have either an ACT composite of 24 or higher (or SAT of 1090\*) or a 3.50 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale or a class rank in the top 25 percent.  
*\*SAT score reflects the sum of the Critical Reading and Math portions of the SAT only.*

**Renewal criteria:** The scholarship may be renewed automatically if the student successfully completes 27 USI credit hours each academic year (fall/spring) and earns a minimum 3.00 cumulative USI grade point average. The Office of Student Financial Assistance will evaluate earned hours after the spring semester. Students may make up deficits in earned hours in summer at the non-resident rate. Courses used to make up deficits in earned hours must be taken at USI.

### Additional information:

- 1) Renewable for up to 3 years or until first undergraduate degree is completed whichever comes first.
- 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 December high school graduates to begin University enrollment in the spring semester. A full-time student is defined as one who enrolls in at least 12 credit hours each fall/spring semester. 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).
- 3) Award recipients may utilize this award for summer, if GPA/ credit hour progression is met in prior fall/spring semesters. No minimum enrollment is required for summer.
- 4) This award offer is valid only during the fall semester (spring semester for December high school graduates) of the year in which the award is made.
- 5) Award recipients are required to live on-campus for the first academic year. After the first year there are no residential requirements. Exceptions are made for students living at home with their parents/guardians and reside within commuting distance.
- 6) 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.
- 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.