



RULES and REGULATIONS GOVERNING GENERAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS (Out-of-State/Non-Maryland Residents)

1. UMBC General Merit Scholarships for Non- Maryland Residents are valued up to \$10,000 a year for a maximum of four academic years, with a total value of approximately \$40,000. To retain the scholarship, the student must:
 - a. Enroll and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credits each fall & springsemester.
and
 - b. Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25.
2. General Merit Scholarships are good for a total of eight consecutive fall/spring semesters of enrollment, or the point at which a student earns his/her first undergraduatedegree.
3. A student who withdraws or discontinues enrollment for one or more semesters must request renewal for a future semester by writing to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships before withdrawing. The appeal form is available at <https://scholarships.umbc.edu/currentscholars/discontinuationappeals/> and/or can be best found by searching “Scholarship Discontinuation Appeal Form.” The appeal should include the reason(s) for withdrawal and the semester he/she is planning to re-enroll. Students who withdraw or discontinue full-time for a semester enrollment without submitting a written appeal and getting approval for the reinstatement of the scholarship will forfeit their award. Once the scholarship is lost, it cannot be reinstated.
4. General Merit Scholarship recipients are not eligible to collect multiple UMBC academic scholarships. If offered awards from separate UMBC committees, recipients may choose only one. For example, a General Merit Offer cannot be combined with Scholar Program Offer (CWIT, Cyber, Meyerhoff, Sherman, Humanities, Sondheim, or Linehan); students must choose one of the two.
5. All outside scholarships must be reported in writing to the UMBC Scholarships. University policy limits the maximum amount of grant and scholarship funds to the cost of attendance (tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal and miscellaneous expenses) as determined each year by federal guidelines. For further information regarding cost of attendance: <https://scholarships.umbc.edu/cost-of-attendance/> When UMBC merit awards and outside scholarships, grants or waivers exceed the maximum cost of attendance, the UMBC merit award will be adjusted to be within range.
6. If a student chooses to study abroad for a fall/spring semester, students may utilize their scholarship for credit-worthy courses earned abroad. Prior approval is required from the Scholarships and the Study Abroad Office.
7. If a student chooses to participate in a Co-Op or internship experience, the experience must provide academic credit towards the scholar’s UMBC degree and major. Scholars enrolled in any courses affiliated with PRAC 099, which earn 0 credits towards their degree, are not eligible to collect their scholarship during the semester. Scholars may request to defer their scholarship during the semester they are enrolled in PRAC 099 to a future semester of eligible enrollment by submitting a Scholarship Deferral Request Form prior to the start of the semester. The deferral form is available at <https://scholarships.umbc.edu/deferral/> and/or can be best found by searching “Scholarship Deferral Request Form.”