

No course in either curriculum used to satisfy a major or supporting area requirement may be used to satisfy the General Education Requirements.

#### **Graduation with Latin Honors**

The faculty of UMES may recommend candidates for graduation with honors in a particular curriculum under the conditions listed below. To be considered for Latin honors, a student must have earned in residence at UMES a minimum of 60 semester hours upon graduation.

- a. For the honor of Cum Laude (with distinction), the student must have earned an average of not less than 3.3 in all courses pursued which are counted toward graduation.
- b. For the honor of Magna Cum Laude (with great distinction), constituting a recognition of work of exceptional merit, a student must have earned an average of not less than 3.5 in all courses pursued.
- c. For the honor of Summa Cum Laude (with highest distinction), constituting a recognition of work of superior merit, a student must have earned an average of not less than 3.7 in all courses pursued.

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#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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The University offers various scholarships, grants and loans through various offices/departments/area. Those that are available to students are listed below.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS**

For further information, please contact the Department of Athletics at 410-651-8471.

**Corey E. Gibson, Charles D. Gregg and Barbara G. Gregg Scholarship Fund** - Established by Charles D. Gregg and Barbara Gregg; Awards: Varies; Criteria: Minimum 2.0 GPA and is a student athlete.

**Burrell & Jean Jordan Fund** - Established by Burrell Jordan, III and Jean Jordan; Award: Varies; Criteria: Fifth year athlete(s) who demonstrate financial need.

**The Hawk Voice Education Foundation, Inc. – Art Shell Endowed Fund** – Established by the Hawk Voice Education Foundation, Inc.; Award: Varies; Criteria: Students and athletes who demonstrate financial need.

**The Sam Seidel Basketball Award** - Established by Samuel W. Seidel; Award: Varies; Criteria: Student must be either a graduating senior male basketball player or a Junior member of the men's basketball team, must have lettered in basket ball for three years, must have never been ineligible during the college career, and is graduating in four years.

#### **HONORS PROGRAM**

Below are scholarships available to students who have been selected to participate in the Honors Program. For further information, please contact the Honors Program at 410-651-6082.

The Honors Program Scholarships: Award: Variable; renewable for three years provided student maintains 3.3 minimum GPA each semester and meets other program requirements.

**Thurgood Marshall Scholarship** - Award: \$4,400 per year (maximum). Criteria: Current students and entering freshman with competitive SAT and GPA; Current students must maintain 3.0 to be eligible for scholarship renewal. Students must apply directly to Thurgood Marshall College Fund ([www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org](http://www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org)).

**University of Maryland Eastern Shore Scholars Program** - Award: Varies. Criteria: 3.5 GPA and competitive SAT scores. Must maintain 3.30 GPA per semester.

**Henson Leaders Endowment** - Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, have a history of community service, and personal goals which are consistent with a commitment to community service, demonstrated commitment to the mission and goals of UMES (i.e., through high school activities and volunteer service, demonstrated ability to act as a role model, demonstrated commitment to positive values, demonstrated seriousness of purpose and work toward earning a baccalaureate degree within a reasonable time, stated willingness to devote time and effort outside of the classroom to activities that enrich learning experiences, and has financial need, as demonstrated on the standard financial form).

**Henson Scholars** - Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must have outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

Scholarships are offered through the Office of Institutional Advancement. For further information, please contact the Office of the Vice President at 410-651-7773.

**The Carnival Gala Endowment**--Established as a result of the University's Annual Carnival Gala. Awards: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need. Award recipient chosen after consultation with the Financial Aid Scholarship Committee.

**Dr. & Mrs. Herman Franklin Award** -Established by Dr. Herman Franklin. Award: Varies. Criteria: scholarships for domestic and International students at UMES.

