

Scholarship Listing Requirements

Bishop State Community College provides a variety of achievement, ability, and activity scholarships. Some scholarships are state-sponsored, and other scholarships are funded through the philanthropy of private citizens, organizations, companies, fraternities, sororities, hospitals, and clubs. Following are descriptions of scholarship awards and qualifying criteria:

Academic Excellence Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students based on their academic achievements. These scholarships pay tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. Full-time study is required. A minimum 3.25 G.P.A. on a 4.0 scale is required for the initial award and ACT scores will be considered in the awarding process. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for maintaining scholarship eligibility.

Athletic Scholarships are awarded to students for active participation in Baseball, Men's Basketball, Softball, and Women's Basketball. These scholarships pay tuition and fees for up to 18 hours during the fall and spring semesters, and books are provided on a loan basis. Recipients are recommended by the Athletic Department based on demonstrated athletic ability and eligibility based upon NJCAA guidelines. Contact the Athletic Department at (251) 405-7034 for additional information.

Career Technical Scholarships are awarded to high school students who will pursue a degree or certificate in any of the Technical School Division programs. Full-time study is required. The Career Technical scholarships will cover certificates program up to 1-year. A minimum 2.5 G.P.A. is required and ACT scores will be considered in the awarding process. These scholarships pay tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. Recipients may renew these awards for a second year with a minimum 2.60 cumulative G.P.A.

Institutional Scholarships are awarded to students in the following leadership categories: Student Government Association and Miss & Mr. Bishop State. These awards are competitive and require an interview or a portfolio evaluation. This full scholarship pays tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. Approval of the activity sponsor is required for continued use of these awards. Contact the Dean of Students office at (251) 405-7087 for additional information.

Performing Arts Scholarships are awarded to students who excel in performing arts. Awards will be on the basis of audition/portfolio and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.20. The full/partial scholarships will pay for tuition and fees only. Recipients will be expected to perform while attending Bishop State on scholarship and must register for the appropriate scholarship-related classes each semester. Contact the Performing Arts Department at (251) 405-7095 for additional information.

Presidential Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students based on their academic achievements. These scholarships pay tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters only. Full-time study is required. A minimum 3.5 cumulative G.P.A. and a 24 ACT composite score are required for the initial award. Recipients may renew these awards for a second year upon maintaining a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A.

Transfer Scholarships are available to most colleges and universities. In the twelve-month period prior to completing academic coursework at Bishop State, the student should inquire at the intended university or on the university's web site regarding scholarship opportunities. Scholarship awards are made by the sponsoring institutions; however, a few institutions permit the Bishop State Scholarship Committee to make recommendations to the College's President regarding the recipients. A student must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA and cannot have previously attended the transfer institution. Transfer admission is required. The following institutions traditionally offer scholarships: University of South Alabama, University of Alabama, University of Mobile, Springhill College, Alabama State University, Troy University and Jackson State University. Email scholarships@bishop.edu for additional information.

Wildcat Ambassador Scholarships are awarded to selected students who are willing to work as a representative of the College. A minimum grade point average of 2.3 and completion the interview process is required. Must participate in college-wide activities and enroll in aa one credit hour course. Contact: Student Development Services (251) 405-7087 or (251) 405-7017.

Scholarship Waivers

One Free GED Class Waivers provides one free class to students who have successfully passed the GED in the State of Alabama after July 2002. Eligibility is determined by the Alabama Community College System which is the State Office for the GED Testing Program. Contact the Office of Admission for additional information.

Senior Adult Waivers allows students 60 years of age or older, who have met admissions requirements, to receive tuition waivers for college credit courses on a space-available basis only. Space-available basis requires registration during the late registration process. Effective Fall 2015, Senior Adult Scholarships will be limited based on available funds. This scholarship can cover up to four (4) hours per semester of in-state tuition only after all other forms of financial assistance have been exhausted. Contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information.

Bishop State's Employee and Dependent Tuition Waiver Program pays for tuition only, not fees. It is designed for all full-time and Salary Schedule H-35 employees of the Alabama Community College System and their dependents as defined under Section II. An application form for the tuition assistance program is available at each institution and should be completed prior to registration for classes. Contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information.