

## Important Information about Merit Scholarships

Marshall University offers a variety of merit-based scholarships to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.

### Admission Application Deadline

Incoming students must be accepted for admission to be considered for University Merit-based Scholarships.

Scholarship	Admission Acceptance Deadline	Scholarship Acceptance Deadline
Marshall University Honors College Scholarship	May 1	May 15
Most Other Marshall University Scholarships, unless otherwise specified	August 1	August 15

It is important that you read each scholarship description carefully for deadline information and any additional rules for applying.

### Last Date to take SAT or ACT

To be considered for Marshall University merit-based scholarships, 2026 fall semester incoming freshmen must take the ACT or SAT by the dates specified below:

Scholarship	Test Date	Test Registration Deadline
Marshall University Honors College Scholarship	ACT: April 11, 2026 SAT: March 14, 2026	ACT: March 6, 2026 SAT: Feb 27, 2026
Most Other Marshall University Scholarships	ACT: July 11, 2026 SAT: June 6, 2026	ACT: June 5, 2026 SAT: May 22, 2026

For more information on ACT Test dates visit [www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html). For SAT, visit [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees.html).

### Submit FAFSA by March 1 Priority Deadline

Students demonstrating financial need may be eligible for additional scholarships. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline of March 1 to be considered for all scholarships and need-based financial assistance.

### March 1 Deadline for WV Promise Scholarship

High school seniors who are West Virginia residents must complete the [West Virginia PROMISE Application](#) and file the [FAFSA](#) by March 1st to be considered for the WV PROMISE Scholarship.

### Marshall University Scholarship Renewal and Reinstatement

Most scholarship awards require students to meet certain renewal criteria for continued eligibility. You may view the eligibility criteria of your scholarship by logging into myMU. Once you access your Award Offer, click on the Fund, which hyperlinks to the **Fund Message**. The **Fund Message** provides the terms of the award, renewal criteria, and any other steps you may be required to take to receive the award.

Eligibility for renewal of Marshall University Scholarships is typically reviewed at the end of the spring semester. Students who do not meet the renewal criteria at that time have the opportunity to submit scholarship reinstatement forms, which are available on the financial aid office [forms and applications page](#). This process applies if the student is able to remedy the deficiency during the summer, such as by earning transfer hours for the same academic year or if the student was granted a scholarship deferral.

A student who does not meet the renewal criteria for a Marshall University Achievement Tuition Waiver Grant at the end of the spring semester may make a [Marshall Achievement Tuition Waiver Grant Reinstatement Request](#). A student who does not meet the renewal criteria for a Marshall University Honors scholarship may make a [Marshall University Honor's Scholarship Reinstatement Request](#). Students who do not meet the renewal criteria by the start of fall semester lose future eligibility for institutional scholarships.

### Combining Scholarship Awards

In all cases, the total amount a student is awarded cannot exceed the cost of a Marshall University education. In some instances, when Title IV (certain Federal Financial Aid programs) and WV Higher Education Grant Programs are awarded, students are limited to receiving grants and scholarships up to the student's demonstrated financial need.

If a reduction in financial aid is required because the student is a recipient of scholarships, grants, and other financial aid that exceed allowable amounts, self-help (loans and work-study) awards will be reduced first. If gift aid (scholarships and grants) must be reduced, institutional scholarships will be reduced before outside scholarships/grants.

Student athletes who have been offered an institutional scholarship should discuss the award with a financial aid counselor to determine whether the scholarship can be accepted. Under NCAA rules, student athletes are limited in the amount of institutional gift aid they may receive. Institutional aid includes both athletic, private endowed, and institutional merit scholarships.

### Scholarship Funding Source Replacement

Marshall University has the right to replace an awarded scholarship with another named scholarship to maximize funding sources. Such changes will not reduce the amount of the student's scholarship, and in some cases, may result in an increase in a student's scholarship amount.

