Become a Miller Scholar

WE FLY

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
Miller College of Business
Through a specialized curriculum and rich professional experiences, Miller Scholars build the skills and connections they need to excel in the business world. Students must maintain a minimum 3.2 cumulative grade point average, complete our business honors curriculum, and participate in the program offerings. They are encouraged to seek leadership positions in business, University, service, and community organizations.

Miller Scholars are the highest-achieving students in our comprehensive Miller Business Honors Program. They exemplify strong academic drive, professionalism, leadership, and ethical and moral character.

Who is a Miller Scholar?

Consistent with Ball State’s values, a Miller Scholar is:

- intellectually curious by immersing themselves in activities and organizations such as student government, mentoring, athletics, academic decathlons, art, and theatre productions
- spirited to volunteer in their local communities and with state and national organizations
- engaged in professional opportunities such as internships, leadership programs, professional conferences, and research.

Characteristics of a Miller Scholar

3.83/4.0 average high school GPA
28 average ACT score
1300 average 2-part SAT score
By the Numbers

15
Involved in business organizations

98%
graduate in four years or less

12
students receive Miller Scholarships each year

MORE THAN
90%
complete professional internships

MORE THAN
30
community service opportunities completed

up to 30 freshmen accepted
Professional Development

Our relationships with innovative businesses around the world provide dynamic internship and professional development opportunities. Students network with industry leaders and alumni, and connect with top companies across the country. Through company site visits, internships, and immersive learning experiences, students see firsthand how businesses work.

We offer personalized advising to help you focus on selecting a major, achieving your academic and career goals, or pursuing graduate school.

We will help you look for jobs and guide you on résumé building, interview techniques, salary negotiation, and professional etiquette.

Before graduation, our students complete internships, provide research for companies, and receive full-time job offers from national and regional headquarters of top companies such as:

- Cisco Systems
- Deloitte
- Eli Lilly and Co.
- EY (formerly Ernst & Young)
- GE Global Operations
- Goldman Sachs
- J.P. Morgan
- John Deere
- Nestlé Purina
- Pacers Sports and Entertainment
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Roche
- Whirlpool

Some of our students continue into competitive graduate schools or travel abroad and are accepted into international institutions such as the London School of Economics.

“The Miller Scholars program provided professional development and taught me the values of persistence, dedication, and hard work. Faculty helped me develop relationships within the community. The program’s great mentors are sounding boards when you need them.”

— Emily (Looney) Betz, ’15
Human resource management
Human resources generalist, Allegion
Former Orr Fellow
We spark intellectual curiosity. Our program offers an innovative and immersive approach to education. We emphasize collaboration and enhance your experience with special activities, resources, and opportunities that focus on success.

Miller Scholars take business classes in an enriched academic environment that provides intellectual rigor, real-world application, personal attention, and supportive peers. Our inspiring professors will engage you in lively discussions and hands-on activities. We empower students and faculty to Fly. And they love it.

Social activities will help build lasting friendships with other honors students. We offer student-led activities developed by the Miller Business Honors Program Executive Board. Our students work together in study groups, choose to be roommates, join similar organizations, and promote leadership opportunities for one another.

Four-Year Curriculum
Courses are accelerated and enriched. They are smaller than traditional classes and encourage active discussion and application of real-world concepts.

Our business honors curriculum begins with Economics and Accounting for freshmen and extends through Business Policy and Strategic Management for seniors. Additional courses may include Macroeconomics, Foundations of Business Communication, Managing Behavior in Organizations, a senior honors project, and more.

“Internships and meeting with alumni helped me find mentors and understand my options. By talking with them and networking with companies, I couldn’t believe the number of opportunities out there for me to explore and the impact this program has had on my life.”

— Eli Parks, ’16, MS ’18
Accounting and finance
Staff accountant, EY
The Miller Scholarship offers:

- $22,000 scholarship ($2,750 per semester, available for up to eight semesters)
- admission to the Miller Business Honors Program

Thanks to generous alumni and corporate donors, Miller College offers additional categories of scholarships:

- Freshman merit and need-based scholarships are awarded. Once students are admitted to Ball State and Miller College of Business by the end of December, they are automatically considered for these scholarships for the upcoming academic year. There is no additional application to submit. Miller freshman scholarships are four-year, renewable scholarships.
- Upper-class merit and need-based scholarships also are awarded. More than 100 annual scholarship funds are available to continuing Miller students. A single online application is available in January and February for the next academic year.

Traditionally, all Miller Business Honors Program students have received some type of scholarship from Miller College.

How to Apply

Submit your application to Ball State at bsu.edu/admissions and indicate a business major. Once admitted, submit your Miller Scholarship/Miller Business Honors Program application at bsu.edu/business/millerscholars. Deadline is January 25. Finalists must complete a full-day interview program on campus in mid- to late February.

You may apply to be a part of the Ball State Honors College separately. Admission to the Honors College is not required for the business honors program. Learn more at bsu.edu/honors.
Ball State’s Miller College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Less than 5 percent of the world’s business schools earn this accreditation, which requires strict adherence to rigorous standards of excellence.

(Computer technology, hospitality and food management, residential property management, fashion merchandising, apparel design, and career and technical education have yet to be accredited by AACSB.)