



WELCOME!

# High School Counselor Advisory Board

Thank you for joining. We will begin soon!

September 16, 2020

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# AGENDA

## Welcome

*Dr. Cher Hendricks, Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice  
President and Provost*

**Application Process, Test Optional for 2021, Holistic  
Review process & Other UA Updates**

*Kim Gentile, Director of Admissions*

**Question & Answer**

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# 2021 APPLICATION PROCESS

**1** Complete the admission application at: [uakron.edu/apply](https://uakron.edu/apply) or [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org)

**2** Submit supplemental materials

- High School Transcript
- ACT/SAT- accepted from the transcript
  - UA is test optional for 2021. There's a question on the application for students to select test-optional.
- \$50 Application fee automatically waived for all 2021 high school students

**3** Student materials are reviewed and an admission decision is made

**4** Accepted students will receive acceptance email within 24 hours of being admitted, followed by acceptance packet in the postal mail

# TEST OPTIONAL FOR 2021

- Students will see the following question on the application:

Due to COVID-19, The University of Akron has made submitting test scores optional as part of its holistic review of applications for the 2021 admissions cycle. Would you like to be reviewed for admission and scholarship consideration without test scores? Yes No

- If their plans change and they wish to submit test scores, students have until May 1 to do so. Just connect with their AO.

- Students are still considered for the Akron Guarantee Scholarship

- Students are still considered for admission to and scholarships from the Williams Honors College



# ENHANCED HOLISTIC REVIEW PROCESS

- Students can submit additional materials for admission consideration:
  - Personal statement
  - Updated transcript when available
  - Updated ACT/SAT scores, if available
  - Letters of recommendation
- Akron Rises Scholars– Additional Support:
  - Office of Academic and Retention Support (OARS)
    - Scholarship opportunities available
    - Free tutoring
    - Study tables
    - Hands on advising
    - Peer mentorship



# AFFORDABILITY



- **Automatic:**
  - **UA Tuition Guarantee Program** for Ohio Residents
  - **Akron Guarantee Scholarship**
  - **Akron Advantage Award** for Out-of-State Students
  
- **Apply For Additional Scholarships:**
  - Underrepresented Student Scholarship
  - Academic College Scholarships
  - Private/Named Scholarship
  - Choose Ohio First (STEM)