#### **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

##### **SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND LOAN OPPORTUNITIES**

There are several types of scholarships, grants, loans, and other awards available to students at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Currently, more than 80 percent of all UMES students receive some degree of financial aid. Each type of aid has its own criteria, and award amounts vary from partial to complete financial aid. Scholarship and grant awards are funding sources that do not require repayment. Loans require repayment, usually at a reduced interest rate, and payments are usually deferred until six (6) months after graduation. See Scholarships for further details. The following is a listing of current scholarships, grants, loans, and other awards that are available to students. **For further information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 410-651-6172.**

##### **Scholarships**

**Aileen Massie Jones & Charlie "Buster" Gregg Charlotte W. Newcombe Endowed Fund** – established by Charles D. and Barbara Gregg to support student scholarships for mature women. Award: Varies. Criteria: Through the UMES Newcombe Scholarship Program.

**Caroline and Marie Ward Scholarship Award** -established by Armstead Ward. Award: up to \$1,500.00. Criteria: Somerset County residence preferred. Student must demonstrate financial need and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

**Conectiv Endowed Scholarship Fund** - established by Delmarva Power. Award: Varies. Criteria: Based on need and academic merit. Student must be a graduate of a Delmarva Peninsula area school and resident of one of the counties.

**Class of 74'** - established by the UMES Class of 1974. Award: Varies. Purpose: To support undergraduate and graduate scholarships to students at UMES based on financial need and merit.

**Lenzy Endowed Scholarship Fund** - established by Clara W. Berryhill. Award: At least \$2,500 per semester. Criteria: Student must be academically eligible and currently receiving federal financial aid funds.

**Lucy Oguanobi Scholarship Fund** - established by Dr. Eucharia E. Nnadi. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need and major in any area of the Health Sciences.

**M & T Bank Endowed Scholarship (formerly Allfirst)** - established by the First National Bank of Maryland. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be from low to moderate income brackets

**Mary & Daniel Loughran Continuing Scholars Fund** - established by the Mary and Daniel Loughran Foundation, Inc. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be an upperclassman who demonstrates academic merit and financial need.

**Melvin J. Hill Teacher Education Endowment** - established by Melvin J. Hill. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be majoring in teacher education, minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrates financial need.

**Metropolitan United Methodist Church Endowed Scholarship Fund** -established by the Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Award: Varies. Criteria: Students must fill out an application and submit it to the financial aid office, students must have and maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA, must be a full-time undergraduate student of sophomore or higher status, must be in good academic standing and have high moral character, and must show verifiable evidence of enrollment in an academic major in which a degree can be received

**Mid-Shore Community Foundation Grant** - established by the Mid-Shore Community Foundation. Award: Five 1,250.00 Scholarships. Criteria: Must be incoming freshman students from the Mid-Shore Counties (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot) who enroll at UMES, must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, and must demonstrate financial need and high academic merit.

**Milestone Endowment** - established by UMES. Award: Varies. Criteria: Merit and need based. Award given after consultation with Office of Student Financial Aid.

**Myrtle E. Morris Memorial Fund** - established by Brigadier General (ret) Walter I and Mrs. Dawn V. Jones in memory of his mother, Myrtle E. Morris. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need and high academic merit, single mother, pursuing first undergraduate degree.

**The Abell Foundation Scholarship Fund** - established by the Abell Foundation. Award: Varies. Criteria: Worthy UMES student(s) with demonstrated financial need.

**The Alonzo A. Brown Scholarship** - established by the Crisfield Pride Lodge 194. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need and is a child of a member of the Crisfield Pride Lodge 194, attending the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

**The Amanda E. Newton Memorial Scholarship Fund** - established by a bequest from Amanda E. Newton. Award: Varies. Criteria: Outstanding student of unusual merit.

**The Bailey A. Thomas Endowed Scholarship Fund** - established by McCormick & Company, Inc. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be in good academic standing and Somerset County Resident Preferred, State of Maryland Resident Second Option. Contact: Office of Student Financial Aid.

**The BT Alex Brown Continuing Scholars Fund** - established by BT Alex Brown. Award: Varies. Criteria: Must be an upper class student.

