Southern Arkansas University Tech Institutional Scholarship Information

SAU Tech offers an additional $500 bonus to those that receive the **Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship** and choose to attend SAU Tech. (Limited number available; based on date applied for FAFSA).

Scholarship	Requirements	Amounts	Renewal	Items Needed
Academic Scholarship Preference given to those who apply by January 1	Min. Act 24 Enroll semester after graduation from HS. Enroll in 15 hours each semester	Tuition & Standard Fees for 15 hours plus $250 for books each semester.	Complete 24 credit hours at year end and maintain a cumulative GPA. of 2.5	Complete Application Turn in ACT Scores
Student Ambassador Academic Scholarship Deadline: March 1	Min. Act 24. Enroll semester after graduation from HS. Two letters of recommendation (HS teacher & counselor), write a one-page essay on "Why I want to become a student ambassador"; interview with committee. Enroll in 15 hours each semester	Tuition & Standard Fees for 15 hours plus $250 for books each semester. Plus a paid student work-study job for 15 hours a week. Duties include assisting with college events & student activities.	Complete 24 credit hours at year end and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.	Complete Application Turn in: ACT Scores Recommendation letters Essay NOTE: You will not be considered as an applicant unless all needed items are in by deadline
Merit Scholarship Preference given to those who apply by January 1	*Min. Act 19/ First-time entering freshman. Enroll in 12 hours the first semester, and 15 hours each semester following.	$1500.00 per semester	Complete 24 credit hours at year end and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0	Complete Application Turn in ACT Scores*
Student Ambassador Merit Scholarship Deadline: March 1	*Min. Act 19 or college GPA 2.5 if not freshman. Two letters of recommendation (HS teacher & counselor or college instructor& employer if not in HS), write a one-page essay on "Why I want to become a student ambassador"; interview with committee. Enroll in 15 hours each semester	$1500.00 per semester Plus a paid student work-study job for 15 hours a week. Duties include assisting with college events & student activities.	Complete 24 credit hours at year end and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.	Complete Application Turn in: ACT Scores* Recommendation letters Essay NOTE: You will not be considered as an applicant unless all needed items are in by deadline
Valedictorian & Salutatorian Scholarship Preference given to those who apply by January 1	Graduate Val. or Sal. from HS (or Rank 1 or 2 if no Val/Sal), 21 on Act, enroll semester after HS graduation. Enroll in 15 hours each semester	Tuition & Standard Fees for 15 hours plus $250 for books each semester.	Complete 24 credit hours at year end and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0.	Complete Application Turn in ACT Scores Letter from Counselor confirming Val/Sal or rank number
Rocket-High Scholarship Preference given to those who apply by January 1	Recipient of Certificate of Proficiency from SAU Tech or have completed 9 hours of concurrent credit with a 2.5 GPA. Enroll semester after HS graduation. Enroll in 15 hours each semester	$1500.00 per semester	Complete 24 credit hours at year end and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.	Complete Application Completion of Certificate of Proficiency

Scholarship	Eligibility	Award	Renewal	Application Requirements
Skills USA Scholarship	Enroll in 15 hours each semester. Enroll semester after graduation from HS. Waiver from Skills USA by winning a Gold Medal at competition or being selected as a state officer.	$1500.00 per semester	Complete 24 credit hours at year end and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0	Turn in Waiver from Skills USA
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship **Preference given to those who apply by January 1**	*Min. Act 19 or cumulative college GPA 2.5. Must enroll in at least 6 hours per semester.	$1,200.00 per semester. The award is based on 12 hours and will be prorated if less than 12 hours are taken.	Complete 12 credit hours at year end (if part-time) and 18 hours at year end if full-time and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.	Complete Application Turn in: ACT Scores* And/Or: Prior college transcripts if not SAU Tech
First Generation Scholarship **Preference given to those who apply by January 1**	*Min 17 on ACT or 2.0 GPA. Student must select first-generation student on SAU Tech's Admissions Application.	$1,200.00 per semester	Must take 12 hours a semester and complete at least 75% of courses and keep at minimum 2.5 GPA. Good for 4 semesters.	Complete the Scholarship Application, submit test scores, and complete the College's application with first-generation selected.
Alumni Scholarship **Deadline: May 31** ***Children of SAU Tech employees are not candidates for this scholarship**	Be a first-time entering freshman. Have a parent or grandparent who graduated from SAU Tech with an Associate's Degree or Technical Certificate. Have a 2.5 GPA or higher. Submit a 250-word essay on "What becoming a Rocket and receiving an Alumni Scholarship would mean to you." Must enroll in at least 12 hours per semester.	Tuition & Standard Fees for no less than 12 hours per semester	Complete 24 credit hours at year-end and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Good for 4 semesters	Complete the scholarship application, self-identify as the child or grandchild of an SAU Tech alumni on the scholarship application, and submit the required essay NOTE: Children of SAU Tech employees are not eligible.

General Scholarship Guidelines:

- SAU Tech scholarships only pay for tuition (in-state only), unless otherwise noted. Only one scholarship awarded per student.
- *ACT, Accuplacer, and other assessment scores are accepted as equivalent.
- All applicants must be fully admitted to SAU Tech and degree seeking; must not already have an Associate or Bachelor's degree.
- Applicants must be US citizens or permanent resident aliens.
- Students must enroll in 15 hours each semester unless otherwise notated; must begin attendance in the fall semester.
- Scholarships are awarded on a fall/spring basis. Scholarships cannot be used for summer sessions.
- Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted with items need by the stated date; first to apply will receive preference; waiting list applies after stated date.
- Scholarships are reviewed at the end of the spring semester to determine if renewal requirement met (i.e., "at year end").
- Scholarships are awarded to the extent funds are available.
- Scholarships are good for a total of up to four consecutive semesters or until the student receives an Associate degree, whichever is earlier, provided the student meets renewal requirements. If the student is not enrolled for a semester the scholarship is lost. Depending on the scholarship requirements the student may be able to reapply.
- See the SAU Tech catalog at www.sautech.edu for further information.

Updated General Guidelines:

The Access Act, passed in 2025 by the Arkansas Legislature, may affect the awarding of these scholarships to students who qualify for other aid.

For more information, call 870-574-4511 or come by our Financial Aid office for assistance.

Southern Arkansas University Tech -Statement of Nondiscrimination

Southern Arkansas University Tech does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, or protected veteran's status in employment or the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. This statement of non-discrimination applies to educational programs, educational policies, admissions policies, educational activities, employment, access and admission, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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