

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR FRESHMEN 2026/27

As the leading higher education institution in Kosovo, RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) continually seeks to attract Kosova's brightest high school graduates. For the 2026/27 academic year, RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) shall award scholarships up to a total of EUR 200,000 for freshmen students.

The Scholarship Committee, which is composed of members of the RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) staff and faculty, will make the selection of scholarship winners.

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who are, in the opinion of the Committee, most worthy of an award on the basis of scholastic record, future promise and financial need.

RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Board of Trustees Regional Scholarships - 7 Full Scholarships

President's Partial Scholarships - 60 partial scholarships from 20%-50%

Diversity Scholarships - 15 partial scholarships from 50%-80%

Additional Named Scholarships - 15 partial scholarships from 20%-80%

Bases of Full Scholarship Awards:

Awards of the President's Regional Scholarships will be based on TOEFL and RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) mathematics test scores, high school grade point average, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Awards for the Board of Trustees Regional Scholarship Program will be granted to distinguished candidates from Kosovo's seven main administrative regions. The division is based under the principle of equality between the regions, while candidates will compete for scholarships with their peers from the same region. Please check the region list [here](#).

Awards will be distributed on basis of matrix selection criteria that includes: TOEFL and RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) mathematics test scores, high school grade point average, and involvement in extracurricular activities. Preference may be given to students supplying SAT or ACT scores and to those with financial need.

Continuation of Scholarship - Students awarded full scholarship for their freshmen year will be eligible for continuation at half the amount (50%) for three additional years provided they remain full-time students and maintain an overall RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) grade point average of at least 3.80.

Bases of Partial Scholarship Awards

Awards of the Presidents Partial Scholarships Program will be based on merit (TOEFL, RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) mathematics test scores, SAT, high school grade point average, involvement in extracurricular activities, or other qualifiers set by the scholarship committee) and financial need.

Continuation of Scholarship - Students awarded with partial scholarships are eligible to apply for continuing student scholarships offered through the CURRENT STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM at RIT Kosovo (A.U.K). This program awards students taking courses during their 2nd, 3rd and 4th academic year at RIT Kosovo (A.U.K). For more information about this program please check here: <https://www.rit.edu/kosovo/scholarships-and-loans>

Application Deadline - The application are received on rolling basis, and awards are granted in first come first serve model until the depletion of scholarship fund. Early application is highly recommended.

Bases of Diversity Scholarship

Awards for the Campus Diversity Scholarship Program will be granted to distinguished candidates from Kosovo and neighboring countries that contribute to enrichment of student life through their involvement in on-campus activities, in the classroom and through their participation in the Kosovo community.

Awards will be distributed on basis of matrix selection criteria that include: Admission Exams (TOEFL and Mathematics, or SAT, or ACT), diverse ethnic background that is currently underrepresented in campus, member of a socially excluded group in the society, etc. The Campus Diversity Scholarship Program gives preference to those who are/have:

- From Neighboring Countries: Albania, Serbia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Turkey, Bulgaria and Greece*
- From Kosovo marginalized groups, such as: Ethnic Minorities, People with Disabilities and LGBT+ community.*

Continuation of Scholarship - Students awarded with partial scholarships are eligible to apply for continuing student scholarships offered through the CURRENT STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM at RIT Kosovo (A.U.K). This program awards students taking courses during their 2nd, 3rd and 4th academic year at RIT Kosovo (A.U.K).

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Bases of Named Scholarship Awards

Awards for the Named Scholarship Program will be granted to distinguished candidates that meet academic standards of RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) and demonstrate financial aid need.

The following Named Scholarships will be awarded to freshmen students for Academic Year 2025/26

