

ALTINBAŞ UNIVERSITY
SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTIVE

SECTION ONE

Purpose, Scope, Basis, and Definitions

Purpose:

Article 1. (1) The purpose of this directive is to enhance the quality of education at Altınbaş University's associate, bachelor's, and postgraduate programs through scholarships, loans, and student support; to encourage students to work harder; to reward successful students; and to promote the name of Altınbaş University nationally and internationally by supporting students' interest and contributions to sports and arts. The directive specifies the procedures, authorities, and responsibilities in the application, evaluation, and selection process for students who will receive scholarships and benefit from the discounts defined in this directive, fulfilling the requirement of the additional article 18 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547, added by Law No. 3843.

Scope:

Article 2. (1) This directive covers the regulations regarding scholarships, loans, and discounts provided to students enrolled in associate, bachelor's, and postgraduate programs at Altınbaş University.

Definitions:

Article 3. (1) In this directive, the following terms are defined as:

- University: Altınbaş University,
- Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees of Altınbaş University,
- Rector: The Rector of Altınbaş University,
- Senate: The Senate of Altınbaş University,
- Executive Board: The Executive Board of Altınbaş University,
- Scholarship Commission: The commission selected by the Senate of Altınbaş University,
- Scholarship: A discount from the tuition fees for one academic year or additional financial support provided to students,
- Special Scholarship Fund: A fund created through individual and/or institutional donations to support registered students in need.

SECTION TWO

Scholarships and Loans at Associate and Bachelor Levels

Entrance Scholarships

Article 4. (1) University Entrance Achievement Scholarship/Full Scholarship: A scholarship provided to students who are admitted to the university with a full scholarship through ÖSYM or a Special Talent Exam, exempting them from tuition fees.

(2) University Entrance Achievement Scholarship/Half Scholarship: A scholarship provided to students who are admitted to the university with a half scholarship through ÖSYM or a Special Talent Exam, exempting them from 50% of the tuition fees.

(3) University Entrance Achievement Scholarship/Quarter Scholarship: A scholarship provided to students who are admitted to the university with a quarter scholarship through ÖSYM or a Special Talent Exam, exempting them from 25% of the tuition fees.

(4) Entrance Scholarships are non-repayable. Scholarships for students who fail to complete the English Preparatory Program within two years will be revoked. Scholarships continue for the maximum education period specified in the Higher Education Law No. 2547.

(5) Entrance scholarships are applied in the double major program in accordance with the decisions of the Board of Trustees.

(6) Entrance scholarships and other scholarships applied during the year are not valid for summer school.

High Achievement Scholarships

Article 5. (1) These are support scholarships given for nine months a year, during normal education and training, to students who are placed within the success bracket determined by the Senate according to the entrance exam placement score type, among those who are placed for the first time in associate and bachelor's programs at the university. The scholarship continues as long as the student successfully completes all courses taken and maintains a general GPA above 3.00 out of 4.00. Scholarships for students who do not meet the achievement criteria are suspended. Scholarships resume once the achievement criteria are met again.

(2) Students who have previously graduated with a bachelor's degree are not eligible for the High Achievement Scholarship.

Martyr Scholarship

Article 6. (1) Martyr and Veteran Relative Scholarship: A scholarship provided to students who are admitted to the university through ÖSYM with the martyr and veteran relative scholarship quota, exempting them from tuition fees.

2. Martyr and Veteran Relative Scholarships are non-repayable. Scholarships for students who fail to complete the English Preparatory Program within two years will be revoked. Scholarships continue for the maximum education period specified in the Higher Education Law No. 2547.

3. Martyr and Veteran Relative Scholarships are applied in the double major program in accordance with the decisions of the board of trustees.

4. Martyr and Veteran Relative Scholarships and other scholarships applied during the year are not valid for summer school.

