BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING
SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply with The Office of University Scholarships
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SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarships are awarded by a committee within the Biosystems Engineering Department. This committee takes a holistic approach to selecting awardees. The following factors are the top considerations in the selection process.

Eligibility and Donor Wishes
Applicants must meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the specific scholarship in question. These requirements are provided in the AUSOM portal. Next, the committee will consider preferred characteristics of applicants per the request of the scholarship donor. Examples include being from a specific geographical region, of a specific gender, or plans for a specific career path.

Financial Need
After eligibility and donor wishes, the committee next considers the financial need of the applicants. Financial need is determined based on the "Estimated Family Contribution" (EFC) from the FAFSA. However, students without financial need are often awarded departmental or college scholarships in cases where academic excellence or exceptional commitment to Biosystems Engineering is demonstrated.

Academic Excellence
Good academic standing is required for all scholarship awardees. However, students who demonstrate a high level of academic excellence are more likely to receive awards. Grade point average for courses completed at Auburn University is a top consideration. The committee also looks for signals that GPA is holding steady or increasing over time. For first-year students, consideration is given to ACT scores and, to a lesser extent, GPA at the previous institution. ACT scores have little impact on award selection for students who have already completed coursework at Auburn University.

Commitment to Biosystems Engineering
Next, the committee looks at the personal statements submitted in the AUSOM scholarship application. We are specifically looking for a commitment to Biosystems Engineering. This could take the form of participation in departmental clubs, undergraduate research, or other extracurricular activities within the field of Biosystems Engineering. Discussion of career interests related to Biosystems Engineering is also valued.

Work Study
Finally, the committee considers efforts that the student has made to fund their own education. Such efforts typically include ongoing employment, internships, and co-ops. Mentioning these work experiences in the application statements is advised.
# Departmental Scholarships

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*The Biosystems Engineering Department awards roughly $45,000 in departmental level scholarships per year. The above scholarships are in addition to the scholarships awarded by the College of Engineering, the College of Agriculture, and any other applicable Auburn University scholarships.*

## How Do I Apply for Scholarships?

You can apply to BSEN and college-level scholarships through the AUSOM portal for university scholarships.

[www.auburn.edu/scholarship/ausom](http://www.auburn.edu/scholarship/ausom)