



ALMA COLLEGE

Alma College Financial Aid Programs 2025 - 2026

These programs including eligibility, amounts, and renewal information are effective for students who will start attending at Alma College during FA2025, WI2026, or SP2026. 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	\$36,000	3.80 +
Trustee Scholarship	\$34,000	3.60-3.79
Dean's Scholarship	\$32,000	3.30-3.59
Tartan Award	\$30,000	3.00-3.29
Alma Award	\$28,000	<3.0

Distinguished Presidential Scholarship – Full Tuition

This award covers the tuition cost only of 2 spring terms. Think Critically Venture funding is capped at \$1,000. Students are able to use their state and or federal aid towards room and board. All other Alma aid goes away once offered a Distinguished Presidential scholarship.

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 a portion of the scholarship per the off-campus policy located at <https://www.alma.edu/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>)
3. Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) <https://www.alma.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Alma-College-Policy-SAP-12.0-updated-03-20-2023.pdf>
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 1st.

Merit Award Scholarship Renewal

1. A student must be enrolled full time (13 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/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount **unless** you are not living oncampus and/or are not on a meal plan. Please refer to the policy regarding off campus aid adjustments at <https://www.alma.edu/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.

PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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, starting at \$2,000. 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 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/financial-aid/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.

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 (13 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/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.
6. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount.

OTHER ALMA SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

Alumni Award (*Legacy*) **\$1,500/year**

A student who's sibling, grandparent, or parent are Alma College alumni receive the Alma College Alumni Award which provides \$1,500 per year.

Scottish Hospitality Scholarship **\$2,000/year**

Just by visiting campus, you will earn a \$2,000 scholarship. (*Excludes College Game Day Saturday Visits and while multiple visits are encouraged, you can only be awarded one scholarship.*)

FAFSA Filing Scholarship **\$1,000/year**

File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline and earn \$1,000 per year.

Academic Discovery Day Scholarship **\$2,000/year**

Students who participate in one of the Academic Discovery Day events will receive this renewable scholarship.

Provost Scholarship **\$2,000/year**

Students who participated in the Distinguished Presidential Scholarship process but were ultimately not selected to receive a full tuition award will receive this renewable scholarship.

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

1. A student must be enrolled full time (13 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/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount.

NEED BASED AID

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 (13 credits or more) each semester as a degree seeking student.
2. A student must have need (based on FAFSA) and must file the FAFSA annually.
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/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.
6. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount as long as a student still has need based on the current year FAFSA.

GEOGRAPHIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Detroit Futures Scholarship

Amount varies – based on need *

Alma College offers up to 15 Detroit Future Scholarships each year to qualified students who live or attend high school in Wayne County and whose household income is \$85,000 or less. 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, Isabella, and Montcalm 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 or transfer students who demonstrate financial need. Students are able to use their state and or federal aid towards housing and meal plans. This award covers the tuition cost only of 2 spring terms. Think Critically Venture funding is capped at \$1,000.

This scholarship requires additional steps for application. Selection criteria:

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

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 will see a reduction in their ACE scholarship per policy located at <https://www.alma.edu/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>)
3. Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) <https://www.alma.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Alma-College-Policy-SAP-12.0-updated-03-20-2023.pdf>
4. File the FAFSA annually before March 1st.
5. Meet all engagement requirements in year 1, 2, 3, and 4 – These are located on the website at <https://www.alma.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/alma-college-community-engagement-scholarship/>.

TRANSFER SPECIFIC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / AWARDS

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.

Average GPA	Amount
3.50 +	\$32,000/year
3.25 - 3.49	\$30,000/year
3.00 - 3.24	\$28,000/year
<3.00	\$26,000/year

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.

Residential Scholarship **\$2,000/year**

Transfer to Alma College, and receive this annual award when you choose to live on campus. This is evaluated annually based on your living situation and is only renewable if living on campus for the full academic year.

Transfer students also qualify for the following programs, please see the eligibility and renewal information found earlier in this document.

- Detroit and Kalamazoo Promise
- Alma College Community Engagement Scholarship (ACE)
- Alumni / Legacy Award
- Performance Arts Scholarship
- Scottish Hospitality Scholarship
- FAFSA Filing Scholarship

Transfer Specific Scholarship/grant/awards Renewal

1. A student must be enrolled full time (13 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/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.
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/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.

INTERNATIONAL SPECIFIC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / AWARDS

Merit Scholarship

Consideration for academic scholarships, which range up to \$36,000 per year (Winter 2025 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.

GPA	Scholarship Amount
3.80 +	\$36,000/year
3.60 - 3.79	\$34,000/year
3.30 - 3.59	\$32,000/year
3.00 - 3.29	\$30,000/year
<3.00	\$28,000/year

Need-Based Application Scholarship **\$1,000/year**

Given to every student who completes their International Student Application for Need Based Assistance for the Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 academic year at Alma College.

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

We will consider your family's financial situation to determine qualification for need-based financial aid from Alma College. Must complete the International Student Application for Need Based Assistance. Any amount awarded is renewed at the same amount annually. This award does not adjust.

International Specific Scholarship/grant/awards Renewal

1. A student must be enrolled full time (13 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/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.
5. The scholarship renews at the originally awarded amount **unless** you are not living oncampus and/or are not on a meal plan. Please refer to the policy regarding off campus aid reductions at <https://www.alma.edu/financial-aid/policies-forms-and-resources/>.

International students also qualify for the following programs please see the eligibility and renewal information found earlier in this document.

- Alumni / Legacy Award
- Performance Arts Scholarship
- Scottish Hospitality Scholarship

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

International and Off-Campus Study

- Alma College Grants, Scholarships, and awards **cannot** be used for international and off campus study programs. <https://www.alma.edu/about/offices-services/center-for-college-and-community-engagement/international-and-off-campus-study/>
 - *Exchange programs and World Languages and Cultures majors* may be able to use Alma College aid if you meet the eligibility criteria. This is determined upon submission of a cost estimate form to the financial aid office.

Spring and Summer Term

Standard Alma College grants, scholarships, and awards **cannot** be used towards the cost of spring and summer terms. There are some specific programs that may be used for these terms. They are found at the link below under "Current Student Scholarships".

<https://www.alma.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/>