

## EARLY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP POLICY for 2020-2021

### Information for all scholarship applicants/recipients

1. WSU Early College scholarships are only available for a limited number of students each year as they are contingent upon funding and may be reviewed each **semester**.
2. Early College scholarships are available only for fall and spring semesters. Early College scholarships will not apply toward summer semesters.
3. Students **MUST** apply each academic year for both Academic AND Need-based scholarships. Need-based Scholarship applications received after the posted deadlines will not be reviewed. **Please note: Students may not complete these applications prior to admission into the Early College Program.**
  - a. The Academic Scholarship application is available beginning each September 1 for the following academic year. Students can find the application in the eWeber Student Portal (search: Specialized Scholarship Application). Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible as funding is limited. Eligible students will be awarded based on the day the application was submitted.
  - b. The Need-based Scholarship application can be found on the Early College webpage ([www.weber.edu/earlycollege](http://www.weber.edu/earlycollege)) and must be submitted by the posted deadlines for each semester.
4. Early College scholarships can be used toward day, evening and online WSU courses taken during fall and/or spring semesters. Early College scholarships will not cover Independent Study courses or Concurrent Enrollment course fees.
5. The Early College Scholarship may be reduced if combined with other scholarships/employee tuition benefits as it can only be used for tuition.
6. Students must be legal residents of the U.S. and have established Utah residency to receive WSU Early College scholarships.
7. Early College students can receive no more than 6 semesters of Early College scholarship funding. Students may have no more than 75 WSU earned hours. If a student completes, and graduates with a degree, they are no longer eligible to participate in the Early College Program.
8. Students must maintain a cumulative WSU GPA of at least 3.25 in order to keep the WSU Early College scholarship(s).
  - a. Students whose cumulative WSU GPA falls below 3.25, but not below 2.5, will lose their WSU Early College scholarship(s), but can continue in the Early College Program at their own expense until their cumulative WSU GPA is raised to at least a 3.25.
    - An advisement hold will be placed on the students account if their cumulative WSU GPA drops below a 3.25. This hold will prevent students from making any course changes to their WSU schedule (including registering for Concurrent Enrollment courses).
    - Students who plan to continue at their own expense must meet with their WSU Early College Advisor before the next semester begins. If they do not attend this meeting with a parent or legal guardian, their Early College courses may be dropped.
    - If a student needs to register for a Concurrent Enrollment (CE) course, they should send an email to [earlycollege@weber.edu](mailto:earlycollege@weber.edu) to have the hold temporarily lifted to allow CE registration.
    - *Raising the WSU GPA above a 3.25 does not guarantee scholarship eligibility will be reinstated.*

- b. Students whose cumulative WSU GPA falls below 2.5 will not be eligible to participate in further courses through the Early College Program.
  - An advisement hold will be placed on the students account if their cumulative WSU GPA drops below a 2.5. This hold will prevent students from making any course changes to their WSU schedule (including registering for Concurrent Enrollment courses).
  - If a student needs to register for a Concurrent Enrollment (CE) course, they should send an email to [earlycollege@weber.edu](mailto:earlycollege@weber.edu) to have the hold temporarily lifted to allow CE registration.
  - If a student raises their WSU GPA above a 2.5 through Concurrent Enrollment courses, they may take Early College courses at their own expense.
  - *Raising the WSU GPA above a 3.25 does not guarantee scholarship eligibility will be reinstated.*
9. Students who add or cancel courses after the first week of the semester must report their intention to do so, **prior to making schedule changes**, to their Early College advisor. Students who cancel courses after the first week will be responsible for any costs associated with the dropped courses.
10. Course withdrawals may affect Early College scholarship eligibility. Students who plan to withdraw from any WSU course(s) must report their intent to withdraw to their Early College Advisor **prior to withdrawing**. Repeated withdrawals or failure to report withdrawals can lead to ineligibility for future scholarships.
11. After high school graduation, WSU scholarships have higher WSU GPA requirements. Please check with the WSU Financial Aid & Scholarship Office for additional information.

### Information for **ACADEMIC** scholarship applicants/recipients

1. To qualify for the WSU Early College Academic Scholarship, high school sophomores must have an index score of at least 110 upon admissions to the program and maintain a cumulative WSU GPA of at least 3.25.
2. To qualify for the WSU Early College Academic Scholarship, high school juniors and seniors must have an index score of at least 106 upon admissions to the program and maintain a cumulative WSU GPA of at least 3.25.
3. To qualify for the WSU Early College Academic Scholarship, home schooled students must have a minimum 23 ACT score, or 1070 SAT score and maintain a cumulative WSU GPA of at least 3.25
4. The WSU Early College Academic Scholarship covers up to \$1,000 in tuition only charges each semester. **Note: *The Early College Academic scholarship does not cover any of the required student fees, student support fees, books, or course/lab/exam fees.***
5. Students must be enrolled, or complete the Early College Scholarship Deferment Form (found on the Early College website), by **May 1** to confirm their scholarship eligibility for each fall semester, and by **December 1** for each spring semester. Failure to meet these deadlines may result in scholarship offers being rescinded.

### Information for **NEED-BASED** scholarship applicants/recipients

1. Need-based awards are based on evidence of financial need provided from the FAFSA.
2. Students must be a high school senior and enrolled in at least 6 credits of Early College courses (not Concurrent Enrollment) to be eligible to receive Need-based scholarships.
3. Awards can vary from semester to semester depending on available funds. Fall scholarship recipients should not assume they will receive a spring semester award, or that it will be the same amount.
4. Need-based scholarships are only available for fall and spring semesters.