Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions
For Incoming Freshmen

How do I apply for scholarships?
Students accepted for admission complete a scholarship application through the Auburn University Scholarship Opportunity Manager (AUSOM) in AU Access. This is the only application required for consideration of all institutional scholarships.

What is the deadline to apply for scholarships?
Incoming freshmen must complete the scholarship application through AUSOM by 4:45 p.m. CST on December 1. Students planning to apply for scholarships must complete the admission application with all required materials received by November 15.

Does Auburn “super score” ACT or SAT scores?
For the purposes of admission and scholarships, Auburn considers the highest test score from a single test date.

Does Auburn require the writing score of the ACT or SAT?
Auburn does not require a writing score for consideration of admission or in the awarding of scholarships.

My highest test score was achieved on the old SAT. What test score will be used?
The date of the test – before or after March 1, 2016 – determines which SAT test format was administered and the equivalent score for consideration of admission and in the awarding of scholarships. Equivalent old and new SAT scores can be found at auburn.edu/testscores.

My test score or high school GPA does not currently meet the minimum requirement for consideration of a specific Freshman Scholarship. Can I submit an updated test score or high school transcript for consideration?
Updated test scores and transcripts received after the scholarship application deadline will be considered, as funding permits, for students with a complete scholarship application by December 1.

Do I complete a separate application for Departmental Scholarship consideration?
The General Application through AUSOM includes consideration for many Departmental Scholarships. Some colleges or schools require completion of a Supplemental Application within AUSOM for Departmental Scholarship consideration. If there is a change in major, students should review their scholarship application to answer possible additional questions for Departmental Scholarship consideration in the new major.

When will I be notified if I have been selected to receive a scholarship?
Freshman Scholarships are awarded beginning in October. Some General and Departmental Scholarships may be awarded beginning in December, while the remaining scholarships will be awarded in the spring. If selected, students will be notified by award letter to their permanent address or by email to their TigerMail account.

What is the average award amount for General and Departmental Scholarships?
General and Departmental Scholarships are awarded at an average of $1,500 to $2,000 for one year. Both are awarded competitively, and criteria vary, including but not limited to geographic location as defined by city, county, or state of residence and/or high school attended, academic achievement, academic major, and financial need. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available beginning in October online at fafsa.ed.gov. Need-based scholarships may be awarded to incoming freshmen beginning in December, requiring the FAFSA to be received by December 1 for maximum scholarship consideration. The FAFSA should be received by February 1 for consideration of financial aid.