



Academic Excellence Scholarship

History: Established by Peter Fischler, a member of the Class of 1983 who has done very well over the years and had a deep desire to give back. Mr. Fischler has looked back over his life to see how important and fragile life is as well as remembering those who have made a difference in his life. He would like to support students who have achieved academic excellence by providing a yearly scholarship.

Criteria: While this scholarship is open to both entering and continuing students, preference will go to a continuing student who exemplifies academic excellence.

Incoming Students:

- Student must have attended a UC school (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz) and meet Thunderbird's requirements for a scholarship through the student's overall application packet
- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.6 (or greater) but no less than 3.0
- If there are no UC school candidates, then graduates of any California school will be considered.
- If there are no private California school candidates then consideration should be given to applicant from any US school
- If no acceptable candidates are identified, funds should roll forward to the next year.

Continuing Students (2nd through the last trimester):

- Student must have attended a UC school (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz)
- Thunderbird GPA of 3.6 (or greater) but no less than 3.0
- Demonstrate academic excellence at Thunderbird
- U.S. citizen
- If there are no UC school candidates, then graduates of any private California school will be considered.
- If there are no private California school candidates then consideration should be given to applicant from any US school.
- If no acceptable candidates are identified, funds should roll forward to the next year.

Process:

- Entering students will be reviewed based on their entering student application packet
- Continuing students will submit a cover letter and resume
- Continuing students will also provide an essay on their academic success at Thunderbird
- The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and select the top candidate
- The Stewardship Coordinator will forward the selected recipient's information to Mr. Fischler.