Sports Achievement Scholarships

Article 7. (1) A 100% educational scholarship is provided to athletes who are proven to have been successful in the areas specified by the Ministry of Youth and Sports within the last four years if they choose and are admitted to our university, limited to the duration of their education:

a) Group 1; Athletes who have won medals in the Olympics, Paralympics, Deaflympics, Youth Olympics, World and European Championship Finals in the senior category of Olympic and Paralympic sports, and in World and European Cup Finals in sports where there are no World and European Championships,

b) Group 2; Athletes who have won medals in the Junior, Youth, and Star categories of Olympic and Paralympic sports, in the World and European Cup Finals of sports where there are no World and European Championships, in European Games, University Games, Mediterranean Games, Islamic Games, European Youth Olympic Summer and Winter Festivals, World Championships organized by FISU (International University Sports Federation), and athletes who have participated in the Olympics, Paralympics, Deaflympics, and Youth Olympics,

c) Group 3; Athletes who have won medals in international competitions and tournaments with at least 16 countries in individual sports and at least 9 country teams in team sports, held in the competition calendar of international federations in Olympic and Paralympic sports, and athletes who have participated in World and European Championship finals in the senior, junior, youth, and star categories in Olympic and Paralympic sports, and in World and European Cup Finals in sports where there are no World and European Championships.

2. Scholarships are given to students who have achieved national or international top three rankings by participating in inter-university competitions in various sports branches on behalf of Altınbaş University, upon the recommendation of the Commission and the recommendation of the Rectorate, with the approval of the President of the Board of Trustees.

3. Sports Scholarships are not valid for summer school.

Art Achievement Scholarships

Article 8. (1) Scholarships are provided to students who have won top three rankings in international competitions in the fields of painting, sculpture, cinema, and classical Western music, and have applied to the Altınbaş University Scholarship Commission before the selection period and been accepted upon their admission to our university. Scholarship rates and duration are determined by the Rectorate.

2. Scholarships are given to students who have achieved national or international top three rankings by participating in inter-university competitions in various art branches on behalf of Altınbaş University, upon the recommendation of the Commission and the recommendation of the Rectorate, with the approval of the President of the Board of Trustees.

3. Art Scholarships are not valid for summer school.

Honor Scholarship

Article 9. (1) At the end of each academic year following the English Preparatory Program, during the following academic year, an Honor Scholarship is awarded to students who have taken the course load worth the ECTS required for each class of the Faculty/College programs they are registered in for that year, have successfully passed all courses taken and ranked highest in the first and intermediate classes of the programs they are enrolled in, provided that they have a GPA of 3.50 or above.

(2) Transfer students must have completed two semesters at Altınbaş University.

(3) If a student eligible for the Honor Scholarship does not register, withdraws, or is dismissed for any reason, this right does not transfer to another student.

(4) While calculating the GPA of students ranked in the relevant academic year, grades from summer school courses in that academic year are not included.

(5) Re-evaluation is conducted at the end of each academic year for this scholarship. No application is required for the scholarship. The Student Affairs Department determines the students who are awarded scholarships, and the Dean of Students informs the students in writing. The distribution of the Honor Scholarship is as follows:

Rank	Scholarship Rate
Top of The Class	Exempt from 100% of the tuition fee.
Second in The Class	Exempt from 50% of the tuition fee.
Third in The Class	Exempt from 25% of the tuition fee.

(6) In case of a tie in GPA, priority is given to the student with the higher number of ECTS completed in their program/department at Altınbaş University and the one whose birthdate is closer to the present.

(7) If a ranked student already has a scholarship, the total scholarship rate cannot exceed 100%.

(8) Students who take the retake exam cannot benefit from the Honor Scholarship.

(9) Honor Scholarships are not valid for summer school.

(10) Students who start education in the spring semester (those who pass the Preparatory Program at the end of the fall semester and start undergraduate education in the spring semester) cannot benefit from this right at the end of the spring semester. They will be evaluated at the end of the next fall and spring semesters (June).

