



## **UAPB Golden Opportunity Scholarship 2023-2024**

### **Guidelines and Eligibility Requirements**

**Submission Deadline: June 1, 2023 NO EXCEPTIONS**

The UAPB Golden Opportunity Scholarships provide limited financial assistance to continuing students who are not on any university scholarship but have a record of outstanding performance and/or have demonstrated need for financial support. Decisions for these awards are based on the recommendations of the University Scholarship Committee, based on available funds. There are two types of applications for the UAPB Golden Opportunity Scholarships:

**Academic Golden Opportunity Scholarship**

**Need-Based Golden Opportunity Scholarship**

#### **Eligibility Requirements for the Academic Golden Opportunity Scholarship:**

1. Be enrolled as continuing fulltime undergraduate students (12 hours minimum - unless the number of hours needed to graduate in the current semester is fewer than 12).
2. Have a current FAFSA on file with the Office of Student Financial Services.
3. Achieve an outstanding semester and cumulative GPA (minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) in coursework completed at the time of application.
4. Submit a 250-word essay on how the scholarship will help the applicants meet educational goals.
5. Have not received any university scholarships other than the UAPB Golden Opportunity Scholarship during the prior academic year. (Students who lose an academic scholarship are eligible to apply after they have reestablished a high academic achievement level).
6. Have less than a \$200 balance from the previous term.

#### **Eligibility Requirements for the Need-Based Golden Opportunity Scholarship:**

1. Be enrolled as continuing fulltime undergraduate students (12 hours minimum - unless the number of hours needed to graduate in current semester are fewer than 12).
2. Have a current FAFSA on file with the Office of Student Financial Services.
3. Achieve a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in coursework completed at the time of application.

4. Submit a 250-word essay on how the scholarship will help the applicants meet educational goals.
5. Have less than a \$200 balance from the previous term.
6. Demonstrate a financial need as determined by the Office of Student Financial Services.

**Application Guidelines:**

1. Applications must be received in the Office of Enrollment Management and Student Success in Caldwell Hall room 206, or by email to [cohen@uapb.edu](mailto:cohen@uapb.edu) or fax [870-575-4615](tel:870-575-4615) by June 1, 2023 for consideration for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Scholarships will be recommended for awards by the University Scholarship Committee as funds permit.
3. Golden Opportunity Scholarships are awarded once a year. Funds will cover the Fall and Spring Semesters only. Funds for the scholarship cannot be applied retroactively to cover existing balances. Students will need to clear their balances before funds from the Golden Opportunity Scholarships can be applied.
4. Scholarships will expire at the end of the academic year.
5. A new scholarship applications must be submitted each academic year.
6. Applicants must attach a copy of the completed FAFSA and the estimated family contribution.
7. Application will be void if not completed, signed and dated.



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**Academic Golden Opportunity Scholarship Applicants -- Complete Sections A and D**  
**Need-Based Golden Opportunity Scholarship Applicants -- Complete Sections A, B and C**

**Section A: Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Do you receive an Academic Scholarship? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

If yes, which scholarship do you receive? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature Date

**Section B: Financial Information**

Present Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated cost:**

**Total Tuition and Fees per Semester:**  
(Includes on-campus housing & meals)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Books & Supplies:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much of your estimated income will come from the following:

Savings/Investments: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Employment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Parental Support \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Assistance Expected: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Assistance (*Specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you completed the FAFSA  Yes  No, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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How much of your financial aid will come from the following:

Loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Scholarships: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Military: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Assistance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (*Specify*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following unusual financial expenses or commitments for which I will be responsible during the selected semester: \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I realize that submitting false information constitutes fraud, and may result in the cancellation of any need-based scholarship I am awarded.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

The information you have provided herein will be kept strictly confidential.

**Section C: Need-Based Scholarship Essay**

On an additional page, indicate your financial need, long-range goals, work experience, volunteer or community involvement, educational achievements, special circumstances that create financial need, and/or any additional comments. Please type and double space. (250 Word Minimum)

**Section D: Academic Scholarship Essay**

On an additional page, write an essay on how the Scholarship will help the applicants meet their educational and career goals. Please type and double space. (250 Word Minimum)