

Online Merit Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Overview

Admitted students will be eligible for scholarship consideration based on academic credentials, professional experience and exceptional leadership skills. Specifically, the Online Merit Scholarship is available to online students who qualify under the following eligibility requirements and parameters:

Eligibility Requirements

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

1. **Entry Period:** The first course required for the Online Merit Scholarship must be taken online at American University. 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.
2. **Enrollment Status:** Eligible students must be accepted into the online format of the Online Merit Scholarship by the time they take the first course. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible.
3. **Academic Performance:** Students must remain in good academic standing throughout the program, retaining a 3.0 GPA or higher and make [satisfactory academic progress](#).
4. **Completion Period:** The funds will be applied to the student’s account upon enrollment in the ninth and tenth course.
5. **Academic Integrity Code:** Eligible students must abide by American University’s [Academic Integrity Code](#) to retain their scholarship award.

Eligible Online Program(s)	Entry Period	Scholarship Amount	Scholarship Courses	Completed Credits	Eligibility Considerations
Master of Arts in Strategic Communication	Ongoing	Up to \$10,000	Scholarship applied equally to the final two courses in the program.*	24 credits	Eligibility determined based upon a holistic review of the submitted application file

*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.

Process

1. American University will make the Online Merit Scholarship decision and will notify students at the time they are admitted or shortly thereafter.
2. Scholarship recipients register for their scholarship courses as normal. American University will apply the scholarship to the scholarship course(s) as it is/they are taken.
3. The scholarship will be awarded in the form of waived tuition and applied to the last two courses in the online MA in Strategic Communication program.
4. Students will be billed for net balance of tuition after the scholarship has been applied to the final term.

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