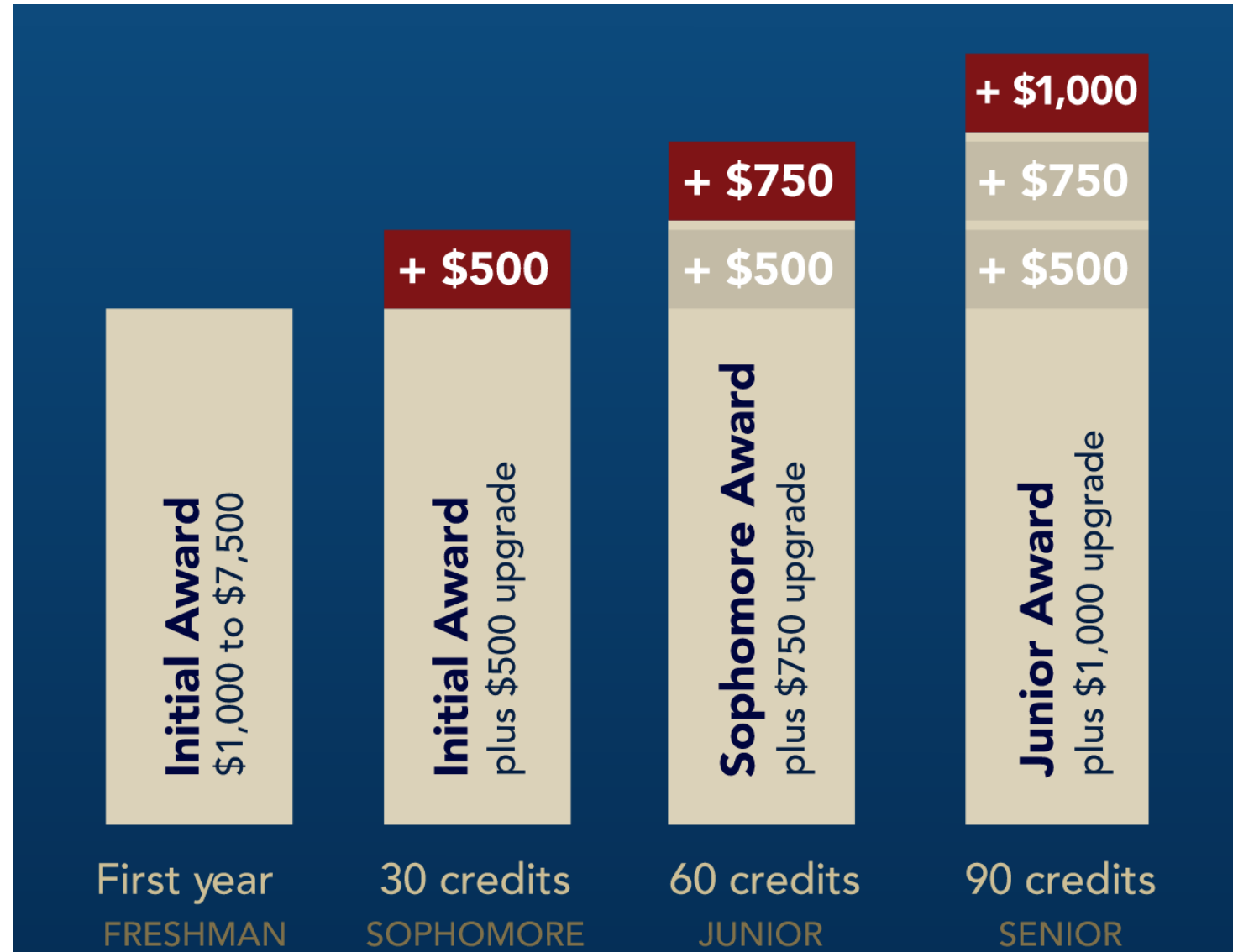
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[www.uakron.edu/scholarships](http://www.uakron.edu/scholarships)



# 2021 AKRON GUARANTEE SCHOLARSHIP

- Initial freshman award ranges from \$1,000 to \$7,500
- Guaranteed to renew as long as students are making academic progress towards their degree
- Includes automatic scholarship upgrades as they earn 30, 60, and 90 credits
- May 1 deadline to submit updated high school transcripts and test scores



# WILLIAMS HONORS COLLEGE

- Separate Honors Application
- Additional Perks
  - Honors Scholarship
  - Priority Registration
  - Honors Advisor
  - Honors Courses
- Deadlines:
  - January 4- Early Deadline
  - April 1- Regular Deadline
  - June 1- WHC Confirmation Deadline





# OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE WITH UA

- UA First Look: [www.uakron.edu/admissions/undergraduate/](http://www.uakron.edu/admissions/undergraduate/)



## WHAT'S IT REALLY LIKE TO BE A ZIP?

We've created a special site for you with an inside look at life in class and across campus. Go to **UA First Look** →

- [www.uakron.edu/visit](http://www.uakron.edu/visit)
  - In Person Visits- General Information Session and Campus Tour
    - Registration is limited to the student and 1 guest
    - Limited to no more than 10 total guests
  - Virtual Special Topic Sessions at 4:00pm most weekdays: Academic specific, Financial Aid, Office of Multicultural Development, and more
  - Virtual high school visits and virtual college fairs

# IMPORTANT DATES

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|-----------------------|---|
| <b>AUGUST 1</b>       | Application available   |
| <b>OCTOBER 1</b>      | FAFSA available   |
| <b>DECEMBER 1</b>     | Recommended deadline for FAFSA submission                       |
| <b>JANUARY 4</b>      | Williams Honors College early deadline                          |
| <b>END OF JANUARY</b> | Housing contract available for confirmed students               |
| <b>APRIL 1</b>        | Williams Honors College regular deadline                        |
| <b>MAY 1</b>          | Suggested confirmation deadline for admitted students           |
| <b>MAY 15</b>         | Housing contract deadline for priority on campus housing        |
| <b>LATE-MAY</b>       | Room selection begins based on housing contract completion date |
| <b>JUNE 1</b>         | Deadline to Confirm Williams Honors College Seat                |

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO ENGAGE WITH UA

[www.uakron.edu/counselors](http://www.uakron.edu/counselors)

- Counselor resource guide
- Webinar recordings

Individual AO meetings/programs

## HOW TO APPLY

1. **COMPLETE THE APPLICATION** at [uakron.edu/apply](http://uakron.edu/apply) or [commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org).