### Holding Scholarships for Interrupted Attendance

Marshall University may hold a student's scholarship if his/her attendance is interrupted for medical reasons, military deployment, or other extenuating circumstances provided the student continues to meet the eligibility requirements. The student must submit an appeal to the Office of Student Financial Assistance and submit verification of reason for leaving (i.e. doctor note, military deployment notification). A student who transfers to another college or university does not qualify for scholarship reinstatement after a break in attendance at Marshall University.

### Thank You Letter Requirement

Recipients who completed the Marshall University scholarship portal application and received an Endowed and Annual Scholarship are required to submit a thank you letter to their scholarship donor(s).

Go to <https://marshall.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/> and login with your MU login credentials. Click on "MY Awards" and then click "Thank You Letter." Follow the instructions listed on the page and then click "Submit Thank You Letter."

These letters are greatly appreciated by the donors. Students thank you letters have a great influence on the future generosity of scholarship donors for Marshall University students. Please take the time to edit your letter and make it special.

### Outside Scholarships

Outside scholarships are processed by the Office of the Bursar. You may be asked to come to the Office of the Bursar to endorse a check as some are made out to Marshall University and the student. Outside scholarship funds will be applied to your account just like institutional scholarship awards after the outside scholarship check has been cashed. Outside scholarships are considered a source of financial aid and follow the same rules under the **Combining Scholarship Awards**.

### Society of Yeager Scholars

Society of Yeager Scholars receive scholarships totaling the cost of tuition, standard fees, room, and board (students must obtain permission to live off campus), a stipend with book allowance, a personal computer, and a summer study abroad program at Oxford University. To apply for this scholarship, visit [www.marshall.edu/yeager](http://www.marshall.edu/yeager).

### Athletic Scholarships

(Award amounts vary) – Awarded to qualified students who participate in intercollegiate athletics or cheerleading. Information about athletic scholarships can be obtained by contacting the Marshall University Athletic Department. According to NCAA Bylaws, student-athletes receiving a combination of athletic and other scholarships may have limitations on the total amount the student athlete may receive.

### Achievement Tuition Waiver Grant for incoming Students with Financial Need

The Achievement Tuition Waiver Grant is available to assist incoming first-time freshmen who have exceptional financial need based on the results of the [FAFSA](#).

Eligibility for the Achievement Tuition Waiver Grant and the amount of the award is determined based on the student's demonstrated unmet financial need and the student's high school academic performance. Students qualifying for this program may receive the grant for up to four academic years (fall and spring semesters) while pursuing their first baccalaureate degree. In addition to demonstrating exceptional financial need, incoming first-time freshmen must meet the following criteria to receive this award:

- File the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) by April 15 prior to the academic year enrolling.
- Earn a High School Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.
- Live in on-campus housing.
- Enroll full-time.
- Submit all required documentation for federal verification, if required.

The value of the Achievement Tuition Waiver Grant typically stays the same each academic year for renewal if the student meets the following criteria.

- File the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) annually.
- Submit all required documentation for federal verification, if required.
- Earn at least a 2.0 Marshall and overall grade point average.
- Earn 30 credit hours each academic year.
- Live in on-campus housing.
- Maintain full-time enrollment.

The tuition waiver grant may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges. This tuition waiver grant does not apply to students who do not live on campus and who are enrolled in a distance education program. This waiver does not cover tuition charges from St. Mary's Center for Education and other third-party agreements with colleges and universities. Be advised that the amount of this award is subject to change in accordance with federal and state regulations and institutional policy when the student's unmet financial need changes due to verification, the student receives additional financial aid awards, or there are other circumstances that affect the student's financial aid eligibility.

### Endowment and Annual Scholarships

There are hundreds of scholarships that have been endowed by an individual or are made available in memory of a family member. Companies and individuals also make several dozen private scholarships available to students on an annual basis.

Eligibility for these scholarships varies according to the donor’s wishes, and not all scholarships are renewable. To check eligibility, go to <https://marshall.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/> and login with your MU credentials and complete the scholarship application. These types of scholarships are not guaranteed. You will be notified by email if an award is made.

