

Scholarship FAQ

1. What resources are available for students to find out about scholarships?

- www.bucks.edu/scholarships.
- Visit, call, or e-mail the Foundation office in Tyler Hall (Room 224), 215-968-8224, scholarships@bucks.edu.
- Visit or call the Financial Aid office in the HUB, 215-968-8200.
- Visit or call the Academic Affairs office in Tyler Hall (Room 122), 215-968-8048 for more information about Dean's Academic Scholarships or Legacy Scholarships.
- Contact your Assistant Academic Dean for scholarship information specific to your major.

2. What are eligibility criteria?

Eligibility criteria vary greatly among the 100+ scholarships offered at BUCKS; based mainly on the donors' intentions for their awards. Your eligibility may be determined by major, grade point average, community service, extra-curricular activities, financial need, and/or residence.

In order to measure academic success at the high school level, many scholarships, especially those for incoming students or first-year BUCKS students, require applicants to submit their latest high school transcript. SAT scores are not used as a criterion since BUCKS is an open admissions college. However, a selection committee may review SAT scores to gauge academic progress.

3. When are scholarships awarded? Are there different deadlines?

Most scholarships have an April 1 deadline and are awarded annually by the end of April. Deadlines outside of the February to April award cycle are so noted on the applications, as well as on the Foundation's web site at www.bucks.edu/scholarships.

4. When do scholarship recipients receive their award?

Even though scholarship recipients are announced during the spring semester, most scholarships are intended to benefit current students who intend to return to BUCKS in the fall. Upon return in the fall, recipients will receive their awards and use it to register for classes or purchase books. Financial Aid issues book vouchers. Some scholarships benefit a graduating student who intends to transfer to a four-year institution. In that case, a check will be mailed to the transferring institution in the recipient's name. Finally, a small number of scholarships are directly paid to the student. Exceptions on how scholarships are awarded must be initiated by the donor.

5. When will a recipient's student account be credited?

A recipient's student account will be credited by the Financial Aid office the second or third week of the semester (usually fall) after the award is announced.

6. What happens to the scholarship if the student decides not to return to BUCKS?

If a scholarship recipient does not return to BUCKS for the following fall, spring or summer semester after the award is made, all funds will be returned to the designated scholarship account. If a recipient has remaining scholarship funds available after properly fulfilling all of the award requirements, s/he will be issued a check at the end of the semester for the remaining balance.

7. What is the difference between a Legacy Scholarship and a scholarship the Foundation/Financial Aid awards?

The Legacy Scholarship Program is administered by the Academic Affairs Office. Each endowed legacy scholarship covers tuition for a three credit course. A committee selects the award criteria proposed by faculty and staff for the majority of the legacy scholarships. Scholarships administered by the Foundation and Financial Aid office don't fall under a specific scholarship program and may benefit different student populations. In addition, selection committees and award amounts vary.

For a complete list of all available scholarships, visit www.bucks.edu/scholarships.