



Ursinus College

The Abele Scholar Award at Ursinus College – Application Deadline January 1, 2020 Frequently Asked Questions

Why does Ursinus offer the Abele Scholar Award?

Will Abele '61 and his wife, Joan Abele, through the Abele Family Foundation, established this award to provide first-year Ursinus students with significant financial need, demonstrated academic potential and a record of commitment to community with financial and programming support that lead to a college degree and future economic well-being. Will Abele is an alum, Trustee of the College and has supported Ursinus and our students for many years.

What financial support would I receive as an Abele Scholar provide?

Scholars receive up to \$10,000 in an annual renewable last-dollar scholarship, \$2,000 in start-up funding to ease the transition to college life, \$3,000 in enrichment funding, and up to \$8,000 upon graduation and completion of the Abele Scholar program to pay off unsubsidized Federal Direct (Stafford Loan. This scholarship will be added to your financial aid package after all other gift aid – thus it is a “last dollar” award. The financial award package is worth up to \$53,000 over a student’s four undergraduate years as an Ursinus student.

What other benefits do Abele Scholars receive?

Scholars participate in a variety of programs that enrich their educational experience and prepare them for life after graduation. These programs occur on and sometimes off-campus and complement what the student learns in the classroom. You will learn to be an effective leader and gain knowledge and skills necessary to navigate college and society. Program topics include:

Understanding yourself through self-assessments	Marketing yourself
Leadership development	Internship and job search skills
Mentoring and being mentored	Presentation skills
Networking	Managing challenges
Making good financial decisions	Civic engagement
Wellness	The free enterprise system

Every Scholar can draw on a \$3,000 fund to cover expenses such as attendance at a conference, housing/travel expenses associated with an internship located away from home, study abroad or other approved academically-related activities that will enrich the Scholar’s education.

Am I eligible to apply for the Abele Scholar Award?

To apply for the Abele Scholar Award, you must satisfy these requirements:

- Be a resident of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware or Maryland
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC of no more than \$ 20,000 based on your current FAFSA
- High school (unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Record of leadership and contribution to your community

I’m interested! How do I apply for an Abele Scholar Award?

Apply for admission to Ursinus College – use the Common Application – and be sure to complete your FAFSA. Then complete the [Abele Scholars online application](#) by January 1, 2020.