(11) This scholarship is not applicable to students who are admitted to the university with a full entrance scholarship.

Board of Trustees Scholarship:

Article 10. (1) With the Rector's recommendation and the approval of the President of the Board of Trustees, an additional 25% merit-based scholarship may be provided to students admitted to fee-paying or scholarship programs, including the preparatory class. This

scholarship continues as long as the student's GPA is 3.00 or above, otherwise, the scholarship reverts to the original rate. Students who experience significant changes in financial circumstances (e.g., bankruptcy, death of the person covering the financial burden) after entering the university and can prove this with documentation may apply for this scholarship.

Sibling Discount:

Article 11. (1) A 15% discount on tuition fees is provided to siblings studying simultaneously in associate or bachelor's programs, including the English Preparatory Program, or to siblings of graduates (excluding postgraduate) if they apply before the end of the add-drop period at the beginning of each academic year. Applications for this discount must be renewed at the beginning of each academic year through the Student Dean's Office. Legally adopted siblings are also eligible for this discount.

Preference Scholarship:

Article 12. (1) A scholarship provided at rates and for departments determined by the Rectorate with the approval of the President of the Board of Trustees for each academic period.

(2) The validity periods of preference scholarships are the same as those specified in Article 4, paragraph 5.

(3) Preference scholarships are not valid for summer school.

SECTION THREE

Postgraduate Level Scholarships

Postgraduate Entrance Scholarships:

Article 13. (1) Scholarship quotas may be allocated to postgraduate programs deemed appropriate upon the recommendation of the Institute's administrative board and the decision of the Executive Board.

Achievement Scholarships:

Article 14. (1) These are scholarships awarded to students who graduate among the top three in Altınbaş University's relevant undergraduate programs and are accepted into the university's postgraduate programs. Department winners receive a 100% scholarship, seconds 75%, and thirds 50%. Graduates of Altınbaş University accepted into postgraduate programs receive a 15% scholarship on the tuition fee.

Contractual Group Scholarships:

Article 15. (1) The discount rate to be applied in the case of employees of the same institution or organization being admitted to the University's graduate programs is determined by an agreement to be made between the relevant institution or organization and the University. Apart from this, the University may also announce scholarships unilaterally for a specific institution, organization, or a professional group.

Duration of Scholarships:

Article 16. (1) Graduate scholarships continue throughout the graduate education period, provided that the student is successful. However, students who have to repeat courses due to

failure or to improve grades pay the normal credit fee determined for the repeated course. Scholarship rates are not applied to this fee.

(2) At least 15% of the registered students in each master's with thesis and doctoral degree program are educated for free. In master's with thesis and doctoral programs, the highest placement score ranking is taken into account.

(3) The duration of education, starting from the semester in which the courses related to the enrolled program are given, is four semesters excluding preparation in master's with thesis, eight semesters excluding preparation in doctoral programs, and ten semesters for those admitted directly to the doctorate with a bachelor's degree.

(4) In master's with thesis and doctoral programs, ranking is done based on the assessment score used in the program acceptance. Accordingly, the ranking is made based on an average of 50% of the ALES score and 50% of the diploma score.

(5) In the case of internal or inter-institutional transfers of students within the scope of this article, the principles regarding the continuation of their scholarships are determined by the proposal of the Altınbaş University Graduate Institute Board of Directors, the approval of the Senate, and the decision of the Board of Trustees.

(6) In master's with thesis and doctoral programs, the vacant positions are filled if a scholarship student withdraws from the program.

(7) If the student cannot graduate within the program's duration, they pay the portion of the relevant program fee determined by the University for the extended period.

PART FOUR

General Provisions

Staff Discount:

Article 17. (1) Altınbaş University employees admitted to any level of an educational program at the University are exempt from 75% of the fee they are liable to pay, and their spouses and children are exempt from half of the fee they are liable to pay. In the event of the employee's departure from the University for any reason, the said exemptions cease as of the departure date. To benefit from this discount, the employee must have worked continuously at Altınbaş University for two years.

