

UAA Scholarship Information

UAA CARES Act - Student Relief Fund

The University of Alaska Anchorage has begun awarding the student portion of [CARES Act funding](#) from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$2.7 million dollars.* These awards are to help with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, including cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. UAA's plan was established to assist students with the greatest need, in accordance with federal guidelines, while ensuring there were adequate funds available for those students who did not meet the initial grant selection group criteria.

Awards have been broken into two separate categories: "UAA Student Emergency Grant" and the "UAA Student Emergency Fund". UAA released all of the "Emergency Grant" funds, \$1,972,500 to 2,467 students in the Spring 2020 semester. Students who may need assistance through the "[UAA Student Emergency Fund](#)" are encouraged to apply until funds have been exhausted. Please review the eligibility conditions by visiting the link provided.

State of Alaska and UAA Grants and Scholarships

Requirement to Qualify: Complete the FAFSA every year!

For all State of Alaska AND UAA grants and scholarships, your [FAFSA](#) must be submitted by June 30th prior to the beginning of the academic year. Whether its scholarships, grants, or connecting students to federal aid that must be earned or paid back, the University of Alaska Anchorage has options for students to consider. Completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in applying for all federal, state, and need-based institutional aid. Financial aid for UAA first-year and continuing students have varying requirements. General eligibility criteria for each type of financial aid are provided by following the links below, however ALL students must be meeting [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) to receive an award. Students who receive combinations of grants or scholarships equal to, or in excess of, their [Cost of Attendance](#) may not be eligible or may have their award reduced.



UAA Administration Scholarships

UAA Administration Scholarships are awarded by many different departments and programs throughout the University. Please contact the department for which you would like to be considered and request additional information. To be eligible for the UAA Administration Scholarship, students must:

- Be admitted into a degree or certificate program at UAA
- Meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) requirements
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 for a graduate program, 2.8 for school and college awards for undergraduate students and 2.5 for administration awards for undergraduate students

UAA Administration Scholarships are limited to Cost of Attendance. Students who receive other combinations of grants or scholarships equal to, or in excess of, their Cost of Attendance will not be eligible for UAA Administration Scholarships.

The Office of Financial Aid has limited UAA Administration Scholarships available on a first-come, first-served basis for students experiencing financial hardship. To be considered, complete the UAA Administration Scholarship Request Form available on the [UAA Financial Aid Forms page](#).

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UA Scholars Award

The UA Scholars program offers a merit-based scholarship that students qualify for based on their class ranking in high school. The purpose of the UA Scholars Award is to provide an incentive for Alaska's middle and high school students to achieve academic excellence, to nourish efforts of schools to provide high quality education, and to encourage the top high school graduates from every community in Alaska to attend the University of Alaska.

The UA Scholars Award continues to keep Alaska's top high school graduates in state while continuing their education at the University of Alaska. UA Scholars enrich the academic environment at UA as they develop in their roles as future leaders of Alaska. They represent all the corners of the state and serve as ambassadors between their community and the university.

- For initial and continuing eligibility criteria, award information, and more, visit the [UA Scholars Program website](#).
- For new or current UA Scholars, review the UA Credit Milestones chart to determine how to remain in program compliance.
- Remember, you must be enrolled full-time (12 undergraduate credits) to receive a disbursement. UAA is not authorized to approve requests to enroll in fewer credits. Appeals of this nature must be directed to the [Statewide UA Scholars Program Office](#).
- UAA is authorized to consider exceptions to the GPA and Earned Credits Milestone requirements. To file an appeal you will need to work with your advisor and have a degree plan in place or your request will be denied.

UAA Recruitment Scholarship

The UAA Recruitment Scholarship is open to Incoming, first-time freshmen. UAA administration will use information provided on the submitted [Application for Admission](#), and additional details deemed helpful such as high school GPA or answers provided on the completed [FAFSA](#) to make award decisions. Eligibility conditions may change based on the size of the applicant pool. This is a first-come, first-served award and most decisions will be made by between December and February for the upcoming academic year. If additional funds become available as students decline or do not attend, new pools of students who applied after February 15th may be considered.

- Have submitted a UAA application for admission into a degree or certificate program, and be officially admitted before the Fall semester ends.
- Meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) requirements for those students who took UA classes during high school.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5

UAA Recruitment Scholarships are limited to Cost of Attendance. Students who receive other combinations of grants or scholarships equal to, or in excess of, their Cost of Attendance will not be eligible.

UAA Seawolf Opportunities Scholarship

The UAA Seawolf Opportunities Scholarship is open to first-generation, first-time freshmen. UAA administration will use information provided on the submitted [Application for Admission](#), and additional details such as high school GPA, ACT/SAT test scores, and the completed [FAFSA](#) to make award decisions. This is a multi-year \$2000 award and most decisions will be made by between December and February for the upcoming academic year. If additional funds become available as students decline or do not attend, new pools of students who applied after February 15th may be considered.

