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**RULES and REGULATIONS GOVERNING  
ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP  
2024 – 2025**

1. Academic Merit Scholarships are offered to first-year students who have earned a 3.25 in high school. The Academic Merit Scholarship is valued at \$1,000 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.
2. The Academic Merit 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.
3. 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.
4. Semesters in which a student enrolls are charged against the offer regardless of completion of classes, incomplete grades, or no grades.
5. A student may use the Academic Merit 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.