University of Massachusetts Amherst

Scholarship Information for MassTransfer Students

Community College Academic Honors Scholarship (CCAHS)
These scholarships were developed to reward and recognize MassTransfer graduates of the Massachusetts community colleges for meritorious academic achievement. Up to fifteen scholarships are available each year (both fall and spring admits are considered). Each award is $2,500 per year for full-time students (pro-rated for part-time students) until the students complete their first bachelor’s degree requirements at UMass Amherst. Students with a 3.5 or higher GPA at the time of application are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship awards are made by a scholarship committee.

Community Scholarships (CS)
These scholarships are awarded to MassTransfer graduates who are low income and/or first generation college students. Up to fifteen scholarships are available each year (both fall and spring admits are considered). Each award is $6,000 per year for two consecutive years (or four semesters). Scholarship awards are made by a scholarship committee. The scholarship committee will consider each student’s academic record, activities, leadership and community service, academic major, and work experience.

Honors to Honors Scholarships (HtHS)
These scholarships are for Massachusetts community college students who will be enrolling in the UMass Amherst Commonwealth Honors College. Students must be in an approved MassTransfer program and are encouraged to complete the community college honors program, if one is offered. Students who do not complete the community college honors program and who have a 3.5 or higher GPA for each semester completed (two or more semesters), who are in approved MassTransfer programs, and who meet all other UMass Amherst transfer admissions criteria will also be considered for places in Commonwealth Honors College. Also, to be eligible, students must accept the invitation to be in the UMass Amherst Commonwealth Honors College. The scholarships are for residents of Massachusetts who are low-income or first generation students. The amount is $6,000 per year for two consecutive years (or four semesters). Scholarship awards are made by a scholarship committee. The scholarship committee will consider each student’s academic record, level of academic challenge, activities, community service, academic major, and work experience.

Additional requirements

- Students must also complete at least 30 (HtHS) to 45 (CCAHS and CS) of the semester credits required for a MassTransfer degree at a Massachusetts community college.
- Students must complete the application process for UMass Amherst, using the MassTransfer application form and providing official college transcript/s from all previously attended colleges or universities, as well as any other requested materials.

NOTE: Scholarships may not be used for Division of Continuing and Professional Education courses and/or degree programs, such as University Without Walls or other online degree programs. Students in Additional Transfer Agreement programs may also be considered for these scholarships.
**UMass Amherst MassTransfer Scholarship Application Process**

- Complete the MassTransfer scholarship application form, including answers to the three required questions on a separate page, which may be clearly handwritten or typed. These personal responses are extremely important. Other than your academic transcript, this is the only way the scholarship committee can learn more about you.

- You may also send recommendation/s, a resume, or other information you think would be helpful to the committee in making their decision. Please do not send academic projects or lengthy academic papers.

- The scholarship committee is composed of representatives from Commonwealth Honors College, Enrollment Services, and Undergraduate Admissions. The committee will meet and make its final decisions and notify recipients in late May (for the fall semester) or mid-December (for the spring semester).

**UMass Amherst MassTransfer Scholarship Application Deadlines**

These scholarship programs are intended for students who are enrolling at UMass Amherst for the first time as a degree student. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by the following deadlines:
- Fall semester – **May 1**
- Spring semester – **November 15**

**Completed applications and/or other pertinent documents may be mailed to:**
MassTransfer Scholarship Committee
Undergraduate Admissions Office
UMass Amherst
37 Mather Drive
Amherst, MA 01003
Completed applications and/or other pertinent documents may also be sent via FAX to 413-545-4312.

**Questions?**

Contact the UMass Amherst Undergraduate Admissions Office at 413-545-0222 and ask to speak with a transfer counselor.
University of Massachusetts Amherst
MassTransfer Scholarship Application Form

Name___________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _____________________________________________________________

City ________________________________________________   State  __________  Zip  ________________

Phone   (                   )  _________-___________     Date of Birth __________________________________

Email Address _______________________________________________________________________________

Check all that apply:

_____ I am currently a member of a Commonwealth Honors Program (CHP) at a community college.

___________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature of CHP director                                                                         Date

_____ I want to be a member of the UMass Amherst Commonwealth Honors College upon enrollment.

_____ I am very interested in UMass Amherst but do not plan to join the Commonwealth Honors College.

For more information about the Commonwealth Honors College, see www.honors.umass.edu.

Required Scholarship Application Questions
Please answer all three questions on a separate page. Responses may be either neatly handwritten or typed. Please include your name on the separate page.

1. What is your involvement in activities outside the classroom (ex: employment, family responsibilities, community service)?
2. Describe any personal circumstances that you think it is important for the scholarship committee to know.
3. Why would receiving this scholarship be important to you and make a difference in your life?

Signature ________________________________________________________________________________

I certify that the information I have provided in this scholarship application is accurate and complete. By signing this form, I give permission to the scholarship committee to access my application and college records.

Signature ___________________________________________   Date __________________________