

AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship Award

A non-resident student who enter Allan Hancock College with a 3.00 or better high school cumulative GPA or a 3.00 cumulative GPA as a full-time college student the previous semester and enrolls as a full-time student (minimum of 12.0 units), is eligible to receive the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship. The student must attend full time of which one 3.0-unit course must be on-campus to receive the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship. This scholarship is applied to Non-Resident tuition and can be earned a maximum of two primary semesters.

To receive the second semester of the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship, the student must have passed 12 or more units and maintained a 3.00 or better term GPA and re-enroll as a full-time student the following primary semester.

An out of state or non-resident student who enters Allan Hancock College as a full-time student with a cumulative GPA of less than 3.00 and earns a 3.00 or better in 12 or more units at Allan Hancock College in their first semester and re-enrolls as a full-time student in their second semester may receive the Non-Resident Merit scholarship for one semester provided that all other criteria has been met.

It is required that all students complete a 2024-2025 FAFSA or CADAA by the end of the 3rd week of the first semester of enrollment AND complete their financial aid file by the 8th week of the first semester of enrollment. If the student begins their first semester in the spring semester, they will need to complete a 2025-2026 FAFSA for the preceding fall semester.

Unfortunately, international students are excluded from being eligible for the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship.

If you have questions, please contact Admissions_help@hancockcollege.edu or call (805) 922-6966 ext. 3248.

AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship Award FAQ's

1. Who is eligible for the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship Award at Allan Hancock Community College District?

Any student identified as a non-resident of California entering Allan Hancock College who meets the following criteria:

- Enroll directly after high school graduation with a 3.00* or better high school cumulative GPA; OR
- Complete at least 12 units at another postsecondary institution in the immediate term prior with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00;
AND
- Enrolls in at least 12 units, with a minimum of three (3) units in-person (on campus);
- Submit a 2024-2025 FAFSA or CADAA application by the 3rd week of the semester and complete the student's financial aid file by the 8th week of the first semester of enrollment.

2. What if I am not eligible to submit a FAFSA or CADAA due to my citizenship?

Please see the Director of Admissions for a quick review of your residency eligibility. If you are deemed ineligible, the FAFSA/CADAA will be waived.

3. How long does the scholarship last? How many semesters/years is my scholarship good for?

The scholarship will be awarded for a maximum of two primary terms (e.g., a student entering in the fall may qualify for their first fall and first spring, or a student entering AHC for the first time in spring may qualify for their first spring and first fall). Only those meeting all eligibility criteria for each term will qualify (i.e. maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA, taking at least 12 units each semester, with at least three (3) of those 12 units being in person/on campus, and having no outstanding balance due on their student account).

4. If I received less than a 3.0 GPA in High School but then earned a 3.0 in my first semester at Hancock, could I qualify for the Non-Resident Merit Scholarship award in the 2nd semester of my first year?

Yes. However, you would only qualify for the scholarship for one semester following the semester you entered AHC. Additionally, you must be in good standing and have all outstanding fees paid before the start of the semester in which the merit scholarship would be awarded.

5. If I did not recently attend and graduate from High School (for example, I graduated in 2021 and earned over a 3.0 GPA in High School and intend on enrolling as a first-year student in 2024), may I still qualify for the Non-Resident Merit Scholarship?

Yes, if you did not attend any college after high school. An official high school transcript will need to be submitted for verification.

6. If I plan on attending AHC as a first-time college student, what documents do I need to submit to verify my High School GPA?

Your official high school transcript needs to be submitted for verification by Admissions and Records. Here is the link for uploading official transcripts: [Transcript Upload Link](#)

7. What documents do I need to submit to verify my previous College GPA?

Your official college transcript needs to be submitted for verification by Admissions and Records. Here is the link for uploading official transcripts: [Transcript Upload Link](#)

8. If I graduated from a California High School with a 3.0 GPA or better, but I am on a student visa, may I qualify for the Non-Resident Merit Scholarship?

Unfortunately, no. International students do not qualify for the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship.

9. Would I get the scholarship the following fall semester if I started in the spring semester?

Yes, if you are eligible and continue to meet all the requirements. The scholarship is available for up to two primary semesters.

10. If I do not achieve a 3.0 GPA in my first semester at Hancock, under the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship award, will I lose my scholarship for subsequent semesters?

Yes, if you do not achieve a 3.0 GPA in your first semester, you will not be awarded the scholarship for the following semester.

11. If I do not achieve a 3.0 GPA in my first semester at Hancock, under the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship award criteria, but improve my GPA during the winter or summer intercession, may the scholarship be reinstated for the upcoming semester?

Maybe. You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 by the end of each semester.

12. May I earn an AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship if I am enrolled in less than 12 units?

No, you must enroll in 12 units or more each fall/spring semester; there is no enrollment requirement for winter or summer sessions. However, keep in mind that the Merit scholarship only covers the non-resident fees. The student is still responsible for paying the current fees of \$46 per unit and all other student fees.

13. Is there a limit to the number of units I can take in which the Non-Resident Merit Scholarship would pay?

No, you may enroll in more than 12 units per semester, however, keep in mind that the merit scholarship only covers the non-resident fees. The student is still responsible for paying the current fees of \$46 per unit and any other student fees. An example is shown below.

14. What exactly does the AHC Non-Resident Merit Scholarship award cover in terms of tuition?

The scholarship covers only the non-resident portion of the tuition. **The student is responsible for paying** current registration fees of \$46 per unit and any other student fees which includes the following: Health Fees \$26.00 per semester; Student Center Fee \$10

per semester; Student Representation Fee \$2.00 per semester; Physical Education usage fee for some PE courses which are off campus; Materials Fee (see online course description for details & cost).

SAMPLE OF STUDENT FEES CHARGED EACH SEMESTER	
Registration Fees (12 units x \$46.00)	\$552.00
Health Fee	\$26.00
Student Center Fee	\$10.00
Student Representation Fee	\$2.00
*PE usage fee for some PE courses off campus	unknown
*Materials Fee (see online course description for details & cost)	unknown
TOTAL DUE EACH	\$590.00
<i>*Only applicable if student is enrolled in these types of courses</i>	

All fees shown above **must** be paid by the student before the next registration cycle begins for the upcoming semester. If the full payment is not made, you will have a hold on your account which will prevent you from registering for the next semester.

15. May I take online classes with this scholarship?

Yes. We only require a minimum of 3 units to be taken on campus and in person each semester.

16. Do I have to fill out the FAFSA or CADAA to qualify for this scholarship?

Yes, you must submit a 2024-2025 FAFSA or CADAA by the end of the 3rd week of the first semester of enrollment AND complete their financial aid file by the 8th week of the first semester of enrollment.

17. When will I be awarded the AHC Merit Scholarship?

The AHC Merit Scholarship will be posted after you meet all the stated criteria as shown above on the following dates for the 2024-2025 year:

- **Summer 2024 – 6/14/2024 - Must meet ALL the criteria as shown in FAQ question #1 including being enrolled in a minimum of 12 units for the fall semester or you will be responsible for all your summer tuition, enrollment, and other fees.**
- **Fall 2024**
 - **9/9/2024 for Full Semester & Term 1**
 - **10/25/2024 – Term 2**
- **Spring 2025**
 - **2/10/2025 – Full Semester & Term 3**
 - **4/4/2025 – Term 4**

**We will accept whichever cumulative GPA benefits the student (weighted vs. unweighted)*