

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

**Undergraduate Academic Scholarship Information
and Frequently Asked Questions**

Congratulations on your selection as an undergraduate scholarship recipient at NSU Florida! We are committed to academic excellence and look forward to welcoming you as a scholar to our community.

Undergraduate Academic Scholarship

You must enroll full-time in undergraduate degree-seeking coursework during the fall and winter semesters to maintain the scholarship. Half of the scholarship award will apply to fall semester tuition, and the other half will apply to winter semester tuition. Scholarships are available for four academic years (eight consecutive fall/winter semesters) or such shorter time required to complete your baccalaureate degree from the date you first enroll. Graduate and/or professional coursework is not covered by undergraduate scholarships. The Fischler Academy Scholarship is the only undergraduate scholarship that applies to graduate coursework, which applies specifically to the final year of The Fischler Academy program requiring graduate coursework.

Nova Southeastern University reserves the right to change the name and funding source of any awarded scholarship. Any such change will not affect the total scholarship dollar amount. You may receive one merit scholarship. Premier Program Scholarships: Presidential Scholarship; Razor's Edge Scholarship; The Fischler Academy Scholarship; or the Huizenga Business Innovation Academy Scholarship may not be added to an existing Dean's Scholarship. A Premier Program Scholarship will replace any original Dean's Scholarship award.

Requirement for Undergraduate Scholarship Renewal

The scholarship will renew through your second year of enrollment. By the completion of your second year, academic achievement at the following levels is required for the scholarship to renew each subsequent year:

- Dean's Scholarship: remain in good academic standing
- Presidential Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Razor's Edge Scholarship: 2.5 cumulative grade point average**
- The Fischler Academy Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative grade point average**
- Huizenga Business Innovation Academy Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative grade point average**

In addition, you must remain enrolled full-time during each fall and winter semester.

***These scholarships also have additional participation requirements that must be met as outlined in the memorandum of understanding that will be sent separately.*

What is Good Academic Standing? NSU defines good academic standing as making satisfactory academic progress towards a degree program. The minimum standards are earning 12 credits per semester (24 credits per year) and earning a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.

If I receive an academic scholarship from NSU, may I also receive need-based financial aid? Yes. Need-based financial aid is determined by analyzing the student's financial need. You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for need-based financial aid. Your academic scholarship will be considered when determining overall need. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and are not based on financial need. A scholarship recipient may qualify for other need-based assistance.

May I use part of my academic scholarship to cover room and board expenses? The Dean's Scholarship may only be used toward tuition. Razor's Edge Scholarship awards have dollar amounts designated toward room and board costs. The Presidential Scholarship may only be used toward tuition, though some recipients may receive additional dollar amounts designated toward room and board costs.

If I decide to withdraw from NSU for a year and then return, can I have my scholarship reinstated when I return? Typically, when a student leaves the university and then returns, a scholarship may be reinstated. However, each case is considered individually, and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions reserves the right to determine what scholarship/scholarship amount may be re-awarded to a student. Factors the Admissions Office will consider include what you have done during your withdrawal period from NSU. Activities such as attending another college or university and grades earned at another institution will be considered. Remember, you have a maximum of eight consecutive semesters (fall/winter) to use your scholarship from the time you first enroll.

If I have been awarded a scholarship for the fall semester but wish to enroll for winter instead, will I still be awarded the scholarship? Deferral of enrollment and scholarship award will be considered on a case by case basis. If your deferral of enrollment is approved, you may not enroll at another college or university in the fall prior to enrolling at NSU in the winter. Some scholarships such as Premier Program Scholarships may not be available for winter entrance due to other program requirements.

Am I required to participate in the Honors College in order to receive an academic scholarship? While scholarship recipients are not required to participate in the Honors College, a student may choose to apply to the Honors College. Membership is selective and by application.

Is it possible to upgrade my scholarship amount after I enroll at NSU? Once your scholarship award is finalized and you enroll, it cannot be increased. If your financial circumstances change, you should inquire about need-based financial aid options through the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

I am enrolling as a Dual Admission student. Will my scholarship cover the graduate or professional school expenses? You will be eligible for your academic scholarship during the time you are enrolled for undergraduate baccalaureate coursework. Graduate and/or professional coursework is not covered by undergraduate scholarships. The Fischler Academy Scholarship is the only undergraduate scholarship that applies to graduate coursework, which applies specifically to the final year of The Fischler Academy program requiring graduate coursework.

Does my undergraduate academic scholarship continue if I transition into specialized health professions programs? Yes, the Dean's Scholarship continues for students entering the Entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Entry B.S.N.); Bachelor of Health Science; Medical Sonography; Cardiovascular Sonography; Respiratory Therapy – First Professional; or Respiratory Therapy – Post Professional programs.

If I receive a partial athletic scholarship, can I receive an academic scholarship? In some cases it is possible to receive a partial athletic scholarship and partial academic scholarship. Because each student's circumstances are unique, we suggest you contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance to discuss your circumstances.

May I use my scholarship during the summer semester towards tuition? Any merit scholarships including Dean's, Razor's, Presidential may only be applied to the fall and the winter semesters' tuition and is not available during the summer semester. The Huizenga Business Innovation Academy Scholarship is the only undergraduate scholarship that may apply to summer coursework, which is determined by the program when summer coursework is required.

If I do not meet the academic standards for scholarship renewal, what happens? Students who do not meet the minimum requirement for scholarship renewal may expect the following outcome:

- Presidential Scholarship removed and reverts to original Dean's Scholarship amount awarded at time of admission
- Razor's Edge Scholarship removed and reverts to original Dean's Scholarship amount awarded at time of admission
- Dean's Scholarship removed

If you need further information or have questions concerning your academic scholarship prior to your first semester of enrollment, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 954-262-8000.