Emeriti Sophomore Scholarship

The Utah State University Emeriti 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 coming 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 they will be receiving the scholarship (full-time student status is defined by USU standards).
- Cannot be receiving any other USU Scholarship for the upcoming academic year.
- Must have demonstrated superior academic progress and performance in their university studies at USU.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:
The following required materials must be received in the USU Alumni Relations Office:
- Signed application page with name and contact information
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- 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 the applicant is 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 the applicant is 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 applicant’s 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 the student has 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 the academic goals of the applicant, 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.

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.
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, $3,500 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.

Check Off List
see above list for details on each

☐ Application page
☐ FAFSA scores or other approved USU documentation
☐ 1-pg Personal History essay
☐ ACT/SAT scores (sometimes available on high school transcripts)
☐ Academic Transcripts from:
  - High school
  - Other post-high school education
☐ Official USU transcript (in sealed envelope)
☐ Program Description for your major
☐ Table showing earned and planned courses
☐ Two letters of reference (in sealed envelopes)
☐ Personal Statement of Goals and Objectives