

Congratulations, New American University Scholar

You have been named a New American University Scholar and presented with a National Scholar Award by Arizona State University. With this award, you are part of an important community of students who have demonstrated strong academic performance and leadership.

Important Scholarship Details

- Your university merit scholarship begins in the fall 2012 semester after your high school graduation. If you do not enroll at ASU in the fall 2012 semester, you will forfeit your scholarship.
- Your university merit scholarship is a cash award that will remain the same amount throughout your eight consecutive semesters (fall and spring) of eligibility. Your award is applied toward your educational expenses, including tuition, fees, room and board. Please be aware that your award may not cover all of your expenses. You will be responsible for payment of any additional charges not covered by your award.
- ASU does not award multiple New American University Scholarships. If you are eligible for multiple scholarship awards, you will receive the scholarship with the highest dollar value. ASU's National Merit Finalist award includes any college-sponsored award the student may receive. Corporate-sponsored or NMSC-sponsored awards may be added to the ASU offer.
- ASU does not honor institutional scholarships awarded by other institutions, other than the Regents High Honors Endorsement (RHHE). RHHE transfer is subject to ASU eligibility requirements. If you do not accept your ASU National Scholar Award and you accept any other Arizona public university's scholarship other than RHHE, and enroll at that institution, you forfeit your ability to claim RHHE at ASU for future terms should you later decide to transfer to ASU.
- Students enrolled in an ASU Online major are ineligible for this scholarship. If you change your major to an online major, you will lose your scholarship eligibility.

Next Steps Related to Your Scholarship

- Pay your enrollment deposit by May 1, 2012. By paying your deposit, you will automatically accept your scholarship. You can pay your deposit at My ASU. my.asu.edu
- National Merit Finalists must name ASU as their first choice school with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation by May 1, 2012, in order to receive the ASU award, which includes the college-sponsored amount.
- You are strongly encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year to determine your eligibility for additional funding. fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete verification of lawful presence. Arizona law requires students receiving resident tuition and/or ASU New American University Scholarships to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States. If you are unable to demonstrate lawful presence by the published University 21st Day, your scholarship will be canceled and cannot be replaced or reinstated. You will be providing

verification if you complete the FAFSA. If ASU needs additional information from you, we will contact you directly.

students.asu.edu/statusverification

- You will be able to view your scholarship award, and view and take action on any other financial aid you may receive, on My ASU in early spring.
- Enroll (complete registration for classes) as a full-time student. You must remain enrolled in ASU courses as a full-time undergraduate student for your scholarship to disburse. See "Renewing Your Scholarship" for total credit hour requirements for renewal.
- Your scholarship funds will be automatically applied toward your university charges after you register for classes.

Renewing Your Scholarship

Annual Renewal Criteria

Your scholarship has been awarded for a total of up to eight consecutive semesters (fall and spring) toward completion of your first undergraduate degree, provided you continually meet the renewal criteria: you must successfully complete a total of 30 ASU credit hours with a minimum 3.00 ASU cumulative GPA by the end of each spring semester.

Semester Criteria

You must remain enrolled in ASU courses as a full-time undergraduate student with a minimum of 12 ASU credit hours each fall and spring semester in order for your scholarship funds to disburse. Although your scholarship funds will disburse at 12 ASU credit hours, ASU highly recommends you complete a minimum of 15 ASU credit hours per semester to ensure you successfully complete a total of 30 ASU credit hours by the end of each spring. If you enroll for fewer than 12 ASU credit hours and your scholarship funds did not disburse, you forfeit that semester's award, and that semester still counts against your maximum award terms of eligibility. However, your scholarship may still be renewed as long as you meet annual renewal criteria (listed above). Scholarships are awarded on a per semester (fall/spring) basis. If you complete your first undergraduate degree prior to your maximum award terms, you are only eligible to receive the one semester award for the term in which you graduate. See "Graduate Enrollment" for possible use of your award for graduate studies at ASU.

