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)

SELECTION ELIGIBILITY:
- Must demonstrate financial need (including FAFSA and SAR scores)
- 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).
- Cannot be receiving any other full-tuition USU Scholarship for the upcoming academic year.
- Must have demonstrated superior academic progress and performance in your university studies at USU.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:
The following required materials must be received at the David B Haight Alumni House office:
- **Name and contact information**
- **Documentation of Financial Need**: FAFSA scores or other approved USU documentation
- 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 the student’s 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 the 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)
- **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.
- **A 2-minute selfie video** showing why you would be the best person to receive this scholarship AND HOW you would thank the donors; on the video, **speak to the donors as if you have already received the scholarship**. The video file can be emailed to lana.archibald@usu.edu and does not need to be included with the paper application
- **A Waiver / Release and Consent form** allowing the Emeriti Council to use this video in its scholarship and membership promotions, if you should be the awardee, is also required.
To receive full consideration, all application materials must be received at the Alumni Relations office in the David B. Haight Alumni House, 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. You can call 435-797-9693 with questions.

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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.

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.

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 Lana Archibald, 435-797-9693 or lana.archibald@usu.edu.
Emeriti (pronounced eh-MARE-i-tie) 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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name  First Name  Email Address  Student ID

Mailing Address

City  State  Zip Code  Phone Number

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

Applicant students:
  - Must demonstrate financial need (including FAFSA and SAR scores)
  - Must have completed at least 24 USU credits but no more than 59 USU credits (according to USU official transcript)
  - Must be a full-time student during the semesters for which they will be receiving the scholarship. Full-time student status is defined by USU standards.
  - Cannot be receiving any other full-tuition USU Scholarship for the upcoming academic year.
  - Must have demonstrated superior academic progress and performance in their university studies at USU.

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. Personal Goal Statement
3. Academic Performance
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:

OFFICE USE ONLY

GPA  Credit
Fall Semester  ________  ________
Sem at USU including transfer  ________  ________
Credits at USU  ________  ________
Awarded  Yes  No

Transfer Student  Yes  No
Sophomore  Yes  No
USU CUM GPA
Amount Awarded ______

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Without expectation of compensation or other remuneration, now or in the future, I hereby give my consent to Utah State University Emeriti Association, its affiliates and agents, to use my image and likeness, quotes and/or video clip from me in its publications, advertising or other media activities (including the Internet). This consent includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Permission to use my name; and

(b) Permission to use quotes from the interview(s) (or excerpts of such quotes), the film, photograph(s), tape(s) or reproduction(s) of me, and/or recording of my voice, in part or in whole, in its publications, in newspapers, magazines and other print media, on television, radio and electronic media (including the Internet), and/or in mailings for educational and promotional awareness.

This consent is given in perpetuity, and does not require prior approval by me.

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

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