### Employee Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance Program

This program may provide a tuition waiver covering the total cost of both the Capital Fee and the Education and General (E & G) Fee to eligible dependents of Marshall University employees. \*Effective Spring 2026, the waiver will cover up to the metro & non-resident cost of these charges.

Visit [Marshall University Board of Governors Employee Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance Program Policy No. AA-5](#) for program rules.

Dependents of Marshall University employees may apply for this scholarship by completing the [Employee Tuition Assistance Benefit Application for Dependent Undergraduate Child application](#).

### Incoming Freshmen Honors College Scholarship

In addition to a freshmen merit-based scholarship, students who meet the following criteria and agree to accept admission into the Marshall University Honors College qualify to receive an additional scholarship award.

**Admission by Invitation:** Based on standardized test scores and high school GPA. No application required—only accepting our offer of admission (the “invitation”).

Scholarships	Admission Criteria for Eligibility	Academic Year Award
Honors College	HS GPA >=3.5 & ACT >=26 or SAT Equivalent	\$500

**Admission by Holistic Review:** An application-based process for students **without** qualifying test scores but who demonstrate exceptional potential and fit with our mission. <https://www.marshall.edu/honors/prospective-students/>

Super scores are not used to determine eligibility for the Honors College Scholarship.

The Honors College Scholarship is awarded for four academic years (fall and spring semesters) if the student is pursuing his or her first baccalaureate degree, remains in the Honors College, and maintains full-time enrollment at Marshall University. In addition, the student must meet the following renewal criteria:

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- Successfully complete at least 30 credit hours each academic year.
- Earn an overall 3.3 GPA.

### Marshall University Scholarships for WV Applicants

#### Incoming Freshmen Merit-based Scholarships

First-time freshmen students who are charged the WV “in-state” tuition rate may qualify for one of the scholarships listed in the chart below.

Scholarships	Admission Criteria for Eligibility	Academic Year Award
John Marshall	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.9 & ACT $\geq$ 30 or SAT Equivalent	\$5,500
John Laidley	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.7 & ACT $\geq$ 28 or SAT Equivalent	\$4,500
Board of Governors	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.5 & ACT $\geq$ 26 or SAT Equivalent	\$4,000
Presidential	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.25 & ACT $\geq$ 24 or SAT Equivalent	\$3,000
A. Michael Perry	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 & ACT $\geq$ 22 or SAT Equivalent	\$2,500
Opportunity Grant	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 & ACT $\geq$ 20-21 or SAT Equivalent	\$2,000

The incoming freshman’s high school grade point average (GPA) and official admission test scores are used to determine merit-based scholarship eligibility at Marshall University. Only official test scores from ACT® or SAT® are used to consider incoming freshmen students for merit-based scholarships. Marshall University takes the highest ACT composite or SAT combined Math and Evidenced Based Reading & Writing Score to determine scholarship eligibility for its scholarship programs. Marshall University also combines the highest sub-scores from different test dates to create a super score total or composite for eligibility determination of the scholarships listed in the chart above.

The scholarships are awarded for four academic years (fall and spring semesters) if the student is pursuing his or her first baccalaureate degree and maintains full-time enrollment at Marshall University. In addition, the student must meet the following renewal criteria:

- Successfully complete at least 30 credit hours each academic year.
- Earn at least a 2.5 GPA at the end of freshman year and a 2.75 GPA by the end of the sophomore and junior years.

#### Transfer Student Scholarship for In-state Students

Transfer students who are charged the WV “in-state” tuition rate qualify for the following awards.

Scholarships	Admission Criteria for Eligibility	Academic Year Award
Transfer Student Scholarship – Tier 1	GPA $\geq$ 3.75 and transfer in at least 30 credit hours	\$1,500

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Transfer Student Scholarship – Tier 2	GPA $\geq$ 3.5 – 3.74 and transfer in at least 30 credit hours	\$1,000
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To receive this award, the student must be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student and have not received any previous credit hours at Marshall University prior to transferring, unless those courses were taken during high school.