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Qualifying Types of Credit

ASU courses (including ASU study abroad) in the fall and spring semesters count toward credit-hour requirements.

The following do not satisfy credit-hour requirements for renewal eligibility; however, they may be used toward your overall credits for degree completion:

- Summer session courses, unless approved by the Scholarship Office to meet renewal criteria. See "Options for Students Not Meeting Renewal Criteria."
- Consortium agreement courses, repeated courses, audited courses or courses for which you receive a grade of incomplete or "Z"
- Transfer credits from other colleges/universities or correspondence courses.
- Any credits received by examination, including Advanced Placement, CLEP, IB and other tests.
- Credits earned at ASU before the start of your admitted academic year. Grades earned before the start of your admitted academic year are included in the calculation of your ASU cumulative GPA.

National Merit Criteria

National Merit College and Corporate sponsor recipients must also fulfill separate National Merit Scholarship Corporation renewal requirements and procedures in addition to meeting ASU renewal requirements and procedures.

Code of Conduct

ASU students are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct. Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a suspension, expulsion or administrative withdrawal will result in loss of your scholarship. This decision may not be appealed.

Options for Students Not Meeting Renewal Criteria

Sometimes even the most focused student can run into academic difficulty. If this happens to you we want to afford you every opportunity to keep all or most of your scholarship award. If you believe you will not meet renewal criteria by the end of the spring semester, consider your options:

Speak with your academic advisor. Your advisor is there to help you succeed in reaching your academic goals. If you are at risk of not meeting your renewal criteria, your advisor can help guide you through the steps you need to take in order to get back on the path to academic success.

Enroll in ASU summer session courses. If you need to complete additional ASU credit hours or increase your ASU cumulative GPA to meet renewal criteria, you can file a request to take summer classes to make up these deficiencies. You must submit a Summer Consideration Request for Scholarship Renewal form to the ASU Scholarship Office by **May 31**. Late requests will not be accepted, and, if you do not meet renewal criteria after taking summer session courses, you may not file an appeal.

students.asu.edu/forms/summer-scholarship-renewal

Learn about the Scholarship Maintenance Plan. If you are not meeting renewal criteria, you may be able to retain a portion of your award for the next academic year through the Scholarship Maintenance Plan.

students.asu.edu/scholarships/renewal/maintenance

Consider an appeal. If you experienced significant, extenuating circumstances beyond your control (e.g. an extended, serious medical emergency or the death of an immediate family member) and are unable to use the summer sessions option, you may file an appeal. Appeals are due by **July 1** and late requests will not be considered. Be aware that common challenges, such as difficulty with classes, work or family obligations are not considered extenuating circumstances. students.asu.edu/forms/scholarship-appeal.

Leave of Absence/Deferment

- If you require a leave of absence, check ASU's current readmission requirements and leave of absence policies. To retain your scholarship for use after your leave of absence, your deferment must be approved by the ASU Scholarship Office before you leave.
- Qualified deferments are permitted only after completing at least one successful semester at ASU. students.asu.edu/forms/scholarships
- National Merit Finalists must also directly notify the National Merit Scholarship Corporation about any planned deferments.

Graduate Enrollment

ASU is pleased to extend national scholars the ability to apply any unused semesters of New American University Scholarship funding toward an ASU graduate degree program.

- The award amount remains at the undergraduate level of the ASU national finalist award.
- Students must have completed their undergraduate degree and been admitted to a degree-granting graduate program in the semester immediately following their graduation. Awards used toward graduate study may not be deferred or appealed.
- Students must meet the minimum GPA requirements and enroll (fall and spring) full-time as defined by the Graduate College and their program to maintain eligibility.
- Students who secure teaching assistant or research assistant positions are not eligible to receive any unused semesters of the award.
- Students cannot use any corporate-sponsored or NMSC-sponsored award at the graduate level.

Contact

Direct questions regarding your scholarship to the ASU Undergraduate Admissions Office at 480-965-7788.

Continuing students may direct questions regarding scholarship renewal to the ASU Scholarship Office at 855-278-5080.