

American University Online Merit Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Online Merit Scholarship Overview

All admitted students, regardless of nationality, are considered for academic scholarships for which they are eligible. In general, admitted students awarded scholarships have excellent academic credentials and exhibit exceptional leadership skills. Specifically, the Online Merit Scholarship is available to online students who qualify under the eligibility requirements. The following parameters apply:

Eligible Online Program(s)	Entry Period	Scholarship Amount	Scholarship Courses	Completed Credits	Undergraduate GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
Master of Public Administration and Policy	Online sessions starting 5/1/2017	\$10,000	Scholarship applied equally to the 5 th through 8 th courses.	12 credits	3.5

The scholarship is available to students who meet all of the eligibility criteria. The listed scholarship amount is the maximum value of the scholarship awarded to an individual student. The scholarship will be awarded in the form of waived tuition and applied to the Scholarship Course(s) taken as part of the Online Merit Scholarship. No part of the scholarship will be awarded as a cash refund or for any purpose other than tuition. The scholarship will not be applied to textbooks, materials, fees, past balances or dropped courses.

Eligibility Requirements

To receive the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Entry Period:** The first course required for the Online Merit Scholarship must be taken online at American University starting May 1, 2017. Students who took courses prior to this date regardless of modality or enrollment status are not eligible to apply. A course is considered to have been taken if a student was enrolled after the add/drop 100 percent refund period.
- Enrollment Status:** Eligible students must be accepted into the online format of the Online Merit Scholarship by the time the first course is taken. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible.
- Academic Performance:** Eligible students must have graduated with a cumulative GPA as outlined above in undergraduate at the time of applications. Students also must remain in good academic standing, retaining a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Completion Period:** The funds will not be applied to the students' account until enrollment in the fifth course.

Process

- American University will make the Online Merit Scholarship decision and will notify students at the time they are admitted or shortly thereafter.
- Scholarship recipients register for their Scholarship Courses as normal. The applicable scholarship is applied to the Scholarship Course(s) as it is/they are taken.
- Students will be billed for tuition due net of the scholarship applied during that term.

American University retains all rights to offer the Online Merit Scholarship at its discretion and may alter the program without notice.