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are saying about  
Mount Union...*

### **U.S. News & World Report**

Mount Union has been consistently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of America's Best Colleges. Most recently, the University was included in the top tier of the "Best Liberal Arts College" category, placing Mount Union among the top 248 colleges and universities in the country.

### **Colleges of Distinction**

Mount Union also has been selected as a College of Distinction in recognition of its reputation of excellence, strong focus on teaching undergraduates, innovative learning experiences and active campus. Colleges of Distinction profiles the best values in higher education as designated by selected educators, college admissions professionals and high school counselors.

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*For more information*



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## *Small, Safe Campus*

The University of Mount Union, located in Alliance, Ohio, a community of 25,000 residents, is home to approximately 2,200 students with international students from 18 countries.

Seventy-five percent of the University's students live in our residence halls. This arrangement, coupled with students' high participation in any of 80 student organizations, gives students the opportunity to meet new people and to solidify friendships.

Our international students, and especially their parents, feel comfortable knowing that the students are living in a city with a low crime rate and an environment which is safer than that of large cities.

## *Quality Education*

Mount Union has more than 121 full-time faculty members, 84 percent of whom have terminal degrees in their areas of study. They have completed as much formal education as possible in their areas of specialty in graduate programs from such highly respected institutions as Columbia University, University of Notre Dame, Harvard University, Yale University, Pennsylvania State University and The Ohio State University.

At Mount Union, your classes will be taught by these talented faculty members, not by graduate assistants. As an undergraduate institution, Mount Union takes pride in the faculty members who focus on teaching you.

## *Center for Global Education*

The Center for Global Education assists students with the transition to Mount Union and American culture. The office facilitates New Student Orientation for all incoming international students. In addition, the office coordinates trips to various cultural destinations throughout the academic year, including fall and spring breaks.

International students have the opportunity to participate in the Community Friend Program. The Community Friend Program matches students with individuals or families within the surrounding Alliance community for a friendship-based host family experience.

The Association of International Students (AIS) is a student-governed organization designed to bring American and international students together. International students can participate in a variety of activities such as the International Dinner and day trips to Cleveland or experience an amusement park. AIS makes it possible to create friendships which may last a lifetime.

## *Residence Halls*

Our residence halls are open year round for international students so they do not have to move out of their rooms during break times. During the summer, international students may live on campus for a weekly fee.

Many institutions require students to find other places to live during breaks in the academic term. Such a situation will not occur at Mount Union.

## *Financial Aid Award Information and Costs*

Mount Union offers academic awards, scholarships and need-based financial aid to full-time F-1 degree-seeking students.

### **Academic Awards and Scholarships**

A number of academic awards and scholarships are given automatically to those who qualify based on a review of student's academic credentials such as curriculum, grade point average, ACT/SAT and high school rank. The Heritage and Hartshorn awards are renewable each year for up to 8 semesters as long as you are a traditional full-time student (minimum 12 hours each semester). The Dean's and Founder's Scholarships are available for up to 8 semesters and are renewable as long as you are a traditional full-time student (minimum 12 hours each semester) and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. This will be reviewed at the end of your fourth semester and thereafter.

- Heritage Award – \$5,000
- Hartshorn Award – \$7,000
- Dean's Scholarship – \$8,000
- Founder's Scholarship – \$9,500

OR

### **International Award**

The International Award is given automatically to non-native English speaking applicants who qualify based on a review of a student's English language proficiency level at the time of acceptance. To qualify for the International Award, applicants must be admitted as an F-1 degree seeking student and hold a valid I-20 form which will be issued by Mount Union. The award amounts are the following:

- 45-60 iBT (PB TOEFL scores between 450 and 497) or an IELTS score of 4.5 - \$7,500 award
- 61 iBT (PB TOEFL scores at 500 and above) or an IELTS score of 5.0 and above - \$10,000 award

### **Multiple Grants and Scholarships Policy**

The initial institutional academic award is offered without regard for financial need. Students who may be eligible for multiple

institutional grants, academic awards or scholarships will receive at least the value of the highest grant, academic award or scholarship. It is our policy not to "stack" multiple institutional awards on the basis of merit. Consideration that is given for any portion of a second grant/scholarship or award made up from Mount Union dollars will be based on financial need and will require that the student file the International Student Financial Aid Application.

### **Proficiency Awards**

Proficiency Awards are available to students who demonstrate exceptional talent in music, communications, theatre arts or art. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year. All Proficiency Awards must be determined by March 1 prior to the entering year.

### **Financial Aid**

Need-based financial aid is available to qualifying international students. To apply, students must complete the International Student Financial Aid Application which is available on the University of Mount Union website. Need-based aid is calculated from the information submitted on this form, which primarily looks at the income and assets of the student and his/her parents. The average need based financial aid award for international students who applied for financial aid and were determined to have financial need is \$16,668. The average financial aid award generally includes academic award or scholarship, need-based International Grant and Campus Employment. Our academic awards and scholarships range from \$5,000 to a limited number of full tuition awards which are competition based.

Since the total direct costs for the 2010-11 Academic Year are \$32,580, international students receiving the average financial aid award would pay approximately \$15,912 for tuition, fees, standard room and meals. These figures do not include the cost of books, supplies, transportation or personal expenses. The student who qualifies for a partial academic award could pay less if financial need is demonstrated from the results of the International Student Financial Aid Application.

## *English Skills Level*

An international student who has a TOEFL total score between 45 and 79 (iBT) [450 to 550 paper based], an IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) score between 4.5 and 6.0 or has completed the ELS Language Center's level 109, 110 or 111 may be offered admission to Mount Union but will be required to enroll in one or two ESL classes in addition to their regular curriculum courses.