- Have submitted a UAA application for admission into a degree or certificate program, and be officially admitted before the Fall semester ends.
 - Meet [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) requirements for those students who took UA classes during high school.
 - Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 their freshman year, and 2.5 in years 2 through 4.
 - Enroll full-time (12 credits) during the Fall and Spring semesters
 - Be an Alaska Resident and U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
 - Have an expected family contribution (EFC) less than or equal to 20% higher than the max EFC needed to receive any Federal Pell Grant during the time of initial award. In future years, the recipient must continue to demonstrate financial need based on their EFC and cost of attendance (COA).
 - Recipients must continuously enroll in every Fall/Spring semester, no leave of absence semesters are permitted, except in summer.
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UAA Scholarships in the UA Scholarship Portal

The University of Alaska (UA) offers both need-based and merit scholarships within an application portal that is shared with all UA campuses. The scholarship application is open October 1st - February 15th for awards given out in the upcoming academic year. If you miss the deadline, complete the application anyway because new scholarships become available throughout the year. Eligibility criteria varies by scholarship and the portal uses built-in filtering technology to match students records and send your application to a committee for review. For more information on how to apply and review eligibility criteria, visit the [UA Scholarship Portal](#).

* Incoming freshman who apply for admission to UAA by February 15th do not need to complete the UA Scholarship Application in order to be reviewed for scholarship eligibility. UAA will use information submitted by the prospective student during the application for admission process, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to determine eligibility.

How to Apply for UAA Scholarships Between Oct 1 - Feb 15th EVERY Year

Apply for UAA Scholarships Between October 1st - February 15th

The 2021/2022 University of Alaska scholarship application will begin accepting applications from new* and continuing UAA students on OCTOBER 1st. Application content is deleted each year in September, just before the new scholarship application period opens. This exciting system has many useful features and benefits, including the ability to search, filter, and apply for scholarships based on answers provided on both the UA General Application and information imported from other areas of the University, such as Admissions and Registration.

*Students NEW to UAA do not need to fill out the scholarship application to be considered for an award. Information collected during the application for admission process will be used to make awards from this group. Completing your [FAFSA](#) will increase your chances of being selected for an award.

How to apply:

1. Sign into the [UA Scholarship Portal](#) with your UA username and password.
2. Complete the **General Application** and the system will sync with your imported, university-stored data, like degree program, major, and GPA. Auto-matching technology "pushes" your application to be reviewed for scholarship opportunities if you meet eligibility qualifications.
3. The system will ALSO provide you with a list of "Other Recommended" scholarships, unique to your imported data and answers you provided on the general application. These "other opportunities" require you to answer additional questions and/or provide subject-matter specific essays. Any additional requested essays or references must also be submitted in the portal by February 15th. For those scholarships that require a "reference letter", you must send an automated invitation from within the portal to your sponsors. The sponsor will access the secure portal to provide reference content. It is critical that you use your UA faculty reference's UA email address. To look this up, use the [UA Directory Search](#) tool.
4. After you complete the applications, you're done! If you are awarded a scholarship you will receive an award email to your UAOnline "preferred" email address. You can also check on the status of your application by signing back into the scholarship portal at any time.
5. Follow up! The system also includes information on private and external scholarships. These deadlines change often so check back under "External" opportunities.

Why should I complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

The [FAFSA \(Free Application for Federal Student Aid\)](#) is used for two things:

1. The [FAFSA](#) provides biographical information that may be used to help identify eligible applicants for some scholarships.
2. Some scholarships require that students demonstrate "financial need" to receive an award. "Financial need" is measured by the difference between annual college expenses and the potential amount that your family can afford to contribute. *Please don't skip applying for "need based" scholarships, just because you and your family don't qualify for "financial need."* Lacking federally-defined "financial need" does not mean you are ineligible for scholarships at UAA.
3. The FAFSA must also be submitted by February 15th in order for financial need to be determined for UAA Scholarships.

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Do incoming, first-time freshmen need to apply using the UA Scholarship Portal?

Incoming, first-time freshmen *DO NOT NEED to apply for freshmen-only UAA scholarships using the [UA Scholarship Portal](#). UAA administration will use information provided on the submitted [Application for Admission](#), and additional details such as high school GPA, ACT/SAT test scores, and the FAFSA to make award decisions. Eligibility conditions may change based on the size of the applicant pool. This is a first-come, first-served award and most decisions will be made by February for the upcoming academic year. If additional funds become available as students decline or do not attend, new pools of students who applied after February 15th may be considered.

*Incoming freshmen MAY fill out the general application within the UA Scholarship portal once they have a UA Username/Password. It can take up to 2 business days for a student to be assigned a login username/password. Since UAA does not use the UA Scholarship portal to select "incoming-freshmen" scholarship recipients, no exceptions will be made if you are not able to gain access to the portal before the February 15th deadline. It is critical to apply for admission BEFORE February to guarantee that you will have enough time to successfully complete the OPTIONAL scholarship application in order to be considered for an award from the University of Alaska (UA) Statewide Office and other campuses within UA.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/financial-aid/alaska-uaa-grants-scholarships.cshtml>