Article 18. (1) Individuals and/or legal entities who wish may donate to Altınbaş University to provide conditional or unconditional scholarships in the name of themselves, their living, or deceased relatives.

(2) All donations made by individuals and/or legal entities are transferred to the Special Scholarships Fund regardless of their origin.

(3) Support scholarships provided for the purpose of assisting needy students with accommodation, food, and book expenses or provided in cash are met from this fund.

(4) Scholarships provided from the fund are non-refundable and annual. Applications must be renewed for each academic year.

(5) Applications of students benefiting from the fund are evaluated by the Scholarship Commission and finalized with the approval of the Rector.

(6) Evaluation criteria are determined by the University Administrative Board for each academic year.

Cutting of Scholarships and Discounts Due to Disciplinary Action:

Article 19. (1) Except for the entrance scholarships specified in Article 4 of this directive, if a student receiving a scholarship commits a disciplinary offense and receives a suspension penalty from the school, their scholarship is cut in the following semester. If the student receives a second suspension penalty or is sentenced to imprisonment as a result of judicial proceedings due to disgraceful crimes, their scholarship is permanently terminated.

Scholarship Commission:

Article 20. (1) The Scholarship Commission consists of the Vice-Rector with Educational and Teaching experience as the Chair, three faculty members determined by the Senate, and the Dean of Students.

(2) The Dean of Students serves as the rapporteur of the Commission.

(3) All commission decisions are submitted for the approval of the Rectorate.

(4) The commission makes decisions as needed to evaluate associate, undergraduate, and graduate scholarships. Administrative procedures for scholarships and discounts are carried out by the Dean of Students, and payment and follow-up procedures are handled by the Financial Affairs, Budget, and Procurement Directorate.

Enforcement:

Article 21. (1) This directive enters into force as of the date it is adopted by the Senate.

Execution:

Article 22. (1) This directive is executed by the Rector.

Legal Basis for the Enactment of the Directive			
Relevant Board	Decision Date	Decision Number	Decision Article
University Senate	13/06/2011	2011/11	Decision-1
Board of Trustees	06/07/2011	2011/22	Decision-2
Legal Basis for Amendments to the Directive			
Relevant Board	Decision Date	Decision Number	Decision Article
Senate	13/12/2012	2012/12	Decision-2
Board of Trustees	04/07/2013	2013/07	Decision-3
Senate	02/09/2014	2014/10	Decision-1
Board of Trustees	06/08/2014	2014/08	Decision-4
Senate	11/08/2015	2015/08	Decision-3
Board of Trustees	20/08/2015	2015/12	Decision-9
Senate	16/02/2016	2016/02	Decision-3/a
Board of Trustees	03/02/2016	2016/01	Decision-11
Board of Trustees	02/03/2016	2016/03	Decision-20
Senate	18/08/2017	2017/11	Decision-18
Board of Trustees	13/09/2017	2017/08	Decision-15
Senate	26/03/2019	2019/04	Decision-2
Board of Trustees	11/04/2019	2019/04	Decision-10
Senate	27/08/2019	2019/10	Decision-2
Board of Trustees	05/09/2019	2019/08	Decision-11
Senate	03/07/2020	2020/13	Decision-9
Board of Trustees	10/09/2020	2020/06	Decision-7
Senate	21/01/2021	2021/01	Decision-4
Board of Trustees	25/02/2021	2021/03	Decision-16
Senate	24/09/2021	2021/13	Decision-1
Board of Trustees	08/10/2021	2021/08	Decision-3
Senate	21/02/2022	2022/02	Decision-9
Board of Trustees	10/03/2022	2022/03	Decision-16

Senate	11/11/2022	2022/13	Decision-6
Board of Trustees	18/11/2022	2022/11	Decision-10
Senate	23/05/2023	2023/07	Decision-18
Board of Trustees	17/08/2023	2023/06	Decision-5