NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY | NSU Florida

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

First Time in College 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.

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. Premier Program Scholarships: Razor's Edge Scholarship; Dual Admission Award; and the Huizenga Business Innovation Academy Scholarship may be added to an existing Dean's Scholarship. Premier Program Scholarships are stackable and awarded on top of the Dean's Scholarship with the exception of the Presidential Scholarship.

Requirement for Undergraduate Scholarship Renewal

Academic achievement at the following levels is required for the scholarship to renew each subsequent year:

- Dean's Scholarship: maintain good academic standing and a minimum 2.2 cumulative grade point average
- Presidential Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative grade point average***
- Provost Award: 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Razor's Edge Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative grade point average**
- Huizenga Business Innovation Academy Scholarship: 3.0 cumulative grade point average**
- Dual Admission Award: maintain good standing and seat eligibility within respective dual admission program

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 letter of acknowledgement that will be sent separately.*

****This scholarship requires the completion of the NSU State-Aid application (if in-state student) and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to April 15.*

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, fall and winter only) and earning a minimum of a 2.2 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, Provost Award, Razor's Edge Scholarship, Dual Admission Award, and Presidential Scholarship may only be used toward tuition. To be considered for other types of need-based aid that may qualify to assist with room and board expenses, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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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.

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 Financial Aid and Academic Records.

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.

Does my undergraduate academic scholarship continue if I transition into specialized health professions programs? The Dean's Scholarship continues for students entering the Entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Entry B.S.N.) program.

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 Financial Aid and Academic Records 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.

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
- Dual Admission Award removed
- Dean's Scholarship removed
- Provost Award 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.