

UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship

For Awards Beginning in the 2012-2013 Academic Year

The UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship is awarded to outstanding new, incoming first-year University of Maine at Farmington students who do not reside in Maine. The award is valued at a total of \$20,000 over four years (eight semesters) and awarded each year in the amount of \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 per semester).

Eligibility Requirements

In order to receive the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship in your first semester at the University of Maine at Farmington, you must:

- Be admitted to UMF as a first-year student. (New transfer students are not eligible for the scholarship.)
- Rank in the top 20% of your high school graduating class through junior year and pursue a rigorous college prep curriculum in high school.
- Be offered the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship by the selection committee.
- Submit an enrollment deposit with your Admission Reply Form to UMF by your admission reply deadline.
- Matriculate at UMF as a full-time student (minimum 12 credits) in a degree program.
- Not be a resident of Maine.
- Not enroll in a program (major) covered under the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). Students who choose one of these majors will lose their UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship but become eligible for reduced tuition under NEBHE guidelines.

Renewal Requirements

The UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship may be renewed for a total of four years (eight semesters) of study at the University of Maine at Farmington, under the following conditions:

- The UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship may only be applied during the fall and spring semesters.
- You must maintain at least 12 credits per semester in a degree program during the regular academic year. If you do not register for 12 credits in a semester, you will not be offered the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship for that semester. You will be offered the scholarship again for any subsequent semester for which you enroll in at least 12 credits and fulfill the other renewal requirements.
- If, as a result of withdrawing from courses after the add-drop period, you end up registered for fewer than 12 credits in a semester, you will not receive the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship in your following semester at UMF but can regain it in any subsequent semester for which you meet all renewal requirements.
- You must maintain out-of-state status. You cannot renew the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship if your status changes to an in-state student.
- The UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship is available for no more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or until graduation requirements are completed, whichever comes first.
- The UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship is disbursed in two equal installments each year, one applied at the beginning of the fall semester, and one applied at the beginning of the spring semester, provided the renewal criteria are met and being maintained each semester.



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- You must maintain a semester G.P.A. of at least 3.00. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship in the following semester. The award can be reinstated following any semester after achieving a 3.00 semester G.P.A. and for which all other renewal requirements are met. (See Exemptions to Minimum Semester G.P.A. Renewal Requirement below.)
- You may not renew the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship if you enroll in a program of study that is eligible for a tuition reduction through the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) or in a program within one of UMF's education divisions.
- The award must be utilized within a period not to exceed four years.

Exemptions to Minimum Semester G.P.A. Renewal Requirement

- The first time your semester G.P.A. falls below 3.00 and your cumulative G.P.A. remains at least 3.00, you will be issued a warning but allowed to keep your UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship for an additional semester, during which you must earn a 3.00 semester G.P.A. in a full-time program or lose the scholarship in the subsequent semester.
- First-year students whose first semester G.P.A. at UMF is below 3.00 may keep the UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship for the second semester if their first semester G.P.A. is at least 2.00. If your semester G.P.A. is 3.00 or higher in your second semester, your scholarship will be renewed. (Note: This exemption applies only to students in their very first semester of full-time study at UMF).

Other Important Information

- You may transport your UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship to participate in a University approved study abroad program, provided you obtain prior, written approval from the Financial Aid Office. You must submit your request for approval to the Director of Financial Aid by April 1st for an upcoming fall semester, and by October 1st for an upcoming spring semester.
- The UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship must be coordinated with other financial aid funds that are received in order to comply with applicable federal, state, and other institutional rules that require coordination of benefits. The total amount of all scholarships, grants, waivers, subsidized Federal student loans, and need-based student employment may not exceed the calculated financial need for a financial aid recipient. Thus, when full need is being met, other aid may sometimes require adjustment. When such situations occur, UMF strives to provide optimal benefit to the recipient within the aid rules and first reduces loan and work funds, and, if required, lastly gift aid (i.e., grants, scholarships, and waivers).
- You may not combine your UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship with other, annual, renewable merit-based scholarships awarded by the Admission Office (the UMF Diversity Scholarship, the UMF Presidential Scholarship, and the UMF Stevens Scholarship) or with the Native American Waiver and Educational Program or the New England Board of Higher Education tuition rate. Applicants who are, or become, eligible for more than one of these scholarships / programs will receive the award of the greatest monetary value.

Contact Us For Details

For additional information, contact the UMF Office of Admission or the UMF Financial Aid Office.

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