



# ALMA COLLEGE

## Alma College Financial Aid Programs 2021 - 2022

These programs including eligibility, amounts, and renewal information are effective for students who will start attending at Alma College during FA2021, WI2022, or SP2022. These are subject to change with appropriate notice.

### MERIT AWARDS

Alma merit scholarships are based upon the students' GPA. The amount awarded as a freshman is the amount renewed annually.

Presidential Scholarship	\$25,000	4.00 +
Dean's Scholarship	\$23,000	3.750-3.999
Tartan Award	\$22,000	3.400-3.749
Achievement Award	\$21,000	<3.40
Scholar Summit**	up to \$4,000	

\*\* Freshman earning the Presidential, Dean's, or Tartan Scholarships are invited to attend Scholars summit, where they will interview for additional scholarship funds. Transfer students with a college GPA of 3.0 or higher will also be invited to interview on an individual basis.

#### Distinguished Presidential Scholarship – Full Tuition\*

This award covers the tuition cost only of 2 spring terms. Venture funding is capped at \$1,000.

##### Renewal Requirements for Distinguished Presidential Scholarship (full tuition)

1. Be enrolled full time 13-18 credits. Additional credit cost over 18 is not covered.
2. Live on campus. (student's approved to move off campus would lose the scholarship)
3. Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/#acadprogress>
4. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
5. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
6. You must file the FAFSA every year prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

\* Full tuition is covered using Alma College, State, and Federal aid sources.

#### Distinguished Presidential Scholarship – \$32,700 - NOT FULL TUITION

This award follows the merit award scholarship renewal criteria below. The amount awarded as a freshman is the amount renewed annually. Cannot be combined with other standard Alam aid.

#### Merit Award Scholarship Renewal

1. A student must be enrolled full time (12 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
3. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
4. Students must maintain the minimum GPA requirements found in the satisfactory academic progress policy found at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount **unless** you are not living on campus and/or are not on a meal plan. Please refer to the policy regarding off campus aid adjustments at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.

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## PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Performance scholarships are available to talented students in art, dance, music (both vocal and instrumental), theatre, and Scottish Arts. Students demonstrating exemplary performance in any of these areas may be eligible for distinguished awards, earning up to full tuition. All funds are awarded at the discretion of the fine and performing arts faculty, and students' intended major or minor is not a consideration. The amount awarded as a freshman will follow the student to future years. Students interested in auditioning can contact the Admissions Office at [admissions@alma.edu](mailto:admissions@alma.edu) or 1-800-321-ALMA.

**Students are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year in the performance scholarships.** If students are offered an award from more than one department, they must select one. Students may continue to participate in multiple areas regardless of their scholarship selection. If offered a distinguished award it will replace standard performance awards previously offered. Please refer to the website for current renewal requirements set by the department at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/grants-scholarships/alma-scholarships/>.

### **Art and Design**

\$1,500/year. The Department of Art & Design awards scholarships to talented artists in any medium via portfolio submission.

### **Dance**

\$1,500/year. The Dance Department awards scholarships to talented dancers through a group or individual audition process.

### **Dance Team**

\$1,500/year. Awarded upon acceptance to incoming students (first year & transfer) who compete on the dance team. Interested students should complete the Dance For Alma Form and/or contact Coach Tracy Burton at [burtonte@alma.edu](mailto:burtonte@alma.edu).

### **Music**

\$1,500/year. The Music Department awards scholarships both instrumentalists and vocalists through an audition process. Auditions are scheduled on an individual basis; for details, see the department's audition and scholarship information.

### **Theatre**

\$1,500/year. The Theatre Department awards acting scholarships through an audition process and technical theatre scholarships via portfolio submission. Auditions are scheduled on an individual basis.

### **Scottish Arts Scholarship**

\$1,500/year. For students demonstrating a high level of accomplishment in Highland dancing or piping (regardless of intended major).

### **E-Sports Scholarship**

\$1,500/year. Awarded upon acceptance to incoming students (first year and transfer) who compete on the E-sports team.

## **Performance Scholarship Renewal**

1. A student must be enrolled full time (12 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. A student must be meeting the requirements of the department for which they hold a scholarship (class registration, participation, etc.). Rosters are sent to departments in February and September to confirm requirements are met for renewal.
3. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
4. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
5. Students must maintain the minimum GPA requirements found in the satisfactory academic progress policy found at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.
6. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount.

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## OTHER ALMA SCHOLARSHIPS

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Available for students meeting specific criteria or those interested in specific areas of study. Please note that some of these scholarships are automatically awarded based on set criteria, while others require an application and have a deadline. Many of these are only awarded to incoming freshman and transfer students. Most of these awards are renewable in future years if all scholarship, award, or grant requirements are still being met.

### **Legacy (alumni award) / Referral Award**      **\$1,500/year**

Students who attend Alma and are referred to Alma College by an alumnus, faculty, staff member, current student or friend of the college receive the Alma College Referral Award. To be eligible, students can be referred at any time prior to their acceptance to the college.

