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**RULES and REGULATIONS GOVERNING  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP  
2025 – 2026**

1. Academic Excellence Scholarships are offered to an elite group of first-year students who have earned two of three in high school by December 1:
  - 3.8 cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale
  - 1270 SAT or 27 ACT
  - Top 10% of senior class
2. The Academic Excellence Scholarship is valued at \$3,000 a year. To retain this scholarship, the student must:
  - A. Enroll as a full-time student each semester (minimum of 12 credits).
  - B. Maintain academic good standing as measured at the end of each academic year for the duration of eligibility.
3. The Academic Excellence Scholarship is good for a total of eight consecutive semesters of enrollment, or the point at which a student earns his/her first undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.
4. A student who withdraws or discontinues enrollment for one or more semesters may request renewal for a future semester by writing to the University Scholarship Office before withdrawing. The appeal form is available at [indstate.edu/thebranch](http://indstate.edu/thebranch), and can be best found by searching "Scholarship Appeal Form." The appeal should include the reason(s) for withdrawal and the semester he/she is planning to re-enroll. Students who withdraw or discontinue full-time yearly enrollment without submitting a written appeal and getting approval for the reinstatement of the scholarship will forfeit their award. Once the scholarship is lost, it cannot be reinstated.
5. Semesters in which a student enrolls are charged against the offer regardless of completion of classes, incomplete grades, or no grades.
6. A student may use the Academic Excellence Scholarship during the summer session(s) with prior approval of the University Scholarship Office and understanding that this will count against his/her number of semesters of eligibility.