Freshman International Students

International Merit Based Scholarships Awarded!

Undergraduate Application Package
International Students are provided complimentary transportation to and from the Birmingham, Alabama airport and train station during the following school holidays:

- Before and after each semester (Spring and Fall)
- Thanksgiving Holidays (one week in November)
- Spring Break (one week in March)
- Complimentary shopping trips are provided to various locations weekly and monthly.

Parents interested in a visit? We provide complimentary transportation to and from the Birmingham, Alabama airport for parents of our International Students. We also provide an invitation letter to your parents or grandparents to help with their VISAs.
We are pleased that you are interested in attending school here at the University of West Alabama. UWA has a number of international students, and we strive constantly to increase the number and caliber of the various nationalities represented on our campus. For this reason, we look forward to the possibility of having you as a member of our student body.

To facilitate your application, this booklet includes information about the University, an instruction sheet for freshman international students and the application materials you will need. Please note the instruction sheet and the admissions requirements closely. You will be expected to meet all of the criteria before you can be admitted. In addition, an I-20 form will not be issued until after this information is received and you have been officially accepted by the University.

We welcome any questions or concerns you may have.

Please contact us!

The University of West Alabama
UWA Station 4
Livingston, AL 35470 USA
Phone: 205-652-3879
Fax: 205-652-3881
admitme@uwa.edu
visit our web site: www.uwa.edu
The $40.00 non-refundable application fee should be in the form of a check drawn on a US bank made payable to The University of West Alabama OR charged to a Discover, American Express, Visa, MasterCard, or UnionPay account. You will indicate your payment choice on the bottom of the application form.

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4 SECONDARY (HIGH) SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS/ACADEMIC RECORDS Unofficial secondary (high) school records including transcripts, certificates, degrees, or diplomas in the original language and English may be uploaded in PDF format and emailed to admitme@uwa.edu. We accept unofficial uploads only for application evaluation. (We reserve the right to require originals at any point in the application process.) If you are offered admission, official documents in the original language and English for each secondary (high) school attended must be submitted to the Office of Admissions upon your arrival to campus. If you are applying during your last year of secondary (high) school, we accept an uploaded PDF official school transcript in the original language and English listing courses completed to date, but only for application evaluation. On the application for admission, you should state the name of any certificates that you expect to receive and when you expect to receive them. If you are offered admission, you must submit official copies of these documents upon your arrival to campus.

5 TESTING SCORES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS UWA accepts either the American College Testing (ACT) Program or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for admission. Please specify UWA on each test application (ACT code #0024; SAT code #1737). If you did not have your test scores sent to UWA directly through the testing center, please send to us a copy of your final results. Note the minimum score for admission to UWA on the ACT is a composite of 19 or above. SAT is 910 or above in the critical reading and math sections. If it is deemed that an International Student is unable to take one of the above tests in his/her home country, the student will be required to take a placement test at UWA upon arrival to campus, provided that all other entrance requirements have been met.

6 PROFICIENCY EVALUATION A score report from TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing system) is required. A student must earn a minimum TOEFL score (UWA code 1737) of at least 500 on the paper-based test, 173 on the computer-based test, or 61 on the internet-based test. The minimum IELTS score (UWA code 00100420) required is a 5.0 overall with no score less than 0.5 in any section of the test module. This requirement will not be waived. Students may find more information regarding the TOEFL at www.toefl.org. Students may find more information regarding the IELTS at www.ielts.org.

International applicants may gain admission to The University of West Alabama by meeting the above minimum requirements. However, as English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be required for the first two semesters for those students who have any TOEFL (internet-based) sub-score lower than 22 or any IELTS band score lower than 6 in order to raise that student's individual skills to a level necessary for an overall understanding of college English. This ESL requirement does not replace any required English courses.