Awarded based on information collected on the Alma College admissions application.

\*Please note, parental referrals of their own student cannot qualify for the Referral Award. However, students with qualifying alumni legacy connections will qualify for the Alumni Award.

### **Opportunity Award**      **\$2,000/year**

- For members of underrepresented backgrounds including members of the LGBTQIA+community. Students are automatically considered for the award upon acceptance. **Those in the LGBTQIA+ community will need to self-disclose to their admissions representative upon acceptance to the college to be eligible.**
- Awarded based on information collected on the Alma College admissions application.

### **Religious Leadership Scholarships**      **\$1,500/year**      *Separate Application Required*

Awarded to a limited number of students who excel in spiritual and /or interfaith leadership, creativity, and service. Students may receive either the Spiritual Life Award or the Interfaith Leadership Award. Students may apply for each but are only eligible for one award.

#### **Spiritual Life Award**

This award is given to incoming Alma College students of all faith backgrounds who demonstrate prior leadership in their religious life through, but not limited to, youth group activities, service and mission, worship/liturgical leadership, or active participation in one's community of faith.

#### **Interfaith Leadership Award**

Students selected for this award share commitment and compassion for community building that acknowledges faith-seeking understanding between neighbors on and off campus. Award is granted to incoming first year students who demonstrate a commitment to interfaith dialogue, service and education at Alma College. Student are expected to participate in Interfaith events at Alma College and provide support to the Interfaith Student Ministry Coordinators during the Thursday Interfaith Connections talks, Interfaith Chapel House events, and creative outlets for educating the whole community about religious intersectionality between students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community partners.

#### **Renewal Requirements for Religious Leadership scholarships (in addition to "Other Alma Scholarship Renewal Requirements below)**

1. *Participate in either the Spiritual Life Leadership Cohort or the Interfaith Leadership Cohort.*
2. *Convene in the group at least twice each semester to advise, support and guide the Chaplain and Chapel staff for programming, events, and religious life clubs and activities.*

**Heritage Need Based Grant****Amount varies – based on need \***

*\* Amount can change each academic year as it is based on need and a FAFSA must be filed to qualify.*

Awarded to students with demonstrated financial need. If a student's need decreases substantially in future years they may no longer be eligible for the award or it may be a reduced amount. If a student's need increases the financial aid office will recalculate and may increase or add a grant based on this change.

**Renewal Requirements for Heritage Need Based Grant**

1. A student must be enrolled full time (12 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. A student must have need (based on FAFSA).
3. Must file the FAFSA annually.
4. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
5. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
6. Students must maintain the minimum GPA requirements found in the satisfactory academic progress policy found at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.
7. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount as long as a student still has need based on the current year FAFSA.

**Upward Bound Scholarship****\$2,000/year**

For students with at least three years of participation in Upward Bound or Upward Bound Math-Science programs. Applicants must provide a letter from program director confirming involvement by February 1, 2020.

**Future Teacher Scholarship****\$1,500/year**

Awarded to applicants with preference giving to students who intend to pursue teacher certification in a shortage area or are members of underrepresented groups in the current teaching workforce.

**S-STEM Scholarship****up to \$5,000/year***Separate Application Required*

Alma College offers a limited number of STEM scholarships to incoming students. The awards, of up to \$5,000 per year, are available for students majoring in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Majors eligible for the scholarship include Biochemistry, Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Integrative Physiology and Health Science, Mathematics, and Physics. Deadlines: To be considered for the scholarship, complete the scholarship application by December 1, 2020 and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid by December 1, 2020.

**Other Alma Scholarships Renewal \* (Section Does Not Apply to Heritage Need Based Grant)**

1. A student must be enrolled full time (12 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
3. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
4. Students must maintain the minimum GPA requirements found in the satisfactory academic progress policy found at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount.

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## GEOGRAPHIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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### Highland Award

**\$2,000/year**

- Non-Michigan residents. Students are considered for eligibility upon acceptance to Alma.
- Awarded based on information collected on the Alma College admissions application.

### Chicago-Area Scholarship

**\$3,000/year**

Chicago-Area Scholarship: Supported by alumni and friends and available to students from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties in Illinois. This competitive award is based on GPA. Students are considered for eligibility upon acceptance to Alma.

### Detroit Futures Scholarship

**Amount varies – based on need \***

Alma College offers up to 15 Detroit Future Scholarships each year to qualified students from select schools in the city of Detroit. The Detroit Future Scholarship assists substantially with financial need making a private education affordable with minimal out-of-pocket expense. Scholarship amount varies depending on financial need — Alma College will maximize the dollar amount you can receive.

*\* Amount can change each academic year as it is based on need and a FAFSA must be filed to qualify.*

### Detroit Promise Scholarship

**Amount varies – based on need \*** Students should visit

<http://www.detroitchamber.com/econdev/education-and-talent/detroit-promise/> for more information on eligibility and awarding.

**Kalamazoo Promise Scholarship** Students should visit <https://www.kalamazoopromise.com/> for more information on eligibility and awarding.