This scholarship is renewable for two additional semesters beyond the first year of eligibility if the student maintains an overall grade point average of 3.0 and successfully completes 30 credit hours at Marshall University after one academic year.

### Marshall University Scholarships for Metro Applicants

#### Incoming Freshmen Merit-based Scholarships

First-time freshmen students who are charged the “Metro” tuition rate may qualify for one of the scholarships listed in the chart below.

Scholarships	Admission Criteria for Eligibility	Academic Year Award
John Marshall	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.9 & ACT $\geq$ 30 or SAT Equivalent	\$7,966
John Laidley	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.7 & ACT $\geq$ 28 or SAT Equivalent	\$6,196
Board of Governors	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.5 & ACT $\geq$ 26 or SAT Equivalent	\$4,426
Presidential	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.25 & ACT $\geq$ 24 or SAT Equivalent	\$3,540
A. Michael Perry	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 & ACT $\geq$ 22 or SAT Equivalent	\$2,213
Opportunity Grant	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 & ACT $\geq$ 20-21 or SAT Equivalent	\$1,770

The incoming freshman’s high school grade point average (GPA) and official admission test scores are used to determine merit-based scholarship eligibility at Marshall University. Only official test scores from ACT® or SAT® are used to consider incoming freshmen students for merit-based scholarships. Marshall University takes the highest ACT composite or SAT combined Math and Evidence Based Reading & Writing Score to determine scholarship eligibility for its scholarship programs. Marshall University also combines the highest sub-scores from different test dates to create a super score total or composite. The super score total or composite is used when it is higher than the ACT composite or SAT combined Math and Evidence Based Reading & Writing Score for eligibility determination of the scholarships listed in the chart above.

These merit-based scholarships are awarded for four academic years (fall and spring semesters) if the student is pursuing his or her first baccalaureate degree and maintains full-time enrollment at Marshall University. In addition, the student must meet the following renewal criteria:

- Successfully complete at least 30 credit hours each academic year
- Earn at least a 2.5 GPA at the end of freshman year and a 2.75 GPA by the end of the sophomore and junior years
- Has not earned a baccalaureate degree

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These metro student scholarship awards are tuition waivers. A tuition waiver may only apply to Marshall University tuition charges. These tuition waiver scholarships do not apply to students enrolled in a distance education program. They do not cover tuition charges from St. Mary's Center for Education and other third-party agreements with colleges and universities.

### Transfer Student Scholarship for Metro Students

Transfer students who are charged the metro tuition rate qualify for the following awards. To receive this award, the student must be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student.

Scholarships	Admission Criteria for Eligibility	Academic Year Award
Transfer Student Scholarship – Tier 1	GPA $\geq$ 3.75 and transfer in at least 30 credit hours	\$2,655
Transfer Student Scholarship – Tier 2	GPA $\geq$ 3.5 - 3.74 and transfer in at least 30 credit hours	\$1,770

This scholarship is renewable for two additional semesters beyond the first year of eligibility if the student maintains an overall grade point average of 3.0 and successfully completes 30 credit hours at Marshall University after one academic year.

This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to charges for on-line courses. This scholarship waiver does not cover tuition charges from St. Mary's Center for Education and other consortium colleges and universities.

### Alumni Legacy Tuition Reduction Scholarship

This program provides a tuition scholarship waiver to offset the cost of the Metro Tuition Rate to that of the WV Resident Tuition Rate to first-time freshmen whose parent or grandparent graduated from Marshall University. In addition, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Metro residency status
- ACT composite score of 26 or higher or SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math score of 1230) and H.S. GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Full-time enrollment

First-time freshmen are automatically considered for this program when they indicate on their Admission Application that their parent or grandparent graduated from Marshall University. The student's parent or grandparent must be an "active" alumnus or alumna. In order to confirm your eligibility for this program, you must complete the [Alumni Legacy Tuition Reduction Scholarship Questionnaire](#) and submit it to the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Recipients of the Legacy Tuition Reduction Scholarship forfeit receipt of any other Marshall University Scholarship or Tuition Waiver Programs. Students shall be awarded either the Alumni Legacy or other Marshall University Scholarship/Grant awards depending on which is more advantageous.

