



GRADUATE MASTERS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Recipient Selection Criteria

To be eligible for the Graduate Master's academic excellence award, the student must:

1. Be enrolled in a graduate master's program at National American University (NAU), *and*
2. Have attended half-time or more (at least 4.5 credit hours) at NAU for both Fall 2019 *and* Winter 2019/2020 terms, *and*
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.66 – evaluated at the end of the winter term.

Several awards are available to students in the amount of \$1,500.00, except where noted otherwise herein. The awards will be disbursed \$500.00 per quarter for three quarters of the succeeding academic year beginning Fall 2020, except where noted otherwise herein.

Students who are within their first term in a NAU master's graduate program may still apply if they received their Bachelor's degree from NAU **and** if all other criteria apply. In this case, the scholarship award will be at the undergraduate level of \$1,200 and disbursed \$400 per quarter for three quarters of the succeeding academic year beginning Fall 2020.

Student scholarship recipients must be attending at least 4.5 credits in a graduate program at NAU to receive the disbursement. Scholarship recipients who are not enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, for any reason including graduation, forfeit any remaining disbursements.

Recipients of past Academic Excellence Scholarship awards who meet present criteria **are** eligible to apply. Students will receive the highest academic award for which they qualify based on availability.

If you are utilizing **Federal Financial Aid** to assist with paying for your tuition, and if you are approved for this scholarship, it could affect the amount of Federal Financial Aid you are eligible to receive. If you have questions about how it will affect your Financial Aid prior to applying, please contact your financial services representative.

Application forms available at naufoundation.org/scholarships or from your advisor.

The application, with *all* required attachments (see below) must be received no later than **July 10, 2020 and may be submitted online, by email, by fax or by mail to:**

NAU Foundation
Attn: Academic Excellence Scholarship
5301 Mt Rushmore Rd
Rapid City, SD 57701
naufoundation.org/aesmastersapp
foundation@national.edu
605-721-5241 fax

A complete application includes:

1. Application form (attached), *and*
2. Two letters of reference, with at least one from a faculty or staff member at NAU, *and*
3. A brief autobiography (250 words or less) describing your career goals and objectives, involvement in extracurricular activities, financial need, and any other pertinent information.

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on consideration of:

- Academic achievement at NAU.
- Strength of autobiography and reference letters.
- Participation in extracurricular activities while an NAU student (includes community service).
- Financial need.

Incomplete applications and applications received past the deadline will not be considered.



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APPLICATION FORM

A complete application, including attachments, must be received no later than July 10, 2020. You can apply online at naufoundation.org/aesmastersapp, or submit the following application and essay to foundation@national.edu, by fax to 605-721-5241, or by mail to: NAU Foundation, Attn: Academic Excellence Scholarship, 5301 Mt Rushmore Rd, Rapid City, SD 57701

Applicant's Name: _____
Last Name First Name M.I. (Maiden)

Current Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Start Date _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

End of Winter Term Cumulative GPA _____ Marital Status _____

Are you in your first or second term as a Master's student? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when did you get your Bachelor's degree at NAU? _____

Have you applied for financial assistance for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year? Yes _____ No _____

If no, explain. _____

Are you currently employed? (Part-time/full-time--explain) _____

Identification of individual(s) assisting you with college expenses:

Name of Parent, Guardian, or Spouse _____

Relationship _____

Optional. Your response to this question has no bearing on your eligibility or chances to receive a scholarship. Your contact information will never be shared or sold: I consent to allow National American University to use information, photographs, video and other images of me for any purpose, including but not limited to, publicity, promotion, and advertising. I understand and agree that all such material and any reproductions are the property of National American University, which has the right to copyright, duplicate, alter, distribute, and publish them in any manner and in any format. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy that may be created in connection with such material. I release and agree to hold harmless the university, its officers, agents and employees, and all persons acting under its permission or authority, from any claims and liability in connection with such material. I am at least 18 years of age, have read this consent and release, and fully understand its contents. ____ Yes ____ No

Please attach and submit with this application a **brief autobiography** (250 words or less) describing your career goals and objectives, involvement in extracurricular activities, financial need, and any other pertinent information, and two letters of reference (at least one must be from an NAU staff or faculty member). Reference letters must be attached and submitted with the essay and application.

Student's Signature

Date

____ **My picture is attached (Optional. Has no bearing on scholarship selection).**