**The Deloris J. and William P. Hytche Family Scholarship Fund** - established by Deloris J. and William P. Hytche. Award: Varies. Criteria: Deserving student(s) undergraduate or graduate.

**The Donald Wilson and Flo Joyce Mabe Scholarship Fund for Foreign Students** - established by Donald Wilson Mabe and Flo Joyce Mabe. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be in good academic standing with unmet financial need and a currently enrolled international student

**The France-Merrick Continuing Scholars Fund** - established by the France-Merrick Foundation, Inc. Award: Varies. Criteria: Must be an upper class student.

**The Hayman Family Reunion Endowed Fund** - established by the Hayman Family. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be in good academic standing and demonstrating financial need.

**The J. Edwin Tawes Memorial Scholarship** - establishment by a bequest from Lou Ella D. Tawes. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be an undergraduate and a resident of Somerset County.

**The Jesse T. and Vernetta B. Williams, Sr. Scholarship Fund** - established by Mr. & Mrs. Jesse T. Williams, Sr. Award: Varies. Criteria: A minority student who demonstrates academic talent and financial need with a 2.5 GPA or better.

**The Jesse T. Williams Sr. Family Endowment** - established by Jesse T. Williams and Vernetta B. Williams. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and demonstrate financial need.

**The Otis and Dorothy B. Strozier Scholarship Fund** - established by Otis and Dorothy Strozier. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must meet UMES Scholarship Committee Criteria.

**The Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Salisbury Scholarship Fund** - established by the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Salisbury. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need.

**The Roger and Romain Estep Fund** - established by Roger and Romain Estep. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be a Maryland resident and demonstrate financial need.

**The Rose Walt Scholarship Fund** - established by Dr. James Walt. Award: Varies Criteria: Student must be in good academic standing.

**The Samuel S. Trott Scholarship Fund** - established by the S.S. Trott Scholarship Committee. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must be a Henry County, Martinsville, VA Resident, demonstrate outstanding potential for leadership and service and meet UMES Scholarship Committee Criteria.

**The Stephen Long Guild Scholarship Fund** – established by Stephen Long Guild, Inc. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher, seeking a degree in professional services area: teaching, nursing, social work, etc. and unmet financial need

**The Theophilus J. "Sonny" Lloyd Scholarship Fund** - established by Theophilus J. Lloyd. Award: Varies. Criteria: Must demonstrate financial need, have high academic merit and be an undergraduate student.

**The Tri-County Organizations' Coalition, Inc. Endowed Scholarship Fund** - established by the Tri-County Organizations' Coalition, Inc. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need, be in good academic standing by the Scholarship Committee, and must be an undergraduate student enrolled and enrolling at UMES from the Tri-County area (Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)

**The Tri-State Association I.B.P.O.E. Elks of the World Endowment** - established by the Tri-State Association I.B.P.O.E. Elks of the World. Award: Varies. Criteria: Must be a student in good academic standing and demonstrate financial need.

**The UMES National Alumni Association - Baltimore Chapter Fund** - established by the Baltimore Chapter of the UMES Alumni Association. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must have a GPA 2.0 or higher and demonstrate financial need

**The UMES National Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund** - established by the National Alumni Association. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need.

**The William G. Baker, Jr. Continuing Scholars Fund** - established by the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund Award: Varies. Criteria: Upper class student, need and merit based.

**UMES Tri-County Alumni Association** - established by the UMES Tri-County Alumni Association. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must have been enrolled and completed two semesters at UMES, must have accumulated a minimum of 30 credit hours at UMES, must have a GPA of 2.5 or better and must be an undergraduate from the Tri-County area of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties

**Verizon Continuing Scholars Fund** - established by Bell Atlantic-Maryland. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate academic merit, financial need, and be an Upper Classman.