### Alma College Community Engagement (ACE) Scholarship **full tuition \*** *Separate Application Required*

The Alma College Community Engagement (ACE) Scholarship program was created to offer Gratiot County's most engaged students the opportunity to pursue a life-changing, liberal arts education. The program will offer up to 10 four-year, full-tuition scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate financial need. This award covers the tuition cost only of 2 spring terms. Venture funding is capped at \$1,000.

This scholarship requires additional steps for application. Selection criteria:

- Must reside in Gratiot County or be a graduate of a high school in Gratiot County.
- Primary criteria will be community engagement and financial need. Secondary criteria will be letters of support, campus interview, application essay and academic record.

*\* Full tuition is covered using Alma College, State, and Federal aid sources.*

#### Renewal Requirements for ACE

1. Be enrolled full time 13-18 credits. Additional credit cost over 18 is not covered.
2. Live on campus. (student's approved to move off campus would lose the ACE scholarship)
3. Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/#acadprogress>
4. File the FAFSA annually before March 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Attend a welcome session and Alma College Community Engagement Scholarship celebration (Admissions) - **Year 1**
6. Attend annual workshop and Alma College Community Engagement Scholarship celebration (Admissions) – **Year 2, 3, 4**
7. Serve as a Community Engagement Ambassador (*see below*)
8. Complete 25 service hours on campus or in the community **each term**
9. Summer Engagement
  - Summer Year 1 – welcome session
  - Summers Year 2, 3 – Professional development conference, Internship, and International service (Posey-Global, Venture, etc.)

### Community Engagement Ambassador

- \* Participate in service/leadership organizations
- \* If requested:
  - o Assist Admissions staff with visits to local schools and/or college fairs to promote Alma College
  - o Assist CSO or Marketing/Communication staff with social media to highlight community engagement.
  - o Visit with prospective students who express interest in community engagement(service and leadership opportunities)
  - o Be a part of campus events when community engagement is highlighted

### Geographic Scholarships Renewal \* (Section Does Not Apply to ACE)

1. A student must be enrolled full time (12 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
3. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
4. Students must maintain the minimum GPA requirements found in the satisfactory academic progress policy found at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount **except for Detroit Futures and promise programs as tuition changes affect the amount of these awards.**

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## TRANSFER SPECIFIC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / AWARDS

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### Merit Scholarship

Alma merit scholarships are based upon the students' cumulative GPA from all previous institutions attended. The amount awarded upon acceptance to the college is the amount renewed annually.

Transfer Scholarship	\$22,000	3.5 – 4.0
	\$20,000	3.0 – 3.4
	\$18,000	2.5 – 2.9
Scholar Summit**	up to \$4,000	

\*\*Transfer students with a college GPA of 3.0 or higher will also be invited to interview on an individual basis.

### Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship **\$2,000/year**

Awarded to transfer students who have been selected as Phi Theta Kappa Scholars at their current institutions. Students must submit their Phi Theta Kappa membership certificate to receive the award.

### Community College Connection **\$2,000/year**

Awarded to transfer students from community colleges in Michigan. Students must be directly transferring from a community college to qualify.

### Transfer Specific Scholarship/grant/awards Renewal

1. A student must be enrolled full time (12 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
3. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
4. Students must maintain the minimum GPA requirements found in the satisfactory academic progress policy found at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount **unless** you are not living on campus and/or are not on a meal plan. Please refer to the policy regarding off campus aid reductions at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.

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## INTERNATIONAL SPECIFIC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / AWARDS

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### Merit Scholarship

Consideration for academic scholarships, which range up to \$24,000 per year (winter 2019 and later), are based on documentation provided as a part of the application process. Grade point averages are converted to a U.S. 4.0 scale. The amount awarded upon acceptance to the college is the amount renewed annually.

International Merit Scholarship	\$24,000	3.5 – 4.0
	\$22,000	3.0 – 3.5
	\$20,000	2.5 – 3.0

### Need Based Aid

International students requiring financial aid can apply for need based aid on their International Student Declaration of Finance form. Total Alma aid, inclusive of merit and need based assistance, will not exceed a total of \$30,000.

### International Specific Scholarship/grant/awards Renewal

1. A student must be enrolled full time (12 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. This award is renewable for three years (6 semester's total) or to the point where the student has completed degree requirements for their first bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. Undergraduate students who graduate in less than 8 semesters forfeit their remaining scholarship eligibility.
3. The annual amount above is split in half between fall and winter semesters.
4. Students must maintain the minimum GPA requirements found in the satisfactory academic progress policy found at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount **unless** you are not living on campus and/or are not on a meal plan. Please refer to the policy regarding off campus aid reductions at <https://www.alma.edu/admissions/financial-aid/policies/>.

**The programs below are open to all students. Please see information provided earlier in this document for eligibility and renewal information on these programs.**

Performance Scholarships	
Religious Leadership Scholarships	\$1,500/year
Legacy ( <i>alumni award</i> ) / Referral Award	\$1,500/year