

Arkansas State University

International Student Scholarship/Fellowship Plan¹

Introduction: In order to attract and retain the best, brightest, most gifted, and talented international students, Arkansas State University (ASU) offers an array of competitive scholarships to prospective international undergraduate students and fellowships for graduate students. These include merit-based ***academic scholarships/fellowships***, reflecting previous academic accomplishment and the potential for continuing academic success at ASU. They also include ***performance scholarships*** for undergraduate students, which obligate the recipients to engage in some form of service to the University during the period for which the scholarships are awarded. Performance scholarships include athletic scholarships, band scholarships, vocal scholarships, and theatrical scholarships. All performance scholarships require applicants to participate in a “try-out” and to submit other evidence demonstrating their abilities. Athletic scholarships are awarded in strict accordance with National Collegiate Academic Association (NCAA) Division I regulations.

In most instances, but not all, scholarships/fellowships are renewable based upon continuing full-time student status at ASU, satisfactory academic performance (as defined by the University), service to the University, and other conditions as described in the scholarship award letter. International students do not qualify for performance scholarships until after they demonstrate English competency as determined by the University. Academic scholarships/fellowships for international students are in fixed amounts and are deducted from the tuition owed by students; whereas, performance scholarships may include tuition reimbursement as well as lodging, meals, and fees (as determined by the area of the University sponsoring the scholarship, the need for the services provided, the level of performance for which the student provides, and the availability of funding). In no instances may scholarship/fellowship support provided by the University exceed the cost of attendance at ASU by international students and scholarships/fellowships are not transferrable to any other outside entity including, but not limited to, institutions of higher education, proprietary schools, or other organizations. Students who are receiving tuition waivers from ASU are not eligible for international scholarships/fellowships.

In addition to traditional ASU sponsored scholarships/fellowships, there are a limited number of scholarships/fellowships awarded by the Arkansas State University Foundation for which international students may qualify; however, these scholarships/fellowships are not available to international students until after they have demonstrated English competency (as determined by the University), and have been enrolled at ASU for at least one full academic semester. Upon arrival at Arkansas State University, international students will be provided with additional information about scholarship/fellowship opportunities offered by the Foundation and the University from the staff of the Office of International Programs (OIP) during the international student orientation and otherwise. As with American students, scholarship/fellowship opportunities for international students are highly competitive, but all international students have an equal opportunity to compete for scholarships/fellowships provided to international students at the time of application and thereafter. However, irrespective of the potential of scholarships/fellowships, international students must plan on and be successful in gathering the necessary financial resources to cover all of their expenses for attending the University.

¹ N.B.: Effective January 1, 2009. All scholarships/fellowships listed in this plan are subject to the availability of funding and the plan may be changed at any time by the University.

Academic Scholarships/Fellowships: Academic merit-based scholarships are available from Arkansas State University for international students entering undergraduate programs; similarly scholarships, which are referred to as fellowships are available for international students entering graduate students. All academic merit-based scholarships/fellowships are awarded for one year in which 50% of the award is provided at the onset of each semester, with the second semester portion contingent upon satisfactory full-time academic performance during the first semester with continuing renewal thereafter based upon satisfactory full-time academic performance. For the purpose of this scholarship/fellowship performance, satisfactory full-time academic performance at the undergraduate level is defined as maintaining a full-time course load (a minimum of 12 semester credit hours) and obtaining a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or better. Satisfactory full-time academic performance at the graduate level is defined as maintaining a full-time course load (a minimum of 9 semester credit hours) and obtaining a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.75 or better. Academic scholarships/fellowships are renewable based upon the above criteria and the availability of funds. A student who drops below the above standard in any semester forfeits the academic scholarship/fellowship and may not reapply. No scholarship/fellowship support is offered for international students by the University during the summer term.

- Undergraduate scholarships are awarded based on a combination of previous academic accomplishment (defined as a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in all high school work, as determined by ASU) and the potential for continuing academic success at ASU, as measured by performance on nationally normed standardized tests as per the following table:

ACT	SAT ²	Scholarship
36	1600	\$ 4,000
35	1560	\$ 3,500
34	1510	\$ 3,000
33	1460	\$ 2,500
32	1420	\$ 2,000
31	1380	\$ 2,000
30	1340	\$ 1,500
29	1300	\$ 1,500
28	1260	\$ 1,000

- Graduate scholarships/fellowships are awarded based on a combination of previous academic accomplishment (defined as a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better in all university work, as determined by ASU) and the potential for continuing academic success at ASU, as measured by performance on nationally normed and standardized tests as per the following table:

² N.B.: The SAT score is the sum of the SAT Critical Reading and Mathematics Scores.

GRE	GMAT	Scholarship/ Fellowship
1600	800	\$ 4,000
1560	780	\$ 3,500
1520	760	\$ 3,000
1480	740	\$ 2,500
1440	720	\$ 2,000
1400	700	\$ 2,000
1360	680	\$ 1,500
1320	660	\$ 1,500
1280	640	\$ 1,000

Official test scores from the testing bodies must be sent directly to Arkansas State University (code 6011) for consideration of scholarship/fellowship and such scores must be current

International students who receive scholarships/ fellowships are expected to participate actively in the International Student Association, activities sponsored by the Office of International Programs (OIP), to volunteer to help other international students to survive and thrive at ASU, to offer testimonials and other support for the international student recruiting effort, and otherwise to meet any other obligations as defined in the letter extending the scholarship/fellowship offer.