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For Students Entering Fall 2012 Program Eligibility for the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program

- This program covers essential costs of your college education for full-time enrollment for eight continuous semesters (fall and spring), provided you meet eligibility for renewal each year.
- Open to Arizona residents, admitted to UA for fall 2012 who are degree-seeking, full-time freshmen (pursuing first undergraduate degree). This is an invitation only program. Meeting all the stated requirements means you are eligible for consideration; you may be selected by the invitation committee. Other factors are also considered.
- Admission to UA does not guarantee eligibility for the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program. You must have at least an overall unweighted GPA of 3.0 from high school.
- You must enroll in courses at UA beginning fall 2012 semester immediately after Arizona high school graduation. If you do not enroll at UA fall 2012, you will forfeit eligibility for any future participation in this program.
- You must demonstrate a total annual family income of \$42,400 or less on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant.
- You must submit a FAFSA and have a complete UA admissions application on file (application, test scores, transcripts and application fee) by **March 1, 2012**, to be eligible for consideration. **There are no exceptions to this date.** The FAFSA must be official and free of errors. Submit your initial FAFSA by March 1 and resolve any errors before **May 1, 2012**. You can complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA any time after January 1, 2012. UA encourages you to estimate taxes to ensure that you are an on-time applicant.
- You must submit all requested documents (e.g., tax forms) for financial aid verification by **May 1, 2012**, to be eligible for consideration for the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program. **There are no exceptions to this date.** These documents must be complete and free of errors. Submit all requested documents early to resolve any errors or issues before **May 1, 2012**.
- If you are awarded any additional institutional funding (e.g., merit award) **after** you have been awarded Arizona Assurance Scholars Program funding, your awards may be adjusted under the terms of the program.
- You must enroll in at least 12 units at UA. Classes and costs associated with enrollment at any other institution are not covered by Arizona Assurance Scholars Program funding.
- Special class fees, academic program fees or summer tuition/fees will not be covered by Arizona Assurance Scholars Program funding.
- You may choose to spend one or two semesters in a UA-sponsored study abroad program, only after completion of your first year in the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program. This will count toward the eight semester maximum. Your funding will continue to be based on UA cost of attendance and will not cover any study abroad program fees.
- In your first year at UA, you will be expected to participate in the Arizona Assurance Scholars Success Program. The program is designed to connect you with resources and services to ease your transition to and enhance your success at UA. You will be connected with a mentor who will help you navigate through your first year at UA. A complete description of the Arizona Assurance Scholars Success Program will be sent to you.



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Renewal: Criteria and Process

- You must file a FAFSA by March 1 each year for continuation in the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program. **There are no exceptions to this date.** The FAFSA must be official and free of errors. Apply early to resolve any errors before **May 1**.
- You must remain eligible for the Federal Pell Grant to receive Arizona Assurance Scholars Program funding each year.
- You are required to successfully complete a minimum of 24 UA credit hours during each academic year (register for a minimum of 12 credits in fall and spring semesters). However, to complete your degree in four years, you will need to take a minimum of 15 units per semester.
- If you are awarded scholarships or outside resources, these awards may have higher annual renewal criteria.
- You must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as detailed at <http://financialaid.arizona.edu/awards/standards>.
- UA may be required to verify your FAFSA information. All documents (e.g., tax forms) required to complete the verification process must be submitted by May 1 each year for continued Arizona Assurance Scholars Program funding. There are no exceptions to this date. These documents must be complete and free of errors. Submit all requested documents early to resolve any errors before this date. If after verification, you do not meet the funding renewal criteria, you will not be eligible for program funding for that and future semesters.

- Regardless of circumstances, all scholars in the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program who are disqualified or choose to leave UA become ineligible for the program due to the break in enrollment.
- You must complete program expectations for each year you are in the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program.

Options for Students Not Meeting Renewal Criteria

- If you do not meet or exceed the renewal criteria, you may file an appeal for reinstatement into the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program provided you experienced significant, extenuating circumstances beyond your control (such as a serious medical emergency). Completed appeals must be submitted to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
- If you experience other challenges throughout the year, such as difficulty with classes, time management, work or family responsibilities or other co-curricular commitments, consult your academic advisor. There are many UA resources to ensure that you receive the guidance and assistance necessary to remain on track and continue to meet criteria for Arizona Assurance Scholars Program renewal and graduate.



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For more information about the Arizona Assurance Scholars Program, contact The UA Office of Admissions at (520) 621-3237 or the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (520) 621-1858, or visit the Arizona Assurance Scholars Financial Aid Web site:

financialaid.arizona.edu/assurance

Guidelines for 2012-2013. Information for future years may vary.