Scholarships

USA’s scholarship opportunities include four-year, renewable Freshman Scholarships for incoming traditional freshmen, one-year General Scholarships for new and current students, Transfer Scholarships, and Departmental Scholarships awarded by the various colleges and schools on campus.

Scholarships are awarded using a variety of factors including academic achievement, departmental and community involvement, employment experience, areas of study, financial need, and several others.

Students use JagSPOT – USA’s Scholarship Program Opportunity Tracker - to search for scholarships, complete applications, and accept/track offers.

Students should visit the Office of Scholarship Services website, at www.southalabama.edu/scholarships, for a complete list of all scholarship opportunities and to access JagSPOT.

All incoming students must complete the application process by December 1st to ensure consideration for general and departmental scholarships. Deadlines vary.

Students receiving University scholarships will have the award credited to their tuition and fees due each semester. Any balance from scholarships may be used to pay for associated academic costs such as books at the USA Bookstore, USA Housing and USA Food Service. Annual University scholarships are split between Fall and Spring semesters.

Any awards or scholarships funded by USA are considered institutional aid. Some examples of institutional aid are admission-based scholarships, departmental awards, employee tuition assistance, housing benefits and athletic scholarships. USA reserves the right to adjust aid if a student receives multiple scholarship awards or exceeds the institutional maximum.

Scholarships For Freshman Students

Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative

Under the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative, USA offers several scholarship levels based on standardized test scores, high school GPA and area of study. The University’s largest scholarship programs for academic achievement are:

Presidential Scholarships For First-Time Freshmen

All first-time freshmen who meet the Presidential Scholarship requirements, funded by the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative, by December 1st will be guaranteed a scholarship award. Presidential Scholarship levels can be viewed at Freshman Scholarships.

For more information regarding these scholarships, please contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (251) 460-6494 or enrollmentservices@southalabama.edu.

Abraham Mitchell Business Scholars Program

The Abraham Mitchell Business Scholars Program allows elite business students to develop to their full potential. Through faculty mentorship and a four-year scholarship that includes a laptop computer, scholars will pursue challenging programs while developing stewardship and civic responsibility.

Qualifications

• Minimum 28 ACT Composite (or comparable SAT scores)
• Minimum 3.5 high school grade-point average (as computed by the University of South Alabama)
• Business major
• Mobile/Baldwin Counties and State of Alabama Residents given preference

After acceptance to USA, incoming first-time freshman majoring in the Mitchell College of Business will automatically be reviewed for the Abraham Mitchell Scholarship award. A scholarship award notification will be emailed to students’ JagMail account.
For more information visit the Mitchell Scholars Program website.

Please note: Students who are awarded both a Mitchell Business Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship must choose which scholarship they wish to accept.

Whiddon Honors Scholarship

The University of South Alabama Honors College offers a curriculum of interdisciplinary excellence designed to stimulate analytical and critical thinking of exceptionally qualified and highly motivated students. The Whiddon Honors Scholarship, named to honor former president Frederick P. Whiddon and his pivotal contributions to the University, is a competitive scholarship available exclusively to students accepted into the University Honors College.

Qualifications

- Minimum 27 ACT Composite (or comparable SAT scores)
- Minimum 3.5 high school grade-point average (as computed by the University of South Alabama)

Applicants to USA must first apply, and be admitted, to the University during the Fall of their senior year in high school. Students may then utilize JagSPOT for both University Honors College and Whiddon Honors Scholarship Applications.

Please note: Students who are awarded both a Whiddon Honors Scholarship and a Presidential Scholarship must choose which scholarship they wish to accept.

Scholarships For Community College Transfer Scholarships

Community College Transfer - $1,500 per year for up to two years. Qualifications: Students must have completed at least 48 hours of coursework and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher earned at the two year institution as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. Students must submit the Transfer Scholarship Application by June 15th to be considered. Awards are made in mid-summer.

Out of State Community College Transfer - $3,000 per year for up to two years. Qualifications: Students must be classified as an out of state resident, must have completed at least 48 hours of coursework and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher earned at the two year institution as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. Students must submit the Transfer Scholarship Application by June 15th to be considered. Awards are made in mid-summer.

Phi Theta Kappa- $2,000 per year for up to two years. Qualifications: Students must be a member of Phi Theta Kappa and have a letter of recommendation sent from their Phi Theta Kappa advisor. Students must have completed at least 48 hours of coursework and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher earned at the two year institution as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. Students must submit the Transfer Scholarship Application by June 15th to be considered. Awards are made in mid-summer.

Out of State Phi Theta Kappa- $4,000 per year for up to two years. Qualifications: Students must be a member of Phi Theta Kappa and have a letter of recommendation sent from their Phi Theta Kappa advisor. Students must be classified as an out of state resident, must have completed at least 48 hours of coursework and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher earned at the two year institution as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. Students must submit the Transfer Scholarship Application by June 15th to be considered. Awards are made in mid-summer.

All-State Academic Team Scholarship – $500 per year for up to two years. Students must be selected for the All-Academic Team by their community college. Students must have completed at least 48 hours of coursework and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher earned at the two year institution as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. Students must submit the Transfer Scholarship Application by June 15th to be considered. Awards are made in mid-summer.

Out of State All-State Academic Team Scholarship – $1,000 per year for up to two years. Students must be selected for the All-Academic Team by their community college. Students must be classified as an out of state resident, must have completed at least 48 hours of coursework and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher earned at the two year institution as computed by the USA Office of Admissions. Students must submit the Transfer Scholarship Application by June 15th to be considered. Awards are made in mid-summer.

Current, Incoming, And Transfer Students –
Other University Scholarship Opportunities

USA offers scholarships for its students at every academic level, many of which are based on a student's academic discipline, leadership, specific student interests. Students must fill out the General Scholarship Application within JagSPOT to be
considered. The General Application allows students to be matched with potential scholarship opportunities. Awards and deadline dates vary.

You can view a complete list of scholarship opportunities at USA through the University A-Z or Departmental Scholarship Directories.

For more information, or assistance, please contact the Office of Scholarship Services:

Office: (251) 461-1958
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Website: www.southalabama.edu/scholarships