



NIU Merit Scholarships Distribution Matrix

Based on Test Score (ACT or SAT) and HS GPA

		ACT	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19
(old) SAT		1600	1540	1490	1440	1400	1360	1330	1290	1250	1210	1170	1130	1090	1050	1020	980	940	900	
(new) SAT		1600	1570	1540	1500	1470	1430	1400	1360	1320	1290	1260	1220	1180	1140	1110	1070	1030	990	

High School GPA of at least...	4.00	Presidential*																	
	3.95																		
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	3.85																		
	3.80																		
	3.75	NIU Scholars																	
	3.70																		
	3.65																		
	3.60																		
	3.55																		
	3.50	Northern Academic																	
	3.45																		
	3.40																		
	3.35																		
	3.30																		
	3.25	Centennial																	
	3.20																		
	3.15																		
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	Annual Award	Total Award	Renewal Criteria
Presidential*	Tuition, fees, room & board		
NIU Scholars	\$7,000	\$28,000	3.2 GPA
Northern Academic	\$4,000	\$16,000	3.0 GPA
Centennial	\$3,000	\$12,000	3.0 GPA

*Limited number awarded each year

Some scholarships may require an interview or campus engagement activity to receive the full amount of the award.