



**UNDERGRADUATE 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 an undergraduate program at National American University (NAU), *and*
2. Have attended half-time or more (at least 6 credits) 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 \$1,200.00. The awards will be disbursed \$400.00 per quarter for three consecutive quarters of the succeeding academic year beginning Summer or Fall 2018. Student scholarship recipients must be attending at least half-time in an undergraduate or 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. The most senior recipient will have the award designated as the NAU Foundation Alumni Academic Excellence Award.

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 campus financial services representative.

Application forms will be available on or about February 21, 2018 at [naufoundation.org/scholarships](http://naufoundation.org/scholarships) 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](mailto: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.