

## **Arkansas Community Colleges 2025-2026 Academic All-Star Program**

Are you interested in applying for the Arkansas Community Colleges 2025-2026 Academic All-Star Scholarship? This is a scholarship opportunity for students completing their first year of college. After being selected by UA Rich Mountain, the recipient is presented with scholarship opportunities from Arkansas partner universities, and UA Rich Mountain provides a \$500 scholarship for his/her final semester before transferring!

The selected individual will join UA Rich Mountain employees and your guest(s) at the annual ACC conference brunch when all 22 Arkansas two-year colleges' Academic All-Stars are recognized. Participating Universities send representatives to the conference to meet you after the brunch to discuss their scholarship opportunities. Details for the October conference will be provided when they become available later this spring.

Do you meet the following criteria?

### *Student Eligibility*

Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance; awards, honors, and recognition for academic achievement; and service to the college and the community.

### *Minimum ACC Eligibility Qualifications*

- Currently enrolled in an Arkansas two-year college and expect to be enrolled at that same college through at least Spring 2026
- Completed a minimum of 24 credit hours in pursuit of an associate degree by June 2025
- Intent to graduate from the nominating college with an associate degree by Summer 2026
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.25 in all credit coursework completed at the nominating college.

If you wish to apply for the 2025-2026 Academic All-Star award, please submit the application packet to the UA Rich Mountain Chancellor at 1100 College Drive, Mena, AR 71953 by 3:30pm on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

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**University of Arkansas Rich Mountain Application**  
(to be completed by the student)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print your name, as you would like it to appear in the conference program.)*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Street  
\_\_\_\_\_ Arkansas

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Day/Year

Name of College: \_\_\_\_\_ **UA Rich Mountain** \_\_\_\_\_

What is your college major / course of study? (You may indicate more than one.)  
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- Which degree(s) do you expect to receive?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Associate of Arts
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Associate of Applied Science, check one:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced Manufacturing
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Business and Information Technology
    - \_\_\_\_\_ General Technology
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Health Information/Billing and Coding
    - \_\_\_\_\_ LPN to RN
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Associate of General Studies

What is your cumulative GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum 3.25)

How many credit hours do you expect to complete as of June 1, 2025? \_\_\_\_\_ (Minimum 24)

On what date do you expect to graduate from the UA Rich Mountain? \_\_\_\_\_

After graduating from UA Rich Mountain, which four-year institution do you plan to transfer to?  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date you plan to enroll)

What is your ultimate degree objective?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Baccalaureate \_\_\_\_\_ Master \_\_\_\_\_ Doctoral

Describe your long-range goals and career ambitions.  
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List academic awards and participation in academic enrichment programs (such as academic study or internships) and honors organizations/programs while at UA Rich Mountain. Include the type of program and the dates of participation.

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Describe service to your college and community (such as leadership roles, volunteer work and other church/community involvement).

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**Next steps:**

- 1) Complete an essay describing your most meaningful educational experience while attending UA Rich Mountain. Essay must be 500 words or fewer, double-spaced, and 12-point font. Attach the essay to this application and submit per instructions.
- 2) Select two (2) UA Rich Mountain officials (faculty, counselor, or other) to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. Provide to them a copy of your completed application, essay, and the corresponding Recommendation Form. Note that one form addresses leadership abilities and the other addresses college and community service. Submit the Recommendation Forms and letters by the deadline.
- 3) Submit Academic All Star application and essay with the recommendation letters to the Chancellor's Office by March 26, 2025.

**Release of Information**

I hereby authorize UA Rich Mountain and the Arkansas Community Colleges to use the information provided in my application, essay, and letters of recommendation in any media release associated with the program.

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**Applicant's Signature**

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**Date**

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***Leadership Abilities*  
Recommendation Letterform**  
(to be completed by the recommending party)

This recommendation will become part of the student's Academic All-Star application. The student should provide a copy of his/her application and essay to the individual drafting this letter. Submit this form and your letter of recommendation per your college's instructions.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

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**Please submit a letter of recommendation addressing the applicant's leadership abilities. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the nominee's leadership skills.**

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**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Please submit a letter of recommendation addressing the applicant's service to the college and community, and his/her potential contribution to society. Describe a specific incident that demonstrates the nominee's potential.**

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**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**