The University Scholars Award is awarded to incoming freshmen with domestic out-of-state residency for tuition purposes who are not invited to the Honors College but have a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) at the end of the junior year and either 1) a minimum 24 ACT composite score or 2) a minimum 1100 old SAT combined score (CR + M) or 3) a minimum 1160 new SAT combined score (EBR/W + M). This award is contingent upon the student maintaining out-of-state residency for tuition purposes. Any changes in residency will impact your eligibility to receive the award in the future. MSU reserves the right to alter this award in the presence of other MSU scholarship offers. Specifically, the University Scholars Award cannot be combined with the National Spartan Grant, Honors College National Scholarship, or Tuition Grant. In the event of an invitation to the Honors College, the award associated with that invitation will replace the University Scholars Award. The recipient must enroll at MSU for the semester for which the scholarship is awarded; the award may not be deferred to a subsequent semester of initial enrollment. The scholarship, in the amount of $8,000 annually, is limited to eight consecutive semesters of enrollment (fall and spring semesters) as an undergraduate. The recipient must enroll for and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester. If circumstances prevent a student from enrolling and completing the minimum credit load or it is necessary to drop credits below the minimum credit load, prior approval must be received from the Assistant Director of Admissions. The recipient is expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. The academic record will be reviewed at the end of the first two semesters of enrollment and thereafter each semester. A scholar who does not meet the minimum criterion will be placed on probation for two semesters. Failure to meet minimum GPA requirements upon the completion of the terms of probation will result in cancellation of the scholarship until the cumulative 3.0 GPA is reestablished. Semesters for which the recipient is not eligible to receive this scholarship are included in the eight semester limit. The recipient must notify the Assistant Director of Admissions in writing if enrollment at MSU is disrupted (excluding summer semester) and request an official leave of absence from the University.

The Red Cedar Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen with domestic out-of-state residency for tuition purposes who are dependents or grandchildren of an MSU alumnus. This award is contingent upon the student maintaining out-of-state residency for tuition purposes. Any changes in residency will impact your eligibility to receive the award in the future. The recipient must enroll at MSU for the semester for which the scholarship is awarded; the award may not be deferred to a subsequent semester of initial enrollment. The scholarship, in the amount of $3,000 annually, is limited to eight consecutive semesters of enrollment (fall and spring semesters) as an undergraduate. The recipient must enroll for and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester. If circumstances prevent a student from enrolling and completing the minimum credit load or it is necessary to drop credits below the minimum credit load, prior approval must be received from the Assistant Director of Admissions. The recipient is expected to maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale. The academic record will be reviewed at the end of the first two semesters of enrollment and thereafter each semester. A scholar who does not meet the minimum criterion will be placed on probation for two semesters. Failure to meet minimum GPA requirements upon the completion of the terms of probation will result in cancellation of the scholarship until the cumulative 3.0 GPA is reestablished. Semesters for which the recipient is not eligible to receive this scholarship are included in the eight semester limit. The recipient must notify the Assistant Director of Admissions in writing if enrollment at MSU is disrupted (excluding summer semester) and request an official leave of absence from the University.

The Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen with domestic out-of-state residency for tuition purposes for use with a MSU-sponsored study abroad program in a country outside of the United States. This award is contingent upon the student maintaining out-of-state residency for tuition purposes. This one-time award must be used within the first eight semesters of enrollment as an undergraduate at MSU or before the completion of the undergraduate degree (whichever time period is shorter). The recipient must enroll at MSU for the semester for which the scholarship was offered; initial enrollment may not be deferred to a subsequent semester. This award, in the amount of $3,000-$5,000, may only be used for MSU-sponsored study abroad programs or programs co-sponsored by MSU’s Office of Study Abroad and another accredited institution. Programs that require more than eight weeks abroad will qualify for $5,000, while programs consisting of eight weeks or less will qualify for $3,000. Students wishing to utilize this award must communicate their scholarship status to their MSU Study Abroad Program Coordinator at the time of application for the program. The phone number for the Office of Study Abroad is (517) 353-8920. The recipient must be in good academic standing with the University for the award to disburse.