

National Merit, Achievement and Hispanic Scholarships
Terms and Conditions
(Please read carefully)

The National Merit, Achievement and Hispanic Scholarship(s), given to academically-talented, incoming freshmen who are designated as National Merit, National Achievement or National Hispanic, includes 100% tuition and fees, room and board, plus books according to the following provisions:

- The scholarship is applicable to a maximum of 120 credits or four consecutive years of undergraduate study, whichever comes first*.
- The scholarship is applicable to summer terms and can be used to accelerate the completion of your degree or to make up credit hours or GPA deficiencies.
- Enrollment fees include annual health, athletic, parking, and course fees.
- This scholarship does not cover health insurance.
- This scholarship does not cover the orientation fee.
- This scholarship is only open to qualified first time in college U.S. citizens, permanent residents and international students. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students are not eligible.
- This scholarship will be adjusted if my residency status should change from a nonresident status to a resident status.
- This scholarship is non-refundable, therefore I will not receive a refund from this award.
- I understand scholarship funds will only be disbursed towards tuition, enrollment fees, housing, books and qualifying types of course credit.
- Additionally, scholarships and financial aid may not exceed my total cost of attendance as determined by the Office of Financial Aid. FIU reserves the right to adjust my scholarship to comply with the above university policy. For a complete summary of my financial aid package, I can log into MyFIU or contact the Office of Financial Aid at (305) 348-7000.

*Exceptions may be made for degrees requiring more than 120 credits for graduation with written approval from the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

In order to renew this scholarship annually, you must meet the following terms:

- I must enroll at FIU beginning in the Early Fall or Fall Semester, starting in June or August of 2016.
- I must successfully complete a minimum of 30 FIU credit hours by the end of each academic year with a minimum of 3.00 FIU cumulative GPA.
- I must be continuously enrolled at the university (Fall/Spring) in order to have my scholarship renewed for the next academic year. I understand that credits taken at another institution during the time of my enrollment at FIU will not be considered toward scholarship renewal.

- During my enrollment at Florida International University, I will not at any time violate the Student Code of Conduct.
- I understand that if I am participating in a program or internship that requires me to not be enrolled at FIU for a semester, I will contact the admissions office to obtain written approval.

Summer Enrollment

- The scholarship is applicable to summer terms and can be used to accelerate the completion of a degree, earn supplemental credit hours or increase GPA deficiencies. If I am accelerating my degree, I understand that this scholarship will cover tuition as per level of enrollment guidelines. Tuition disbursement amounts are based on how many credits students are enrolled in during the summer semesters**
- If I am using the summer term to earn credits because I did not complete 30 credits in the previous Fall/Spring semesters or increase my GPA for scholarship renewal, I understand that this scholarship will cover tuition as per level of enrollment guidelines***

Fall Enrollment

- I must remain enrolled in FIU courses as a full-time undergraduate student with a minimum of 12 FIU credit hours each fall and spring semester in order for the scholarship to disburse. Although my scholarship will disburse at 12 FIU credit hours, I understand that FIU recommends students complete a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester to ensure successful completion of a total of 30 FIU credit hours by the end of each spring. If I should decide to enroll in 12 credits during Fall and or Spring semester, I understand that I should enroll in the summer term in order to earn the additional credits required to meet the 30 credits that I am mandated to take each academic year.
- If I am unable to enroll full time (12 credits) during the fall, spring or both semesters I will contact the office of Undergraduate Admissions. I understand that if I enroll for fewer than 12 FIU credit hours my scholarship will not disburse and I forfeit that semester's award.

** A student is deemed to be accelerating their degree if they enroll in the summer courses despite having met the scholarship renewal requirements at the end of the spring semester of their current year. A student is considered to making up credits if they have NOT met scholarship renewal requirements by the end of the spring semester of their current academic year.

***Level of enrollment guidelines can be found at <http://onestop.fiu.edu/financial-aid/scholarship-information/index.html>.