#### **Grants**

**Federal Pell Grant** - Source: Federally funded. Award: variable (minimum - \$400; maximum varies depending upon congressional approval). Criteria: Award amount is based on a federal formula according to need and enrollment status (full-time: 12 or more credits, three quarter time: 9-11 credits, half time: 6-8 credits). Open to U.S. citizens, residents, and permanent residents. **Must reapply each year.**

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)** - Source: Federally funded, Award: variable (\$200-\$2,000) Criteria: Available to undergraduates enrolled in degree-seeking programs. Award amounts are based on enrollment status, need, and availability of funds. **Must reapply each year.**

**University Grant** - Source: Institutionally funded. Award: variable (\$1,200 - \$3,000). Criteria: Available to degree-seeking undergraduates. Amount varies according to enrollment status, need, and availability of funds. **Must reapply each year.**

**Diversity Grant** - Source: Institutionally funded. Award: Variable (\$200 - \$1,500). Criteria: Available to Maryland residents enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program. Award amounts are based on need and other criteria. **Must re-apply each year.**

## Loans

### Federal Perkins Loan Program

Open to both undergraduates and graduates who are United States citizens or permanent residents who demonstrate a need. The interest amount is deferred until six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half time. The minimum monthly payments are determined by the amount borrowed. Award amounts are contingent upon student need (as determined by federal formula) and the availability of funds. Deferments and cancellations are available to those students who meet established criteria.

### Federal Direct Student Loan Programs

Available to undergraduates who are United States citizens or permanent residents. Funds for this loan program are made available through the U.S. Department of Education. The federal government guarantees these loans. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for these loans. Eligibility is determined by information submitted on the FAFSA. These loans must be repaid and the interest rate is variable with the maximum rate being 8.25%. Both the principal and interest are deferred until six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time or graduates.

**Subsidized** loans are awarded on the bases of financial need. Interest is not charged on these loans while the student is enrolled at least half-time or during periods of deferment. Award amounts vary based on need and classification levels. Annual maximum amounts are as follows: freshman - \$3,500; sophomore - \$4,500; junior/senior - \$5,500.

**Unsubsidized** loans are not need-based. Interest is charged on this loan while the student is attending school and also during grace periods and deferments. Annual maximum loan amounts are as follows: **Dependent undergraduate:** freshman - \$3,500; sophomore - \$4,500; junior/senior - \$5,500. **Independent undergraduate:** freshman - \$7,500 (only \$3,500 of this amount may be subsidized loans); sophomore - \$8,500 (only \$4,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans); junior/senior - \$10,500 (only \$5,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans). **All first time borrowers at UMES must attend loan counseling. An origination fee of 1% of the loan is deducted from all William D. Ford Direct Student Loans.**

### Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

This loan is for parents of dependent students who wish to borrow to help pay for their child's education. Applicants must be United States Citizens or permanent residents and the student must be in a degree program. Parents may borrow up to budget (as determined by the UMES Office of Student Financial Aid) for each student who is enrolled at least half time. The parent must not be in default of any student loan, and the student must maintain satisfactory academic progress according to the policies of the Office of Student Financial Aid. An insurance premium of up to 3% of the loan principal is charged and deducted for each disbursement. Repayment for both the loan and interest begins sixty (60) days after the second disbursement. The lender may defer the principal, if requested.

### Federal Family Education Student Loan Program (FFELP)

Available to graduate students who are United States citizens or permanent residents. Funds for this loan program are made available through various participating lenders. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore uses a comprehensive process for developing its lender list. A survey is used to evaluate the best pricing, technology, and customer service provided by each lender. The survey responses are data entered into a quantitative matrix where points are awarded. Documented experiences with lenders during the academic year from both staff and students are also added as a qualitative component. After all data are collected, a committee meets to evaluate the data and to determine the preferred lender list. This data are then submitted to the Director of Student Financial Aid for review. Student choice of lender is never denied nor is the processing of a loan from a lender outside of UMES lender list delayed. The federal government guarantees these loans. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for these loans. Eligibility is determined by information submitted on the FAFSA. These loans must be repaid and the interest rate is variable with the maximum rate being 8.25%. Both the principal and interest are deferred until six months after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time or graduates.

