

# Frequently Asked Questions about International Scholarship Awards



Albion College

## **What should I do to confirm my plans to enroll and prepare for arrival?**

Once you know that you will attend Albion, log into your Briton Bound account and pay your enrollment deposit. This deposit will be applied to your first bill. You must also submit a complete Albion Statement of Financial Support to begin the visa application process.

## **What is the Albion Experience Scholarship?**

Albion College is a friendly community where students will interact with professors and staff on a daily basis. We want you to experience these connections early, and if you engage meaningfully with campus before April 15, 2020 you are eligible for the Albion Experience Award.

## **Are more scholarship funds available?**

If you submit additional academic information or additional details about your financial situation, documented in the Albion Statement of Financial Support, before the application deadline, another review may take place. Albion accepts scholarships from external sources as well.

## **Can I get a loan from Albion College for the costs?**

Albion College does not provide loans for international students. A few US banks will offer loans to international students; however, they require a well-qualified US citizen to co-sign the loan. You may be eligible for loans from your government or local banks, and Admissions can help you if they require specific documents.

## **May I work on campus to cover the difference?**

While campus jobs are possible and many students hold them, they provide only a few hundred dollars per month and students typically use their earnings toward their personal expenses. Visa regulations limit the type and amount of work an international student may do, and we cannot use the possibility of a job to issue the I-20 for immigration purposes – those funds must be in a bank account.

## **May I live off campus to decrease my costs?**

Albion College is a residential campus and all students are required to live on campus for the four years of study. Toward the end of their studies, students have options for on-campus housing that may be more or less expensive. Students are not allowed to live in housing in the community.

## **How will I know what future costs will be?**

Each year costs increase due to changes in tuition, the cost of living, health insurance, etc. We cannot predict the costs for future years; tuition typically rises 4-5% and other expenses rise 2-5%. Students are expected to pay their bills each semester and will not be allowed to register for nor attend classes until balances are paid.

**We strongly encourage families to plan now for these increases to avoid interruptions in study.**

## **What if the currency exchange rate changes?**

We understand that families have no control over changes in the currency exchange rate, however we cannot alter the costs or estimates based on these fluctuations. Students remain responsible for paying the amount due before registering for future semesters.

## **What can I do to increase my scholarship for future years?**

The final scholarship offered before you deposit will not change for the four years of study. You are welcome to apply for external scholarships to contribute to expenses for future years, and Albion offices can assist you with the documents you need for these applications.

**Once you have sent your deposit, you will receive details about the many steps required before you arrive.**