



# LAC Scholarship: Spring 2024 (ARUBA)

Dear Students,

If you are interested and qualify for The Latin American and Caribbean Scholarship (LAC) here at UCF, applications are now open! It allows students from Aruba to be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes, providing significant savings over standard tuition rates!

## **The Latin American and Caribbean Scholarship (LAC)**

The LAC Scholarship is designed to provide assistance to international students from designated Latin American and Caribbean countries. The scholarship allows these students to be classified as Florida residents for tuition purposes for two semesters (Fall and Spring semesters only, excluding Summer). Awarded students must maintain good academic standing (minimum of 3.0 UCF GPA), maintain their immigration status, and comply with the criteria established by the State of Florida.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- Meet all requirements for international undergraduate student admission as published on UCF's website.
- It is open to Undergraduate students from Aruba.
- UCF Global will make a two-semester commitment with a minimum \$500 scholarship award for each semester (\$1,000 total).
- The student's residency status is changed to in-state for tuition purposes (it is not an official designation change) thus lowering their tuition rates significantly during those semesters.
- The student is responsible for paying for any remaining tuition and student fees owed above the \$500 commitment for each of those semesters.
- The student must be registered for UCF classes.
- The student must be attending UCF full-time – (12 credits Undergraduate).
- The student must have a current immigration status.
- The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or better during the entirety of the education period (Dutch-system equivalency of 7.0).

**Please note:** The LAC Scholarship may be used for fall and spring semesters only (it cannot be awarded for summer semesters).

## **Application**

Please follow the link bellow to submit your application and essay which should describe why you should be considered for the LAC scholarship including financial need and your desire to have a positive future impact in Aruba.

[https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3jD9KHf6qMCEov4](https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3jD9KHf6qMCEov4)

**Please note:** Documentation supporting your financial need is a critical component of the application. **Applications without supporting documentation will not be considered.**

**Your essay and any financial assistance documents must be uploaded as a single PDF file.**

Examples of appropriate supporting documentation for financial need are below.

**Applicants are not limited to these examples.**

### **Financial Loss**

- Sponsor's bank statements for 3 months showing loss
- Currency statement (if currency value declined)
- Job termination letter

### **Illness**

- Doctor's note
- Hospital bill/record
- Receipts for medication, co-pays for doctor's visits, etc.

### **Unexpected Events**

- Car accident police report
- Scholarship denial letter
- Bank loan denial letter
- Natural disasters (ex. Photos of lost/damaged property)

### **Deadline**

For Spring 2024, the application period will open on **October 30th ,2023** and close on, **December 1st, 2023.**

**Please Note:** Late applications will not be considered.

**Notification**

Once submitted, your application will be reviewed, and you will be notified via email regarding the **final decision by December 20th, 2023.**

If selected, the LAC Scholarship will be renewed for the student who continues to fulfill the award requirements until degree completion (maximum of four years).

**Please note:** If your application request is approved, UCF Global will process your LAC Scholarship once you are fully enrolled in courses and we confirm that there are no restrictions on your UCF student account.

**Please Note:** UCF Global is under no obligation to sponsor students.

**Questions:**

Please refer to the attached flyer for further information. Please contact Sergio Ponce ([Sergio.PonceCordova@ucf.edu](mailto:Sergio.PonceCordova@ucf.edu)) for any other questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Sergio Ponce  
On behalf of The LAC Scholarship Committee