TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

Federal Financial Aid
Assistance such as Pell Grants and Stafford Loans are available through filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). To receive Federal Financial Aid at ASUMH, additional documentation beyond filing the FAFSA may be required by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. To learn more, see the How to Apply section of this brochure and [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

Scholarships
ASUMH Scholarships - With the exception of the Academic Distinction Scholarship, which has its own application, other scholarships from ASUMH are applied for through one General Scholarship Application. Availability is dependent upon funding levels, so apply early.

Local and Regional Scholarship Sources - Many civic organizations, companies, high schools and individuals offer scholarships.

Applications and scholarship guidelines are available online at [asumh.edu/scholarship](http://asumh.edu/scholarship).

State of Arkansas Grants and Scholarships - The Arkansas Academic Challenge (a.k.a. lottery scholarship), Go Grant, and Governor's Scholars programs are available by applying online at [scholarships.adhe.edu](http://scholarships.adhe.edu). The application is available to traditional and non-traditional students from October 1st to June 1st each year.

Veterans Affairs & Scholarships
Sherrie Hughes, Administrative Specialist II
shughes@asumh.edu (870) 508-6241

Veterans Affairs & Educational Benefits
A variety of assistance is available to veterans and their dependents as well as for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserves. Federal programs for veterans, such as the Post - 9/11 Montgomery GI Bill, begin with applying for eligibility online at [gibill.va.gov](http://gibill.va.gov) through the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP). For more information, go to [asumh.edu/vets](http://asumh.edu/vets).

Contact Information:
Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
1600 South College Street
Mountain Home, AR 72653

Reception
Pam Jones, Administrative Specialist I
pjones@asumh.edu (870) 508-6195

Scholarship and Financial Aid Counselors
All aid for Veterans is administered by the Veterans Affairs counselor. Non-veteran student’s counselor is assigned based upon the first letter of the student’s last name.

Students A-L
LeQuita Foster, Assistant Director
lfoster@asumh.edu (870) 508-6127

Students M-Z
Rebecca Farmer, Financial Aid Specialist
rfarmer@asumh.edu (870) 508-6189

Director
Clay Berry
cberry@asumh.edu (870) 508-6124

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870-508-6286

This document is not meant to be all inclusive. If you have additional questions about applying for educational assistance to attend ASUMH, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
ACADEMIC DISTINCTION SCHOLARSHIP
A renewable scholarship that can pay tuition only, for up to 4 semesters at ASUMH, excluding summer.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Admitted for the first time to college at ASUMH. (College course enrollment during high school and the summer immediately following high school graduation does not disqualify applicants.)
- U.S. Citizen and Arkansas Resident
- Complete and submit the application by June 30th if entering in fall or November 30th for spring.
- Meet one of the following three sets of requirements:
  1) Graduate less than one year prior to entering college from an accredited Arkansas high school with a minimum 3.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale) and meet one of the following:
     • Have an ACT college entrance exam composite score of 24 or higher. (No super scoring)
     • Have an SAT college entrance exam composite score of 1110 or higher on reading and math. (No super scoring)
     • Rank in the top 10% of a graduating class with 20 or more students.
  2) Be an Arkansas home school student with a transcript reflecting completion of the state’s core curriculum less than one year prior to entering college and meet one of the following:
     • Make a 660 or higher on a GED test administered in Arkansas taken less than one year prior to entering college.
     • Have an ACT college entrance exam composite score of 24 or higher. (No super scoring)
     • Have an SAT college entrance exam composite score of 1110 or higher on reading and math. (No super scoring)
  3) Make a 660 or higher on a GED test administered in Arkansas taken less than one year prior to entering college.

Documentation to verify eligibility requirements must be received by June 30th if entering in fall or November 30th for spring.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID
HOW TO APPLY
- Apply for Admission to ASUMH online at asumh.edu/admission-registration/apply-now.html
  All documents required by admissions, such as all academic transcripts, test scores, and all shot records, must be received to be eligible for Federal Financial Aid.
- Apply for Federal Student Aid Username and Password for the student and parent, as applicable, online at fsaid.ed.gov
- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to the Priority Consideration Date each academic year using school code 042544 via:
  fafsa.gov
  The FAFSA is available on October 1st for the academic year beginning the following August.

  FAFSA Filing Hints
  • DO NOT use any school email accounts on the FAFSA or when you create a Federal Student Aid Username and Password.
  • Watch all email accounts and your mailbox for additional information requests beginning in late spring.
  • Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when completing the FAFSA, if possible.
  • The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid is available to help you with the FAFSA filing process.

Aid for Summer To apply for Federal Financial Aid to attend summer school, in addition to completing the process outlined above, for the school year preceding the summer semester, complete and submit a Summer Financial Aid Application available in late March online at asumh.edu/faforms

PRIORITY CONSIDERATION DATE
Filing the FAFSA and providing all documentation required by the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid by June 1st for fall, October 1st for spring, and April 1st for summer is the best way to ensure receipt of a Federal Financial Aid award before the semester begins.

MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY
Financial Aid and Scholarships from federal, state, institutional and private entities have different eligibility criteria for both receipt of funds and renewal for future semesters. Amount of funds received for Federal Financial Aid is based upon the number of credit hours enrolled during a semester. Renewal of Federal Financial Aid for future semesters is based upon meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress every semester as outlined in the policy available online at asumh.edu/sap

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
- Apply for benefits online at gibill.va.gov through the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP).
  • When your Certificate of Eligibility is received from the VA regional office, provide a copy of the certificate and the veterans DD 214 member copy 4, to the ASUMH VA Certifying Official.
  • Complete some additional paperwork for the VA Certifying Official at ASUMH.
  • Provide your finalized schedule of classes each semester when you enroll.

  Contact the VA Certifying Official for ASUMH at (870) 508-6241 or in person on the third floor of Roller Hall.