International applicants may be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement (1) if the student has received a secondary (high) school diploma or associate's, baccalaureate or graduate degree from a college/university/institution in any of the following countries: Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Caribbean and British West Indies, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, England, Grenada, Guyana, India, Republic of Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, Montserrat, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, St. Kitts, The Bahamas, the United States, and Wales, (2) if the student enters UWA with verified proficiency from an English language institution that has an articulation agreement with UWA, (3) if the student has received a diploma or certificate of completion from a Council of International Schools listed high school in which it is determined that English was the primary language of instruction; however, we may require the passage of UWA's English proficiency test or (4) if the student earns a score of 430 or higher on the verbal section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

7 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT This financial statement must be completed by your sponsor, indicating his/her willingness to finance your education. We accept an uploaded PDF copy (email to admitme@uwa.edu) for application evaluation. (We reserve the right to require originals at any point in the application process.) If you are offered admission, the original copy of the form will be required prior to initial enrollment. The estimated amount of $24,000 USD quoted on the Statement of Financial Support is the total estimated cost a foreign student will incur during an academic year at the University of West Alabama. This amount includes expenses for tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, International Student Health insurance, and most other personal expenses. This amount will be entered on your I-20 form as the estimated cost of attending the University of West Alabama for one academic year (2 semesters). The form can be found on page 7.

8 PROOF OF FINANCIAL MEANS The student’s or sponsor’s bank must supply to us certification of deposit as proof that funds are readily available OR complete and return the Statement from Sponsor’s Bank/Financial Institution found on page 8. We accept an uploaded PDF copy (email to admitme@uwa.edu) for application evaluation. (We reserve the right to require originals at any point in the application process.) If you are offered admission, the original copy of the form will be required prior to initial enrollment.

9 PROOF OF INSURANCE All on-campus students who are non-US citizens are required to maintain continuous health insurance coverage during their enrollment at the University of West Alabama and are enrolled in a University approved insurance plan upon arrival on campus.

10 UNIVERSITY HOUSING Housing reservation forms will be mailed to the applicant when the application for admission is received, as all freshmen are required to live on campus one academic year. Links to information regarding on-campus housing can be accessed at the following web address: www.uwa.edu/residence_life.aspx

The University of West Alabama encourages the admission of international students; therefore, full consideration is given to all applicants.
A completed Application for Admission
A short biographical statement to which a recent photo is attached
Non-refundable $40.00 application fee in the form of a check drawn on a US bank or charged to a credit card.
An Official High School Transcript (in English)
A copy of your ACT (American College Testing Program) or SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) Scores
Scores from Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) if needed
Statement of Financial Support
Proof of Financial Means
Copy of Passport
Copy of I-20 (if inside the USA)
Immunization Records (includes MMR & Meningitis) Visit: www.uwa.edu/medical
Negative Tuberculosis Test (Medical history information and immunization/TB records MUST be submitted through the Med+Pass www.medpasshealth.com system at least one month prior to your intended enrollment date.)
Do you have dependents? (check one)  Yes  No

SEND YOUR FORMS TO:

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA
STATION 4
LIVINGSTON, ALABAMA 35470  USA
FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

Attach recent photograph and a short biographical statement. The $40.00 non-refundable application fee should be either in the form of a check drawn on a US bank made payable to The University of West Alabama OR charged to a credit card. Mark the payment method below.

Name ___________________________________________________________  Last ___________________________________________ First ___________________________________________ Middle ___________________________________________

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address ________________________________________________________________

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female Date of Birth ___/___/___ Place of Birth _______________________________

Parent, Guardian, or Spouse ________________________________________________________
(Circle one) Name ________________________________________________________________

Home Country Address __________________________________________________________

Did either or both of your parents attend college? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Desired semester of admittance [ ] Fall, 20 ___ [ ] Spring, 20 ___ [ ] Summer, 20 ___

Desired program of enrollment: [ ] Liberal Arts [ ] Business [ ] Education
[ ] Technology [ ] Natural Science/Math [ ] Nursing [ ] Undecided

Major field of study _____________________________________________________________

High School last attended

Name of School __________________________________ City ____________________ State/Province ________ Country ________

Date of Graduation/Completion or Anticipated Date __________________________________

Certificate yet to be received and expected date of receipt __________________________________

Are you currently enrolled in college? [ ] Yes [ ] No If so, where? __________________________________________

What will be your last day of attendance? __________________________________________

Are you presently eligible to re-enter the last institution you attended? [ ] Yes [ ] No

LIST ALL COLLEGES ATTENDED

Name of School __________________________________ Location __________________________
Degrees Received ____________________ Dates Attended ____________________

I hereby affirm that all information in these blanks is complete and accurate. I understand that withholding requested information or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission and is reason for term nation with loss of credit.

