



University of South Alabama Institutional Scholarship Guidelines

- Scholars must be enrolled full-time each fall and spring semester and earn 30 credit hours during the academic year. Students are highly encouraged to take, on average, 14-16 hours each fall and spring to stay on track for 30 hours. **Be aware that repeating a course for which you have already earned credit will not contribute credit hours toward satisfying the 30-hour requirement for the year.**
- Scholarship recipients must also maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative institutional GPA (after the spring semester) to be eligible for renewal in subsequent years.
- If a student does not meet the renewal requirements at the end of the spring semester (i.e. had to withdraw from a course or GPA dropped below a 3.0), the student may enroll at USA, at their own expense, during the summer term to meet the requirements. The scholarship will be forfeited if renewal requirements are not met at the end of the summer semester.
- Institutional scholarships are applied typically towards the payment of USA tuition and fees. In some cases the award may also be used for USA Housing, USA Dining, and required textbooks at the USA Bookstore. Scholarships may have additional award specifics or restrictions – please review your award letter carefully for individual scholarship guidelines.
- Institutional scholarships are non-refundable.
- Institutional scholarship funds may not be used for the summer term.
- Institutional scholarship funds do not roll from term to term or year to year.
- All institutional scholarship funds must be used prior to the end of the add/drop period (typically the third day of classes).
- Renewable scholarships will be reviewed at the end of the spring term, once all grades have been certified by the Office of the Registrar.
- Grade replacement requests must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Registrar at the end of the completing term and must be processed prior to the first day of the subsequent term.
- The Bay Area Scholarship is a one-year, non-renewable scholarship. Students receiving the Bay Area Scholarship must be enrolled full-time each fall and spring semester, and earn 30 credit hours during the academic year.
- Student-athletes that participate in a head-count sport, for the University of South Alabama, receive athletic aid that covers 100% of their USA tuition and fees, room, board, and books. These student-athletes are not eligible to receive Institutional Scholarships.