- UA operates on a **rolling admissions** basis and takes a **holistic** — or “whole student” — approach in reviewing applications.

**NOTE:** The application fee is waived for the 2021 cycle.

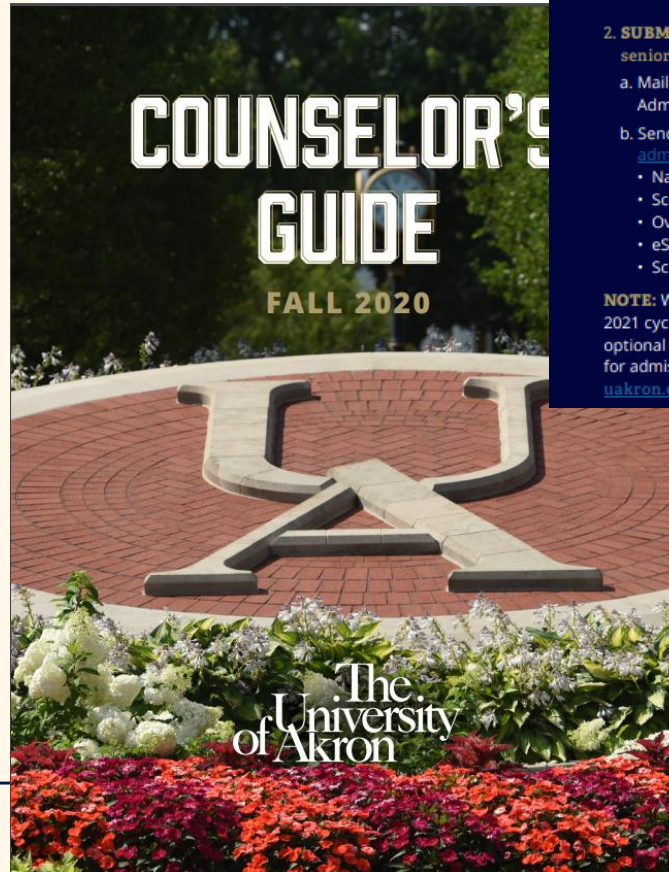
2. **SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS**, including senior coursework in progress.

- Mail hard copies to Admissions Office, or
- Send as PDFs to [admissions@uakron.edu](mailto:admissions@uakron.edu) or through:
  - Naviance/Parchment
  - Scoir
  - Overgrad
  - eScrip-Safe
  - Scribbles Software

**NOTE:** We are **test-optional** for the 2021 cycle. Students who apply test optional will be given full consideration for admission and merit scholarships. [uakron.edu/test-optional](http://uakron.edu/test-optional)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- **The Akron Guarantee Scholarship (AGS)** ranges from \$8,000-\$34,000 in total over four years and renews and increases each year. [uakron.edu/guarantee](http://uakron.edu/guarantee)
- **May 1** is the deadline for **Akron Guarantee Scholarship** consideration.
- Out-of-state AGS recipients automatically receive the \$3,000 **Akron Advantage Award (AAA)**, renewable for up to four years and \$12,000 in total. [uakron.edu/go](http://uakron.edu/go)
- Students can apply separately for other scholarships — including underrepresented, private/endowed and academic awards. [uakron.edu/scholarships](http://uakron.edu/scholarships)
- Students can apply for **state and federal financial aid** — grants, loans and work-study — by completing the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) by the **Dec. 1** priority deadline. The title IV code for UA is 003123. Visit [uakron.edu/financial](http://uakron.edu/financial) for more details.
- For information about paying for college, please direct students/parents to [uakron.edu/here-to-help](http://uakron.edu/here-to-help).



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