Date __________________________ 20 ___ Signed __________________________

PAYMENT METHOD
[ ] $40.00 Application Fee enclosed (in the form of a check drawn on a US bank) Charge the $40.00 Application Fee
[ ] Discover [ ] American Express [ ] Union Pay [ ] Visa [ ] Master Card

Account # ___________________________________________ Exp. Date ____________
Signature ________________________________ CVC Code (back of card) ____________

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FROM: ______________________________________________

Name of Sponsor (please print)

RE: ______________________________________________

Name of Student (please print)

This is to certify that I am willing and able to financially support the above student during his/her enrollment at The University of West Alabama. I am prepared to provide a minimum of $24,000 USD to cover the financial needs of the student for the duration of the first academic year. I further declare that my personal financial situation is such that I will be capable of providing such funds to the student. I also understand that the above cost estimate is subject to change without prior notification to me or the student.

_________________________________________________

Signature of Sponsor

_________________________________________________

Email address of the sponsor

_________________________________________________

Relationship to the student

_________________________________________________

Mailing address

_________________________________________________

Date
Proof of Financial Means

BY BANK/FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

The student’s or sponsor’s bank must forward to us by postal service, courier service, or email (uploaded PDF file) a certification of deposit as proof that funds are readily available. Alternately, the form below may be completed and returned to us by postal service, courier service, or email (uploaded PDF file).

If you are offered admission, the original copy of the certification of deposit or this completed form must be on file prior to initial enrollment.

FROM: ____________________________________________

Name of Sponsor (please print)

RE: ________________________________________________

Name of Student (please print)

This is to certify that, in view of our professional relationship with the above named client, who has an account with this Financial Institution, it is our conviction that he/she has sufficient financial means (a minimum of $24,000 USD as stated in the Sponsor’s signed Statement of Financial Support) to fulfill the financial obligation to the above named student.

Further, to the best of our knowledge, he/she should experience no difficulty in transferring the required funds from our country to the student in the United States.

It is understood that this declaration is being made without incurring any obligation on the part of this banking institution.

__________________________________________  ____________________________________________

Name of Bank Official (please print)  Name of Bank

__________________________________________  ____________________________________________

Signature of Bank Official  Date

__________________________________________  ____________________________________________

Bank Seal  Address of Bank

__________________________________________

Contact phone number or email of Bank Official
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BEGINNING FRESHMEN

Trustee Academic Awards are available to entering on-campus freshmen with a 21 or higher ACT or 990 or higher SAT and a 3.0 or better GPA. Scholarships range from $2,500 to $11,000 per year and are renewable for up to four academic years with a minimum 3.0 GPA. On campus residency required.

INTERNATIONAL FRESHMEN ONLY

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<td>(31-36 ACT/1380-1600 SAT)</td>
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Note that for scholarship purposes, only the critical reading and math portions of the SAT are counted. For ACT, the composite is used.
Academic Scholarship Application
(Please print or type)

Name _____________________________
First  Middle  Last

Address ____________________________________________________________
City  County/Province  Country  Zip Code

E-mail Address ____________________________  Home Phone (________) __________________

Intended Major ___________________________________________________________

Secondary (High) School ______________________________________________
Expected Graduation Date ______________

School Address _________________________________________________________

Have you ever attended UWA? (Check One)  □ Yes  □ No  If so, when? _____________________________

ACT Composite Score ______________

SAT Scores: Math ______________  Critical Reading ______________  Writing ______________

Overall Grade Point Average ______________

I understand that the above information will only be used by
The University of West Alabama to determine the eligibility of
the applicant and such information will be kept in the strictest of
confidence. I further understand that by signing this application
I am giving as truthful and accurate information as is to the best
of my ability and agree to abide by the policies of this Trustee
Scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant
__________________________________________

