Rountree Commons Academic Success & Retention Scholarship

The Rountree Commons Academic Success & Retention Scholarship is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Real Estate Foundation for degree seeking undergraduate students who reside or will reside in Rountree Commons Residence Hall. This scholarship is not affiliated with other UW-Platteville scholarships.

A limited number of scholarships exist to assist students with paying for their housing costs in order to promote academic success and retention. Each scholarship contributes $500 or $1000 per semester, to each student. Once awarded, the scholarship is renewable provided students demonstrate continued financial need, maintain the required 2.5 minimum GPA, continue to live in Rountree Commons, are positive members of the community and funds are available.

**NOTE:** Cash scholarships are not awarded. The scholarship of $500 or $1000 per semester will be applied to the Rountree Commons housing account which can be viewed through the Rountree Commons Resident Portal.

In addition to the academic success & retention scholarship, there is also an art housing award that is available for a Rountree Commons resident who has a declared art major. The total amount in that fund is $1,000 and will be available until the allotted amount is expended.

**To be considered for these scholarship opportunities, please complete the following steps:**

1. **Write an essay.** Please write a 500-word essay on what and how you will achieve your educational goal, how you plan to develop and realize your full potential and the importance of engaging in the residence hall and campus communities. Provide examples of how you have or will strive to become part of the campus community, build connections and pursue leadership opportunities on campus.

2. **Provide your current GPA.**

3. **Demonstrate your financial need.** Please submit your recent FAFSA or a letter outlining your financial need circumstances.

4. Please provide a cover letter or if submitting by email make note of the following in your message: name, room number, major, year in school and scholarship(s) you are applying for.

**Timeline for review:** Any prospective or current student may enter this competitive selection process. It is based on financial need, academic merit, essay and residency in Rountree Commons.

**For Spring 2018**
- November 1st: Applications are due by 5:00pm.
- November 2nd-18th: Application Review by the scholarship committee.
- November 21st-23rd: Notification of application status.

**For Fall 2018**
- March 1st: Applications are due by 5:00pm.
- March 2nd-31st: Application review by the scholarship committee.
- April 3rd-7th: Notification of application status.

**Please submit your application to:** Kelly Podach Francis
Rountree Commons Director of Facilities Operations

Email applications to franciske@uwplatt.edu or mail them to 800 S. Chestnut St. Platteville, WI 53818
Commonly Asked Questions

**Are incoming freshmen and transfer students eligible for this scholarship/award?**
Freshmen and transfer students who have been accepted to UW-Platteville and are assigned to Rountree Commons Residence Hall are eligible.

**Are international students eligible for this scholarship/award?**
International students with a valid F1, F2, or H4 Visa are eligible.

**Can I transfer my scholarship/award to another residence hall.**
No, only Rountree Commons residents are eligible for this scholarship/award.

**What happens if I move to another residence hall during the semester that my scholarship/award was applied?**
If a recipient chooses to move, their scholarship/award will be prorated for the time that they lived in Rountree BEFORE a refund is given. Furthermore, if a resident moves before the scholarship is applied, the scholarship will be considered void and will not be applied to the recipient’s account (Rountree Commons or UW-Platteville).

**If I get awarded the scholarship/award for the spring semester can I renew it for the fall?**
Recipients are able to renew the scholarship as long as they demonstrate continued financial need, maintain the required 2.5 minimum GPA, continue to live in Rountree Commons, are positive members of the community and funds are available.

**How do I renew my scholarship/award?**
Recipients will submit updated GPA and financial need documentation, as well as a brief essay on how they have engaged in the residence hall and campus communities, worked towards realizing their full potential and pursued leadership opportunities on campus.

**Can I apply for both the academic success & retention scholarship and the art housing award if I qualify for both?**
Yes, please note in your application materials that you would like to be considered for both.

**If I work for Rountree Commons as a Facilities Assistant, Senior Assistant or Resident Advisor, am I eligible to apply?**
Unfortunately, you are not. These scholarships are applied to the housing fees for Rountree Commons and student staff positions already have housing costs covered as part of the position renumeration.

**Who provided the funds for this scholarship/award?**
The academic success & retention scholarship funding is provided by the UW-Platteville Real Estate Foundation Board and is contingent upon continued financial success of Rountree Commons. The Art Housing Award received one time funding through a generous donation from Professor Bruce Howdel.