

ASU-Beebe VSO/Skills USA Scholarship Guidelines (2024-2025)

The Arkansas State University–Beebe VSO/Skills Scholarship is administered through the Office of Admissions in coordination with the Financial Aid Office. Any questions concerning the scholarship should be directed to scholarships@asub.edu or (501) 882-8860.

Arkansas State University–Beebe reserves the right to make changes to the scholarship program at any time based on the available funding and eligible applicants.

What the Scholarship Covers

The VSO/Skills USA Scholarship provides **\$1,000 per year (\$500 per semester)**. The award is only applicable to charges made to the student's account during the fall and spring semesters:

The scholarship is awarded for the duration of **two consecutive fall and spring semesters**, provided the student maintains all scholarship requirements.

How to Qualify

The scholarship is awarded to students who are:

- A) A United States citizen
- B) A legal resident of the State of Arkansas
- C) A first-time entering student attending the regular fall or spring semester immediately after their high school graduation date.
- D) Admitted to ASU-Beebe by submitting:
 - a. Admission application
 - b. Official placement test scores
 - c. An official six or seven-semester high school transcript
 - d. Requested immunization records
- E) Must have placed first in an official VSO/Skills USA or HOSA Olympics competition OR have served as a state officer in high school.

Awards will begin in October 2023 for eligible recipients and will be awarded on a rolling basis based on funding until June 28, 2024. A limited number of awards are available.

Student Responsibilities for Accepting Their Award

Only students who are admitted by April 1, 2024, will be given priority for awards for the fall 2024 term.

A first place certificate or documentation of officer status must be brought to the Office of Admissions in person or emailed to scholarships@asub.edu by June 1.

Students must be registered in fall semester courses by June 28, 2024, or their scholarship offer will be rescinded.

New freshmen can schedule their first academic advising appointment beginning on April 1st via <https://calendly.com/advising-and-learning-center> .

If a student accepts the scholarship and later decides to attend another college or university, they should notify the Office of Admissions in writing or by email at scholarships@asub.edu.

Requirements and Application of Scholarship Funds

Students must be seeking a technical certificate or an associate degree at ASU-Beebe.

Scholarship recipients must be first-time entering college students. Students must matriculate to ASU-Beebe at any campus or online in the regular academic semester immediately following their high school graduation. Any student who is enrolled full-time at another college, university, technical college or branch of the ASU System during a regular fall or spring semester following high school graduation automatically forfeits the ASU-Beebe scholarship.

It is required for students to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours toward an associate degree or technical certificate at ASU-Beebe each consecutive fall and spring semester. Concurrent enrollment at another college or university **cannot** be used to meet this requirement, nor be paid by this scholarship. Students who will not be able to enroll in 12 hours in any given semester may submit a written appeal to the scholarship committee to request approval to receive their scholarship for that semester.

Award holders who are dependents of faculty and staff will have their scholarship applied to the remaining balance on their ASU-Beebe student account after the dependent educational benefit discount has been applied.

Scholarship Renewal

Students are required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester at one of the ASU-Beebe campuses or online.

Students who receive incomplete grade(s) will forfeit their scholarship if they do not otherwise meet the scholarship renewal criteria.

Any student who receives all F, NC, W, WX and/or Incomplete grades at the end of any fall or spring semester will lose their scholarship for all subsequent semesters.

All college level course work completed at ASU-Beebe is calculated into the student's cumulative GPA for scholarship renewal. Transfer hours are not included.

If a student's request for a grade change is approved, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarships@asub.edu so his/her scholarship status can be re-evaluated.

Students' scholarship eligibility is reviewed at the end of every regular fall or spring semester. Any student who does not meet the renewal criteria may submit an appeal to the scholarship committee at scholarships@asub.edu to request reinstatement of their scholarship for the following fall or spring semester. Students who elect to take summer courses to meet the scholarship renewal criteria must submit this information in their appeal to the committee.