

# UAMS Academic Affairs Policy - 3.5.1



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## **PURPOSE**

To define the procedure to administer UAMS's participation in the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC) Academic All-Star Program.

## **POLICY**

Every year the twenty-two two-year colleges each select one academic all-star. AATYC specifies student eligibility: nomination should be based on outstanding academic performance, awards, honors, recognition for academic achievement, and service to the college and community. When selected, these students must have at least one semester remaining in their two-year college; they are awarded a scholarship for that semester.

The minimal qualifications are: Arkansas resident currently enrolled in an Arkansas two-year college and expects to be enrolled in the same college through the subsequent semester; completed a minimum of 24 credit hours in pursuit of an associate degree; intends to graduate from a nominating college with an associate degree; cumulative grade point average of 3.25 in all credit course work completed at the nominating college.

**UAMS Academic All Star Scholarship Participation:** UAMS will accept one AATYC academic all-star each year in its College of Health Professions (CHP) and its College of Nursing (CON). The applicant/student will be a transfer student who has completed a two-year course of study at an Arkansas two-year college who meets the minimum UAMS program admission requirements.

The scholarship will be a waiver of the in-state tuition for the first semester of the program in CHP or CON, respectively. The college will not transfer funds to pay for the portion of the recipients' tuition that is waived. The student's academic standing will be reviewed each semester. If his/her

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progression in the program is satisfactory, the scholarship will continue until the student completes the program for which he/she originally enrolled. The scholarship is for tuition only and does not cover the cost of fees.

UAMS will administer the scholarship with the goals of the Academic All-Star Scholarship objective: a two-year college provides a scholarship for the first two years of study; a four-year university provides the third and fourth (junior and senior) years of study. At UAMS the maximum number of semesters of study provided to any student under this program will be six. The scholarship does not continue beyond the original six semesters for additional or advanced degree programs.

The scholarship may be transferable to a different UAMS degree program, if doing so does not extend the time (number of semesters) beyond that of the original program.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. The Arkansas Association of Two-year Colleges (AATYC) forwards information about the applicant to the office of the Provost who will forward the information to the appropriate college.
2. The student applies to the UAMS college/program through the usual application and admission procedure. Nomination by the AATYC of the student does not compel UAMS or its colleges to accept the student into the program to which he/she applies. He/she must meet all admission requirements.
3. Once admitted, the college notifies the Office of the University Registrar and the Bursar about the waiver of the in-state tuition.
4. Following completion of each semester, the Department of Institutional Research, Policy, and Accreditation requests information about the student's academic standing. If the student continues to meet the academic standards for progression in the program, the scholarship will continue for the subsequent semester.