

Excelsior Scholarship Academic Eligibility

To receive the Excelsior Scholarship students must meet all of the academic eligibility requirements outlined below:

1. Students must be on track for on-time graduation meaning they will complete their 2-year degree in two years or less of **continuous enrollment** starting at the semester they first **matriculate** into College.
2. Students must enroll in and **earn** a minimum of 12 **degree applicable** academic credits in the Fall and Spring semesters to **receive the award**.
 - a. A student does not need to earn 12 degree applicable credits in their very first semester of Excelsior Scholarship eligibility. However, this requirement does exist for all subsequent semesters of attendance.
3. Students must **earn** a minimum of 30 **degree applicable** academic credits per year to **receive the award**.
 - a. If a student completes the fall and spring semesters with less than 30 earned **degree applicable** credits they can use the summer semester to catch-up.

Definitions:

- **Continuous enrollment:** A student must remain continuously enrolled to receive the Excelsior Scholarship. There are limited extraordinary circumstances which allow for a break in enrollment. A student does not need to enroll in the Winter session or Summer semester.
- **Degree applicable:** courses completed must count towards a student's matriculated program of study. Remedial and preparatory classes are not considered degree applicable courses.
- **Earn:** Receive a passing grade of D- or better
- **Matriculate:** student has been formally accepted by the Admissions Office into an Associate's Degree program (certificate programs are not eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship)
- **Receive the award:** student has met all eligibility requirements at the end of the semester

Once a student becomes ineligible for the Excelsior Scholarship due to academic performance they are not able to reestablish eligibility. **It is the student's responsibility to work with their academic advisor to ensure they meet all academic requirements.**