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The tuition waiver scholarship may only be applied to Marshall University metro tuition charges. This tuition waiver scholarship does not apply to students enrolled in a distance education program. This scholarship waiver does not cover tuition charges from St. Mary's Center for Education and other consortium colleges and universities.

This is a 4-year tuition scholarship waiver program that is renewable if the student maintains at least a 2.0 GPA, successfully completes at least 30 credit hours each academic year, and maintains Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress. The amount of the award is the difference between Metro and WV tuition rates.

### Marshall University Scholarships for Non-Resident Applicants

#### Incoming Freshmen Merit-based Scholarships

First-time freshmen students who are charged the "Non-resident" tuition rate may qualify for one of the scholarships listed in the chart below.

Scholarships	Admission Criteria for Eligibility	Academic Year Award
John Marshall	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.9 & ACT $\geq$ 30 or SAT Equivalent	\$14,000
John Laidley	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.7 & ACT $\geq$ 28 or SAT Equivalent	\$12,000
Board of Governors	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.5 & ACT $\geq$ 26 or SAT Equivalent	\$10,500
Presidential	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.25 & ACT $\geq$ 24 or SAT Equivalent	\$8,000
A. Michael Perry	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 & ACT $\geq$ 22 or SAT Equivalent	\$6,000
Opportunity Grant	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 & ACT $\geq$ 20-21 or SAT Equivalent	\$5,000

The incoming freshman's high school grade point average (GPA) and official admission test scores are used to determine merit-based scholarship eligibility at Marshall University. Only official test scores from ACT® or SAT® are used to consider incoming freshmen students for merit-based scholarships. Marshall University takes the highest ACT composite or SAT combined Math and Evidence Based Reading & Writing Score to determine eligibility for its scholarship programs. Marshall University also combines the highest sub-scores from different test dates (from the same test) to create a super score total or composite. The super score total or composite is used when it is higher than the ACT composite or SAT combined Math and Evidence Based Reading & Writing Score for eligibility determination of the scholarships listed in the chart above.

These merit-based scholarships are awarded for four academic years (fall and spring semesters) if the student is pursuing his or her first baccalaureate degree and maintains full-time enrollment at Marshall University. In addition, the student must meet the following renewal criteria:

- Successfully complete at least 30 credit hours each academic year
- Earn at least a 2.5 GPA at the end of freshman year and a 2.75 GPA by the end of the sophomore and junior years

These non-resident student scholarship awards are tuition waivers for students who are assessed non-resident tuition rates. Tuition waiver scholarships may only be applied to

Marshall University non-resident tuition charges. This scholarship program does not apply to students enrolled in a distance education program. This waiver does not cover tuition charges from St. Mary's Center for Education and other third-party agreements with colleges and universities.

### Alumni Legacy Scholarship

This program provides a tuition scholarship waiver to offset the cost of non-resident tuition to first-time freshmen whose parent or grandparent graduated from Marshall University. In addition, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Non-resident status
- Full-time enrollment
- Meet minimum ACT/SAT scores and H.S. GPA

First-time freshmen are automatically considered for this program when they indicate on their Admission Application that their parent or grandparent graduated from Marshall University. The student's parent or grandparent must be an "active" alumnus or alumna. In order to confirm your eligibility for this program, you must complete the [Alumni Legacy Tuition Reduction Scholarship Questionnaire](#) and submit it to the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