Date ____________________________

All students seeking scholarship funds are encouraged to apply as
early as possible in their senior year of secondary (high) school.
All applications should be sent to
Office of Admissions
The University of West Alabama
Station 4
Livingston, Alabama 35470

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Award ____________________________
Date Agreement Sent __________________
Date Agreement Received __________________
Date Financial Aid Office Notified __________________
Date Decline Letter Sent __________________
Date Validation Letter Sent __________________
Travel with us!
Explore the United States with UWA! We provide opportunities, at low costs, to discover America, the Southeastern US and our state of Alabama. International students journeyed all around America this past year. We celebrated the end of the year in New York City! We participated in a typical American feast in San Antonio, Texas during Thanksgiving Holidays. We traveled north, south, east and west. Many students toured Washington D.C., Los Angeles, Miami, and Las Vegas! Some even had their parents join them! They all discovered new things and learned a lot … even the parents!

Student activities are endless at UWA!
They range from fraternities and sororities to religious, academic and social organizations. Intramural sports of all kinds for men and women, on-campus entertainment each semester, movies, varsity athletics, outdoor recreation, beauty pageants, rodeos and more all add to the college experience. There is always something happening at the University of West Alabama.

Closer to home, UWA is a community of its own. State of the art health and fitness center, movie theatre, Coffee shop, many recreational opportunities and even a Frisbee golf course are available to students.

Housing
A wonderful new freshman residence hall opened in Fall of 2012! Gilbert Hall (pictured above) is a suite-style hall equipped with private bathrooms in each room, study rooms and lounges on each floor, and a pizza/sandwich shoppe. It is the most conveniently located dorm on campus for classes and campus services.

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<td>$16,000</td>
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<td>Dorm – Gilbert</td>
<td>$ 4,970</td>
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<td>Meals (14 meals)</td>
<td>$ 2,210</td>
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<td>Misc. Personal Expense</td>
<td>$ 2,694</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Information regarding cost is subject to change without notice.
Why UWA?
At The University of West Alabama, students come first. Students enjoy exciting opportunities through hands-on experience, travel, and small class sizes. While there are numerous benefits to a UWA education, we pride ourselves on providing an environment that promotes personal and professional growth for the benefit of each student. We are consistently considered one of the BEST VALUES for International Students in America.

About us.
Our beautiful, 600-acre campus boasts numerous nature trails, a 54-acre lake stocked for fishing, a 2.2-mile loop designed for outdoor exercise, and shaded sidewalks for an enjoyable walk to class. UWA is just the right size to explore a variety of athletic, intramural, social, and academic interests. We are also recognized as being one of the safest colleges in the nation.

How many students?
UWA boasts a cohesive and diverse community of approximately 2,000 on-campus students. Students enjoy a student to professor ratio of 15:1, the opportunity for living-learning communities, and a family atmosphere in all areas of campus.

The faculty at UWA
Representing more than 120 universities from around the world, the UWA faculty are diverse, caring, and highly-qualified. Our professors value teaching, advising, research, community involvement, and professional experience. Approximately 85 percent of UWA faculty hold the highest academic degree in their field of study.

UWA Facts

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The town of Livingston
Livingston is a friendly, inviting town located within Sumter County, in west-central Alabama. The campus sits in a quiet, residential area, conveniently located three miles from Interstate 20/59.
Livingston residents take pride and interest in the University and extend a cordial welcome to students, faculty, and staff. Local businesses, churches, and organizations provide enjoyable and noteworthy opportunities for UWA students.

The students at UWA
Make up a cohesive, diverse community. Approximately 67% of the students at UWA are from Alabama and 33% are not from Alabama. Approximately 64% are female and 36% are male.

Admission requirements for International Students

Freshman Student
➤ Unconditional Admission
➤ ACT 19 and above (Composite) OR
➤ SAT 910 (Combined Critical Reading and Math)
➤ English speaking OR TOEFL 61 OR IELTS 5

DO SOMETHING THAT MATTERS.