Emeriti Sophomore Scholarship Application
Due by 5 pm MST on the first Monday in February (applications will not be taken after this date)

This application is for scholarships awarded through the USU Emeriti Association (pronounced eh-MARE-i-tie)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION (This information is not used to rank applicants)

Have you ever attended another university? Yes  No
List month & year you graduated from high school or received your GED
Are you currently receiving any scholarships at USU? Yes  No
If yes, please specify names & amount:

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Selection Eligibility:
- Must demonstrate financial need (include your FAFSA EFC and SAR scores)
- Must have demonstrated superior academic progress and performance in your university studies at USU.
- Must have completed at least 12 USU credits but no more than 59 USU credits (according to USU official transcript – and this includes credits in progress)
- Must be a full-time student during the semesters for which you will be receiving the scholarship (full-time student status is defined by USU standards).
- Must be able to get letters of recommendation from two faculty members
- Cannot be receiving any other full-tuition USU Scholarship for the upcoming academic year.
- Scholarship award recipients are required to attend the annual awards luncheon in April and, while in college, must be willing to report back to the Emeriti Association, yearly, in regard to their education progress.

Each of these criteria must be met in order to be eligible for the Sophomore Scholarship.

Awarding Criteria (in ranking order)
1. Financial Need
2. Academic Performance
3. Personal Goals and Objectives Statement
4. Letters of Reference

Utah Code 63G-12-402 requires the University to verify the lawful presence in the United States of individuals who apply for any scholarships, fellowships, grants, or other aid administered by the University. Individuals who apply for these benefits are also required to certify under penalty of perjury that they are lawfully present in the United States.

I certify under penalty of perjury that I am a United States citizen [ ] Yes [ ] No

Signature of Student:

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Emeriti Sophomore Scholarship

The Utah State University Emeriti (pronounced eh-MARE-i-tie) Sophomore Scholarship is awarded by the USU Emeriti Chapter, which is part of the USU Alumni Association. It is anticipated there will be two $7,000 scholarships awarded to Sophomore-rank USU students for the upcoming school year ($3500 each per semester)

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- Must be able to get letters of recommendation from two faculty members
- Cannot be receiving any other full-tuition USU Scholarship for the upcoming academic year.
- If selected as one of the possible finalists, applicant must be willing to participate in a personal interview with the selection committee (considerations may be made for those applying long-distance).
- Scholarship award recipients are required to attend the annual awards luncheon in April and, while in college, must be willing to report back to the Emeriti Association, yearly, in regards to their education progress.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:
- The following required materials must be received at the Alumni Association office:
  - Name and contact information
  - Documentation of Financial Need: FASFA/SAR scores. To be eligible for consideration of Needs-Based scholarships, you must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit the first page, showing your EFC or Estimated Family Contribution. No other pages from your FAFSA are required for this scholarship application. By signing below, you agree to allow Utah State University access to your FAFSA information for purposes of eligibility determination for any Needs-Based scholarships.
  - A carefully prepared statement of “Personal History,” not to exceed ONE page, addressing the selection criteria, work history, and what percent of your current educational financial needs you provide, such as “self-support.”
  - Academic records: transcripts of all high school credits and courses, transcripts of all post-high school credits and courses, an “official” USU transcript, documents showing current USU enrollment, ACT/SAT scores, a list of courses in which you, the applicant, are currently enrolled (these are probably shown on the USU transcript), and USU documentation showing your selected academic major.
  - Description of USU Program that you, the applicant, are pursuing: (a) a copy of the program of study for the academic major; (b) a table allocating earned and planned courses and the academic term when those courses are to be taken during your course of study and (c) a designation which of those courses are for “university studies,” “academic major,” “other required courses,” and “electives” in which the student has leeway and discretion. (check with
your advisor and use “Degree Works” under My.USU.edu → Banner → Degree Works, or you may design your own table.

- **Two Letters of Reference** from faculty with whom you, the student, have been associated and who is not a relative. It is preferable that letters come from a faculty member who has actually taught the applicant. Letters should be on letterhead stationery and delivered in a sealed envelope.

- **A personal statement of “Goals and Objectives.”** This should be a thoughtful, well-written narrative addressing your academic goals, why those goals are important, and what specific steps will be taken to realize those goals. The essay will be read carefully, critically analyzed, and evaluated for quality of thought and literary correctness.

**DEADLINE:**

To receive full consideration, all application materials must be received at the Alumni Relations office by 5:00 pm MST on the first Monday in February. The scholarship selection committee reserves the right to ask the applicant for clarification of materials or the inclusion of further documentation as it deems necessary to make a decision. **Finalists being considered will be asked to meet with the Scholarship Committee for a personal interview** before the decision is made. You can **call 435-797-2055** with questions.

See Application Check Off list at the bottom of these instructions

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

Do credits for the classes I am currently taking count towards the total?

- Yes

Do college credits earned during high school or from another institution count towards my credit total?

- They do if they appear on your “official” USU transcript.

How are the applicants judged?

- Applications received at the USU Alumni Relations office are submitted to the USU Emeriti Council Scholarship Selection Committee and reviewed to ensure applicant meets all requirements. An interview will be required of all finalists.

How many scholarships are awarded?

- We anticipate two $7,000 scholarships will be offered for the upcoming academic year ($3,500 for fall semester, $3500 for the following spring semester)

How do I get an application?

- To apply, please submit the required materials described above.
Faculty letters of recommendation

- It is preferred that you get letters of recommendation from campus faculty with whom you have worked, or who have taught you. It will benefit your education goals if you introduce yourself, and become personally acquainted with mentors in your field. If you are not able to get letters from faculty, you may get them from university teaching assistants or from high school faculty. Note that a letter from a faculty member in your field of study will count heavily.

When will I be notified?

- The scholarship committee will attempt to complete its work and make its awards by the first week of April. Questions regarding the scholarship, its materials or the process can be directed to alumni@usu.edu or 435-797-2055

How will I receive the money?

- Half of the money, the amount for one semester, will be deposited to your university account after July 31st. The rest will be deposited before the second semester.

Can I use the score from last year’s FAFSA if I have not filled out the one for this year yet?

- The committee wants the current FAFSA score. You should be able to fill out a current FAFSA application before the February deadline. NOTE: We only need the first page of your FAFSA report, showing your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution)

Do students attending the Region campuses qualify for the scholarship?

- Yes, if they will be full-time students planning to take 12 credits or more from USU the next fall.

**Check Off List**
See above list for details on each

- Application page
- FAFSA scores (first page of your FAFSA report)
- “Personal History” essay (not to exceed one page)
- ACT/SAR scores (sometimes available on high school transcripts)
  - Academic Transcripts from:
    - High School
    - Other post-high school education
- Official USU transcript (in sealed envelope) from the Registrar’s Office
- Program Description for your major
- Table showing earned and planned courses
- Two letters of reference (in sealed envelopes)
- Personal statement of “Goals and Objectives”