

Scholarships
at
Francis
Marion
University



It's time for your hard work to pay off

And at Francis Marion University it will.

Francis Marion University provides superior higher education to students across a broad academic spectrum. That's our mission. But we're always seeking more of those highly motivated, sharply focused students who are at the heart of any great university. We want them to come to Francis Marion and to know that the academic prowess they have already demonstrated is valued and will be rewarded.

To that end, we're working hard to grow scholarship opportunities for our students. In the past decade, academic scholarship aid at Francis Marion has grown by 47 percent to almost **\$9 million** per year. Scholarships provided by the University and its many donors have grown even more. Giving support for that very special aid is up by 79 percent.

There are an increasing number of options for FMU students and families as they seek the smartest, most efficient path to paying for a great college education. These pages outline the many possibilities. Counselors in our admissions and financial aid offices can help families use these valuable tools to chart their course.

University Scholarships

The criteria for University scholarships at FMU includes admittance to the University, a score of 1100 or better on the SAT (CR and Math only or equivalent on the redesigned SAT) or 24 ACT Composite, and a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. All University scholarships, with the exception of the Robert E. McNair Scholarship and the Education Fellow Scholarship, are available to both in-state and out-of-state students.* Additionally, these scholarships are renewable for up to three years if a student maintains at least a 3.0 GPA and earns 30 credit hours each year. Here's a look at the University scholarships available at FMU:

The Robert E. McNair Scholarship. The McNair is named for former S.C. Governor Robert E. McNair, who was instrumental in launching a new four-year college in the Pee Dee (that would be Francis Marion) back in the late 1960s.

McNair Scholars are residents of South Carolina, and possess a strong interest in public service and a public service career. The competitive selection process for McNair Scholars includes interviews, essays, and on-campus visits.

The McNair Scholarship covers a student's **full tuition, housing, and meal plan**. And, it offers a book allowance and funding for a study abroad experience as well. McNair Scholars automatically become part of two prestigious student programs: FMU Honors and Leadership FMU.

The McNair Scholarship application, including the required essays and two letters of recommendation, is due by **December 1**. Awards will be made in January 2017. To apply, visit www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/mcnair.

*Out-of-state students who receive University scholarships also receive an out-of-state tuition waiver estimated at \$40,000 over the course of four years.

The James F. Konduros Scholarship. The Konduros Scholarship awards **\$6,000** for tuition and other expenses and, when combined with other state scholarships, it can cover a year's tuition. Selection is based on applications and interviews. Konduros Scholars are accepted into FMU Honors and Leadership FMU.

The Education Fellow Scholarship. The **\$5,000** scholarship can be awarded to prospective Education majors who are part of the South Carolina Teacher Cadet Program. Preference is given to FMU-sponsored Teacher Cadets.

Francis Marion University Fellows Scholars.

Fellows receive annual awards of between **\$1,500-\$2,500**. Scholarship awards are based on applications and interviews.

Distinction Scholarship. All students who meet the minimum criteria for University scholarships will receive an annual Distinction Scholarship award of **\$1,000**. Students who receive the Distinction Scholarship are encouraged to apply for other University scholarships. If a student is awarded another University scholarship, it will replace the Distinction Scholarship and will not be awarded in addition to it.

Let us help!

Contact the Office of Admissions (843-661-1231) or visit www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/scholarship for more information on University scholarships.

Donor-Supported Scholarships

Donors and supporters of Francis Marion University provide funds for more than 150 named, specialty scholarships at FMU. These scholarships are available to all students, although many have specialized qualifying criteria, such as a particular field of study or specific hometown or home county. Awards vary, as do specific qualifications. For more information, visit: www.fmarion.edu/fmuadmissions/scholarship.

The deadlines for Donor-Supported Scholarships vary. Contact the Education Foundation at FMU (843-661-1199) for more information.

State Scholarships

Francis Marion takes pride in enrolling more than 1,200 students annually who benefit from South Carolina's Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE, and the Enhancement scholarships, which can provide as much as \$10,000 per year in scholarship assistance. Individual students can work with guidance counselors at their schools to determine their options with regard to state grants, but FMU counselors can assist if needed.

Dates and Process

Scholarship applications for University-awarded Scholarships, excluding the McNair Scholarship, are due by **March 15**. Awards will be made during the spring, following on-campus interviews. Distinction Scholarships will be awarded automatically after admission.



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