

Chancellor's Merit Scholarship Program

Program Structure and Introduction

We are pleased to introduce Chancellor's Merit Scholarships, which are new scholarships for freshmen at the Milwaukee campus starting in Fall 2021. Awarded based on unweighted high school GPA, Chancellor's Merit Scholarships are renewable for up to four years, if students remain in good academic standing at UWM. This program replaces the previous CEMAT scholarships.

Students who qualify for a Chancellor's Merit Scholarship will receive their scholarships automatically upon full-time enrollment at UWM. They will be notified of the award shortly after they are admitted. No scholarship application is required. Please find eligibility requirements below:

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GPA	Annual Award Amount	4-Year Award Amount
3.4 - 3.74	\$500	\$2,000
3.75 - 3.9	\$1,000	\$4,000
4	\$1,500	\$6,000

In addition to the Chancellor's Merit Scholarship program, the \$1,000 annual Milwaukee Advantage Program award is being extended to students from Minnesota in addition to Illinois.

Frequently Asked Questions

[Where can students find information about the scholarship?](#)

Students can find information about the scholarship at <https://uwm.edu/undergrad-admission/scholarships/>. The page includes details about scholarship eligibility and introductions to other types of scholarships and aid. A print recruitment piece, which will also be available digitally, is also being used to pair with other recruitment materials.

[Who is eligible for the scholarship?](#)

Admitted new freshman bachelor's degree seeking students for Fall 2021 who enroll at the Milwaukee campus.

[Do students need to apply?](#)

No application is required. They will automatically receive the offer based on their unweighted HS GPA.

[How will students be notified of their award?](#)

Students will be notified of their eligibility for the award via email shortly after admission. Details of their scholarship will be shared in their financial aid award or offer email.

[What process will be used for a student to accept the award?](#)

Students will automatically receive the scholarship offer and will accept their award through the Panther Scholarship Portal.

If a student switches between careers (campuses), will the amount of the award change?

Students enrolling in the associate degree program are not eligible for the award therefore a student will not be eligible if they decide to enroll at the Waukesha or Washington County campuses. If a student changes their career to the Milwaukee campus, they will be evaluated for eligibility.

Will the scholarship be honored if a student defers their admission to a future semester?

Yes, provided they still meet the eligibility requirements. Students deferring from fall to spring will need to notify us of their intent to defer so their award amount can be adjusted for the spring term only. Students who choose to take a gap year would maintain eligibility as long as they do not take courses elsewhere.

Can this be combined with other scholarships or grants at UWM?

Yes! Students can receive this award in combination with need-based programs or scholarships through schools, colleges, and units. We encourage scholarship administrators to use this information to adjust their strategy to best impact recruitment and retention.

Will summer applicants be eligible?

Yes, but their award will not be applied to the summer term. The award will be applied to the fall and spring terms?

Will spring applicants be eligible?

Yes, spring 2022 applicants will be eligible but will only receive 50% of the annual award for that semester. Spring 2021 admits will not be eligible as funding for the award begins with the Fall 2021 term.

Will students enrolled part-time be eligible?

No. Students must have full-time continuous enrollment to be eligible for the award.

Will CGS students be eligible?

No. This award is exclusively for new freshman on the Milwaukee campus.