AUC/USM Scholars Program Guidelines

The goal of the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine / University of St. Martin (AUC/USM) Scholars Program is to support individuals attending the University of St. Martin as they endeavor to earn a post-secondary degree and to develop abilities to contribute to the island of St. Maarten.

Requirements for AUC/USM Scholars Program Award
1. Accepted to the University of St. Martin (admission requires satisfactory academic record);
2. Legal resident and currently residing in St. Maarten;
3. Have the intention of living and working in St. Maarten after completion of studies;
4. Have worked in St. Maarten for a minimum of 2 years after completing secondary school;
5. Studies must be completed in a maximum of 4 years without a leave of absence;
6. Scholarship awards are made on a semester basis and paid to the University of St. Martin for semesters of enrollment. Scholarship recipients are required to submit a transcript at the end of each semester of enrollment to document academic progress and receive approval for continued funding.

Candidates for AUC/USM Scholars Program Award should possess the following attributes:
1. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75;
2. Evidence of excellent achievement in academic and/or employment record;
3. Evidence of leadership qualities;
4. High moral and ethical standards;
5. Need for financial support to pursue academic degree.

AUC/USM Scholars Program Application Form
The form is available at these locations:
- Student Service Center at the University of St. Martin
- American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine website – www.aucmed.edu.
- Office of the Assistant Dean of Service-Learning and Community Affairs - AUC campus.
  Telephone 545-2298, EXT 4041272.

Application Process
The application packet (form, response to questions, required documents) should be submitted electronically to gjackson@aucmed.edu or by delivery to the AUC campus:
Dr. Golden Jackson
Chairperson, AUC/USM Scholars Program
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
#1 University Drive at Jordan Road
Cupecoy, St. Maarten

Applications must include the following items:
- Application Form including information on education, employment, community service, honors and awards, and personal statement;
- Copy of passport and identification card;
- Copy of department of Justice Residence Permit or Registration from the Office of Civil Registry;
- Copy of the letter of admission to USM for the upcoming semester;
- Copy of current transcript from USM or, if no credits have been earned at USM, an official copy of transcript of all grades during the last two years of secondary school; cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 is required;
- Copy of diploma received for highest level degree;
- Three letters of reference, with at least one from a current or past employer and at least one from a teacher, including an evaluation of your academic or job performance and your integrity and ethics;
- Statement from USM listing the full cost of the degree program to which you are applying, including the number of credits needed to complete the degree and the expected date of graduation;
- Statement of fees for the Fall semester;
- Statement of personal finances and explanation of how funds above the scholarship amount will be obtained.

Note: Incomplete files will not be reviewed.

AUC/USM Scholars Committee Voting Members
Dr. Golden Jackson, Assistant Dean of Service-Learning and Community Affairs, Chair
Dr. Jeff Jarosinski, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
Dr. Ronald J. Testa, Dean of Medical Sciences
Dr. Hiroko Yoshida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Amount of Scholarship:
Individual scholarships are awarded for the fall semester, payable to the University of St. Martin. Awards are made based on evidence that all program requirements are met and review of the academic record, employment record, references, and personal statements. Continuation of funding throughout the year is based on academic progress, with a requirement of minimum 2.75 GPA. Funding eligibility is limited to a four year period without leave of absence.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2015