

# **Endowed Fellowships and Academic Scholarships**Honors College & Academic Scholarship Office



## **Endowed Fellowships**

As a University of Arkansas honors student, you can do more than just write papers and take tests. You could discover a new method of producing biofuels, write an original novel or play, or travel to Central America to help serve the needs of isolated populations. To help our top students achieve their goals, we offer generous, competitively awarded fellowships that provide up to \$80,000 over four years, plus a 90% non-resident tuition award if applicable. Up to 90 new freshmen are selected to receive our fellowships each year. We offer the following, highly selective fellowships:

- Bodenhamer Fellowship
   (all academic majors considered, 5-6 per year)
- Honors College Fellowship

   (all academic majors considered, 70-80 per year)
- Sturgis Fellowship
   (Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences majors, 4-6 per year)

## **Funding**

Fellowship funds may be applied towards tuition, room and board, and fees, and may also be used to support other expenses such as study abroad, undergraduate research projects and travel to conferences.

Please note that a fellowship offer would replace a scholarship offer from the Academic Scholarship Office (e.g., Chancellor's Scholarship, Chancellor's Merit Scholarship, Silas Hunt Distinguished Scholarship, etc.). Fellowship funding may be combined with other external or departmental scholarships up to the total cost of attendance. A fellowship financial manager is available to advise students on allowable expenditures.

## **Qualifications**

The minimum qualifications for fellowship consideration include:

- 32 ACT (composite score on one exam) or 1430 SAT (Superscores are used for university scholarships, but not for fellowships)
- 3.90 high school GPA (One extra grade point is given for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual/concurrent courses when clearly indicated on the high school transcript.)

The competition is rigorous! Our reviewers expect strong academic curriculum and performance. They also look for demonstrated leadership, service and community involvement. Evidence of intellectual curiosity and creative pursuits are a plus.

# **Additional Funding Opportunities**

College or Departmental Scholarships

scholarships.uark.edu

Scholarships from the Arkansas Alumni Association arkansasalumni.org

**Outside Scholarships** 

scholarships.uark.edu/quide-to-outside-scholarships

Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program and Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

sams.adhe.edu

Federal Financial Aid finaid.uark.edu

sarris.adrie.edu

## **Academic Scholarships**

The following scholarships are awarded competitively to top scholarship applicants; you do not have to be an honors student to apply.

#### Chancellor's Merit Scholarship

(up to \$10,000 per year; renewable) Awarded to National Merit finalists who name the UA as first choice to the National Merit Corporation.

#### Chancellor's Scholarship

(up to \$8,000 per year; renewable)

#### Advance Arkansas Scholarship

(up to \$4,000 per year; renewable) Awarded to Arkansas residents with financial need who have engaged in significant community service and/or who aspire to be first in their families to earn a four-year college degree.

# Chancellor's Community Scholarship

(up to \$5,000 per year; renewable)

#### Silas Hunt Distinguished Scholarship

(up to \$5,000 or in some cases up to \$8,000 per year; renewable)

Awarded to students from underrepresented communities.

## Honors College Academy Scholarship

(up to \$4,000 per year; renewable) Awarded to Arkansas residents.

#### Razorback Bridge Scholarship

(up to \$3,500 per year, renewable) Awarded to Arkansas residents from underrepresented communities.

#### Leadership Scholarship

(up to \$2,000 per year; renewable)

#### First-Year Advantage Scholarship

(up to \$5,000; non-renewable)
One-time award for the first year for students living in U of A housing (up to \$3,000 for students living at home). Financial need will be considered but not required.

#### Razorback Connection Scholarship

(up to \$3,000; non-renewable) Awarded to Arkansas residents.

#### **Jewel Minnis Scholarship**

(up to \$2,000; non-renewable) Awarded to Arkansas residents.

#### Freshman Success Scholarship

(up to \$2,000; non-renewable) Awarded to Arkansas residents.

#### Freshman Academic Scholarship

(up to \$1,000; non-renewable) Awarded to Arkansas residents.











# **How to Apply**

Apply for admission to the University of Arkansas at apply. uark.edu by November 1. Be sure to submit your test scores and transcripts to the Office of Admissions by November 1, as well. Apply early to ensure that all information is available by the deadline.

Based on your admission application, you will receive an email with a link to either the online application for fellowships or for scholarships. You will be prompted to include the following supplemental materials in the application:

- Three Works. Include three works (fiction, poetry, drama, history, science, engineering or other non-fiction) that you have read during the past year that you have most enjoyed. For each work, write a paragraph (150 words maximum for each work) to describe what you found about the work to be significant. At least one of the three selections should be a work that was not required for you to read for school. We also suggest that you try to use different styles of literary works, such as the ones listed above in parentheses.
- Essay. Write a well-developed essay (600 words maximum) on ONE of the following:
- 1) Identify an invention or idea that was developed more than 100 years ago that still has a major effect on the way we live today. How has this technology or idea affected your life?
- 2) Identify an artist or innovator in the world today who inspires you. Tell us why.
- 3) What does community service mean to you? How do you envision yourself serving in the future?

Note: You must cite sources if you use published or web-based information in your response.

- Activities. In order of significance, please describe up to eight activities. You may include academic, athletic or talent competitions, school and community leadership roles, research or creative endeavors, summer academic camps, music or theater involvement, and service projects or work-related endeavors.
   Please indicate your role and amount of time associated with each activity. You can use up to 100 words to describe each activity you list.
- Award and Honors. In order of significance, please describe up
  to five academic awards or honors you have earned during high
  school. Be sure to indicate when you earned them. You can use up
  to 100 words to describe each award you list.
- Academic References. Fellowship applicants also submit names and contact information of two individuals willing to write letters of recommendation (teachers often write the strongest letters).

# Questions?

For more information on fellowships visit **honorscollege.uark.edu.** 

For more information on scholarships visit **scholarships.uark.edu.** 

# **Application Tips**

## **Essay**

For many students, the essay can be the most challenging part of the application, but it is the best opportunity to help the fellowship and scholarship committees get to know you. The most successful essays are focused, fully answering the question without straying from the topic.

They also reveal something about the applicant through honest details and personal insights. Avoid platitudes and checklists of accomplishments and activities. The more specific you can be about your personal experience, the better.

Proofread your essay a number of times and ask a teacher to review it as well. The essay length is limited to 600 words.

## **Be Prepared**

We recommend that you prepare your supplemental application materials (essay, lists, etc.) in your word processing software before you begin filling out your application. You will not be able to make changes once the form is submitted, so it's a good idea to have these materials on hand (polished and proofread multiple times!) before you complete and submit your application.

# **Important Deadlines**

Start early and check your email often for important reminders and updates.

#### November 1

You must apply for admission to the University of Arkansas and submit your transcript and test scores by this date to be eligible for the priority round of scholarship awards.

#### November 15

Students must complete their scholarship application by this date to be given priority consideration for scholarships. Later applications will be considered for scholarships only if funds are available. For fellowship applicants, please note that even if you are submitting your application for priority consideration, letters of recommendation are not due until February 1.

#### January 15

To be considered for fellowships and scholarships, you must submit your application for admission and transcripts and test scores by this date.

#### February 1

This is the final deadline for fellowship and scholarship applications. All supporting documents must be received by this date, including letters of recommendation.