

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

Scholars

at Arizona State University



Program Eligibility

- Open to Arizona Residents, admitted to ASU in the fall who are **degree-seeking, full-time freshman**
- ***Note: This includes Native American high school seniors who are not residing in Arizona who meet the Arizona residency criteria for tuition purposes at ASU.**
- **Must be enrolled at ASU at the beginning of the fall semester, immediately after Arizona high school graduation.**
- **Must demonstrate a total annual family income of \$42,400 or less on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**

Program Eligibility (cont.)

- **The Obama Scholars Program will be closed for the year when program funds have been exhausted.**
- **Must be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grant**
- **ASU Online degree programs are not eligible. If you change your major to an ASU Online major, you will be removed from the Obama Scholars Program and adjustments will be made to your awards.**

Continuing in the **ASU Obama** **Scholar Program**

- **Successfully complete 24 ASU credit hours during each academic year**
- ***Note (a minimum of 12 ASU credit hours in the fall and in spring semester)**
- **MUST maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 by the end of each academic year (end of spring semester)**
- **Your award package is available for up to eight full-time, consecutive fall and spring semesters.**
- ***Note: ASU recommends you enroll in 15 credit hours in order to complete your degree in four years.**

Continuing in the ASU Obama Scholar Program (Cont.)

- You must remain **Federal Pell Grant eligible**.
- You must remain **eligible for federal aid** to participate in this program each year.
- **You must maintain satisfactory academic progress**; however, the GPA requirements of this program supersede the **Satisfactory Academic Progress GPA**.
- ASU students are expected to abide by the **Student Code of Conduct**. Violation(s) of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in a suspension, expulsion or administrative withdrawal **will result in loss of your scholarship**.

Important Dates

It is **strongly recommended** that you meet the following dates in order to continue in the **Obama Scholars Program**:

- **January 1st** - submit your FAFSA by January 1st each year for continuation in the program. It must be free of errors. Apply early to resolve any errors **before January 1st**.
- **June 1st** - You must **confirm your ASU housing by June 1** for your housing assignment to be **finalized by August 1st**. If your housing assignment is not **finalized by August 1st**, your budget will be **reduced to a commuter budget** and your awards will be **adjusted accordingly**.
- **July 1st** - ASU will verify your FAFSA information. We recommend that you submit **all documents required** to complete the verification process by July 1st each year for **continuation in the program**.

Students Not Meeting Renewal Criteria

ASU has annual cumulative GPA and credit hour standards for renewal. Students who meet the 2.50 cumulative ASU GPA and 24 ASU credit hour requirements each year are fully renewed.

Students not meeting those requirements will receive one year of probation at the full award amount.

Failure to maintain the renewal criteria after the year of probation will result in a decrease of the award amount to tuition, fees and books.

Students can be reinstated to the full award amount for the next academic year by achieving a 2.50 cumulative ASU GPA and completing 24 ASU credit hours at the end of any academic year.

Students Not Meeting Renewal Criteria (Cont.)

- If you are not meeting **the 2.50 cumulative ASU GPA** and/or **24 ASU credit hour requirements** after your one year of probation, **you may enroll for ASU summer courses** to remain eligible in the Obama Scholar program for the **following academic year.**
 - Note: **Your Obama scholarship** will not be available for the **summer semester.**

Recommendations:

- If you **experience challenges** throughout the year, such as difficulty with classes, **time management**, work or **family responsibilities**, or other co-curricular commitments, consult your **academic advisor** and use **ASU resources to ensure** you receive the guidance and assistance necessary to **remain on track** and continue to meet **criteria for renewal** and graduation.
- **For more information visit** the President Barack Obama Scholars Program webpage: <https://students.asu.edu/obama>

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