**Tier I Alumni Legacy** award amount is the difference between non-resident tuition and WV resident tuition. To qualify for Tier I Alumni Legacy, the student must have:

- ACT composite score of 26 or higher or SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math Score of 1230 and a H.S. GPA of at least 3.5

**Tier 2 Alumni Legacy** award amount is the difference between non-resident tuition and Metro resident tuition. To qualify for Tier 2 Alumni Legacy, the student must have:

- ACT composite score of 23 or higher SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing + Math Score of 1130 and a H.S. GPA of at least 2.75

Recipients of the Legacy Tuition Reduction Scholarship forfeit receipt of any other Marshall University Scholarship or Tuition Waiver Programs. The tuition waiver scholarship may only be applied to Marshall University non-resident tuition charges; it may not be used to cover online course fees. This scholarship waiver does not cover tuition charges from St. Mary's Center for Education and other consortium colleges and universities.

Students shall be awarded either the Alumni Legacy or other Marshall University Scholarship/Grant awards depending on which is more advantageous.

This is a 4-year tuition scholarship waiver program that is renewable if the student maintains at least a 2.0 GPA, successfully completes at least 30 credit hours each academic year, and maintains Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.

### Transfer Student Scholarship for Non-Resident Students

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Transfer students who are charged the non-resident tuition rate qualify for the following awards. To receive this award, the student must be enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student.

Scholarships	Admission Criteria for Eligibility	Academic Year Award
Transfer Student Scholarship – Tier 1	GPA $\geq$ 3.75 and transfer in at least 30 credit hours	\$3,000
Transfer Student Scholarship – Tier 2	GPA $\geq$ 3.5 - 3.74 and transfer in at least 30 credit hours	\$2,000

This scholarship is renewable for two additional semesters beyond the first year of eligibility if the student maintains an overall grade point average of 3.0 and successfully completes 30 credit hours at Marshall University after one academic year.

This is a tuition waiver scholarship and may only be applied to Marshall University tuition charges; it may not be applied to charges for on-line courses. This scholarship waiver does not cover tuition charges from St. Mary’s Center for Education and other consortium colleges and universities.

### Test-Optional Merit Scholarships

#### Scholarship Opportunities

#### Test Optional “Get Started” Scholarship for Incoming Freshmen – Resident

Scholarship	Criteria	Amount
Level 1	HS GPA $\geq$ 4.2	\$3,500
Level 2	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.8 – 4.19	\$2,500
Level 3	HS GPA 3.5 – 3.79	\$1,500
Level 4	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.2 – 3.49	\$1,250
Level 5	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 – 3.19	\$750

#### Test Optional “Get Started” Scholarship for Incoming Freshmen – Metro

Scholarship	Criteria	Amount
Level 1	HS GPA $\geq$ 4.2	\$4,647
Level 2	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.8 – 4.19	\$3,319
Level 3	HS GPA 3.5 – 3.79	\$1,991
Level 4	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.2 – 3.49	\$1,660
Level 5	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 – 3.19	\$996

#### Test Optional “Get Started” Scholarship for Incoming Freshmen – Non-Resident

Scholarship	Criteria	Amount
Level 1	HS GPA $\geq$ 4.2	\$7,000
Level 2	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.8 – 4.19	\$5,000

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Level 3	HS GPA 3.5 – 3.79	\$3,000
Level 4	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.2 – 3.49	\$2,500
Level 5	HS GPA $\geq$ 3.0 – 3.19	\$1,500

### Renewable Criteria

To remain eligible for this scholarship, you must enroll full-time each semester, successfully complete 30 credit hours each academic year, and earn a cumulative GPA of 2.75 at the end of your freshmen year and 3.0 thereafter. This is a four-year scholarship and can only be applied to courses taken during the fall and spring semesters.

This scholarship will be replaced with a regular merit scholarship if all qualifications are met and ACT/SAT scores are received.

Test Optional merit scholarships follow the same criteria & guidelines listed above for the original merit-based scholarships according to proper residency status.