**Subsidized** loans are awarded on the bases of financial need. Interest is not charged on these loans while the student is enrolled at least half-time or during periods of deferment. Award maximum is \$8,500.

**Unsubsidized** loans are not need-based. Interest is charged on this loan while the student is attending school and also during grace periods and deferments. The annual maximum loan amount is \$20,500 (only \$8,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans). **All first time borrowers at UMES must attend loan counseling. An origination fee of 1% of the loan is deducted from all FFELP loans.**

### STUDENT LIFE AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

The scholarships identified below are handled by the Division of Student Life and Enrollment Management. For further information, please contact the Office of Student Life and Enrollment Management at 410-651-6687.

**Dr. James M. White, Jr. Award for Service and Leadership Fund** - Established by Dr. James M. White, Jr. Award: Varies. Criteria: Recipients must maintain a 3.0 or higher to qualify and must demonstrate outstanding service and leadership to the student body and general community

**The John A. Wilson Scholarship Fund** - Established by John Wilson. Award: Varies. Criteria: Application must be completed, student must have unmet financial needs documented by the Office of Student Financial Aid, and demonstrate outstanding potential for leadership and service.

**The Thomas H. Kiah Memorial Scholarship Fund** - Established by Family and Friends of Thomas H. Kiah. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must have a grade point average of at least a 3.0 and has good interpersonal and human relation skills

**UMES Parents Association** - Established by the UMES Parents Association. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student's parent must be member of the UMES Parents Association, must be an undergraduate student(s) who is experiencing financial hardships that interfere with their ability to perform their academic responsibilities.

**William H. Bannon Foundation Commuter Student Scholarship Fund** - Established by the Bannon Foundation. Award: Varies. Criteria: Resident of the Eastern Shore of Virginia and a commuter student.

### UPWARD BOUND

Upward Bound has the scholarships below available and are provided based on financial need. For further information, please contact Upward Bound at 410-651-6458.

**The Ruby and William Lynk Upward Bound Scholarship Fund** - Established by Ruby Holland Lynk to provide a merit-based scholarship to students enrolled in the Upward Bound program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Under certain circumstances, it may be awarded to a student not enrolled in the program or may be used for general Upward Bound student/program support. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher and must submit a letter of application along with three recommendations, one being the high school counselor.

**The Sammie L. Thomas, Jr. Scholarship Fund** - Established by Frances Thomas. Award: Varies. Criteria: Student must demonstrate financial need, be in good academic standing as determined by the scholarship committee. Preference is given to an Upward Bound participant.

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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

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In order for students to have a smooth transition during their academic career, the Division of Academic Affairs, in connection with the Faculty Assembly and UMES Senate, have established policies and procedures that should be followed. This section covers all policies and procedures that relate the academic arena.

### ACADEMIC CLEMENCY

It is the policy of UMES to allow undergraduate students returning to the campus after a separation of at least five years to petition for the removal of a limited number of unsatisfactory or failing grades earned previously at the Eastern Shore Campus. Contact your Department Chair immediately after being readmitted or reinstated since you must file your petition prior to the first day of classes of your first semester back on campus. To ensure prompt review of your petition, apply EARLY for readmission or reinstatement so that you will have ample time to select courses and register. Courses which are excluded will be identified on your transcript by the notation, "Academic Clemency."

### ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY FOR GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Academic honesty and integrity lie at the heart of any educational enterprise. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) is committed to the values of academic honesty and integrity, and the ensuring that these values are reflected in behaviors of the students, faculty, and staff.

UMES is committed to the prevention of academic dishonesty. To reinforce that commitment, information, including definitions and examples of academic dishonesty, will be published in the UMES Student Handbook and the university catalog. The intention of this information is to prevent acts of academic dishonesty. Prevention is the primary goal of the University in general and the Division of Academic Affairs in particular.