- **US KDOM Scholarship** – Preference is given to students from Kosovo rural areas of Drenica, Dukagjin, Pashtrik, Shala and Llap.
- **Cami Family Scholarship** – Preference is given to students from the region of Dibra, Macedonia.
- **Wesley K. Clark Scholarship** – Awarded on the basis of need and merit, with a special attention to minority applicants and applicants from rural areas.
- **Lukaj Family Foundation Scholarship** – Preference is given to students from the region of Ulqin, Montenegro.
- **Zagragja Family Scholarship** – This scholarship will cover two 70% four-year scholarships which will be awarded based on financial need after the merit of acceptance has been established.
- **Shita Family Scholarship - in memory of Vehap Shita** – a full-undergraduate scholarship (4 years of study) awarded for students starting in Fall 2020 with preference given to students from the region of Gjakova.
- **AUK Friends' Scholarship** – Preference is given to outstanding seniors from across Kosovo High Schools.
- **Alumni Scholarship** – Preference is given to talented yet economically disadvantaged prospective students.
- **Ralitsa and Elvin Guri Scholarship** – scholarship supporting freshmen year of studies with 2000€. Preference is given to students of Albanian descent.
- **Xhorsi Leka Scholarship** - Preference is given to students of Albanian descent who is a citizen of the Republic of Albania – 1 full freshmen year scholarship.
- **BONEVET Scholarship** - A four-year scholarship that covers 80% of the RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) tuition and will be granted through a competitive process to BONEVET members and students across the BONEVET network in Kosovo.
- **Meridian Express Scholarship** - Preference is given to talented yet economically disadvantaged prospective students – 1 full freshmen year scholarship.

Application Deadline - The application are received on rolling basis, and awards are granted in first come first serve model until the depletion of scholarship fund. Early application is highly recommended.

Notes:

Recipients of all scholarships and any other discount must remain full time students and have fewer than three withdrawals during their academic life at RIT Kosovo (A.U.K).

Scholarships awards will be divided into two semesters equally, and in case if in the following semester student does not remain full time the remaining scholarship award will be withdrawn.

Summer semester is not included in the scholarship program.

Students who are found to have engaged in academic dishonesty, cheating or plagiarism, will forfeit future financial assistance.

An RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) student will be eligible to apply for a number of Scholarships but will only receive one scholarship per year.

The scholarships can be used to cover tuition expenses only, and are applicable for RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) home campus studies.

Merit Scholarship Application Process:

1. Fill out the Merit Scholarship Application Form
2. Write the Scholarship Essay (up to 750 words)

Additional Documents to submit:

1. High School Transcripts - Grade 10, 11, 12
2. Two Reference Letters
3. Personal ID / Passport
4. Extracurricular Activities Certificates / Awards

Applicants Information

Name: Date of Birth:

Male: ☐ Female: ☐ Address:
(Street, no.) (City) (Country)

Email Address: Phone No.

High School you will graduate from: High School GPA:

Exam Scores: TOEFL: RIT Kosovo (AUK) Mathematics: SAT/ACT:

NOTE: Due to a high number of applications for this academic year, it is a requirement to have a minimum score of 80pts. in the TOEFL iBT exam and a minimum of 60% in the Math Institutional Exam to enter the merit scholarship applications scheme.

List below the school activities and other certificates achieved:

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Please send via email to admissions@auk.org the copies of your activities and certificates that you listed above, and any other documents that you consider will support your application.

Family Information

Father's Name: Mother's Name:

Father's Profession: Mother's Profession:

Contact (phone or email): Contact (phone or email):

Number of brothers and/or sisters :

*Please check the box under which scholarship you are applying:
(you can apply for more than one scholarship)*

- ☐ *Board of Trustees Regional Scholarship*
- ☐ *Diversity Scholarship*
- ☐ *Xhorsi Leka Scholarship*

Additional Named Scholarship

- ☐ *US KDOM Scholarship*
- ☐ *Wesley K. Clark Scholarship*
- ☐ *AUK Friends' Scholarship*
- ☐ *Cami Family Scholarship*
- ☐ *Lukaj Family Foundation Scholarship*
- ☐ *Meridian Express Scholarship*
- ☐ *Alumni Scholarships*
- ☐ *Ralitsa and Elvin Guri Scholarship*
- ☐ *BONEVET Scholarship*
- ☐ *Zagragja Family Scholarship*

Note: *This is the Merit Scholarship Application form. If you are planning to apply for financial aid as well, complete the Financial Aid Application Form also.*

On the next page please submit an essay to convince Scholarship Committee members that you deserve to receive scholarship for your studies at RIT Kosovo (A.U.K). Remember that this is a competitive process.

ESSAY (up to 750 words):

Applicants Name and Signature:

Date: