



GRADUATE MASTERS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Recipient Selection Criteria

To be eligible for the academic excellence award, the student must:

1. Be enrolled in a graduate master's program at National American University (NAU), *and*
2. Have attended 4.5 or more credit hours at NAU for both the Fall *and* the Winter terms during the last calendar year, *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 Summer or Fall 2018, except where noted otherwise herein. Students must be attending at least 4.5 credits in a graduate program to receive the award.

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 Summer or Fall 2018.

Student scholarship recipients must be attending at least half-time 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 a Roueche Graduate Center campus financial services representative.

Application forms will be available on or about February 21, 2018 at naufoundation.org/scholarships, on the student portal under My Documents, or from your advisor.

The application, with all required attachments (see below), **must be received no later than April 4, 2018** and are to be submitted to foundation@national.edu, by fax to 605-721-5241, or by mail to:

NAU Foundation
Attn: Academic Excellence Scholarship
5301 Mount Rushmore Road
Rapid City, SD 57701

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.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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.