



# UMBC CHESS SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) seeks outstanding chess-player scholars under age 23 for full-time university studies.

## Scholarships

UMBC offers a variety of scholarships to qualified students in full-time degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Foreign students are eligible.

UMBC Coca-Cola Chess Fellows – a limited number of fixed dollar tuition awards\* plus \$15,000/year food and housing stipends. UMBC also provides some funds for travel to chess tournaments. Candidates must be good students with extraordinary chess ratings (over FIDE 2400). Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. In return, each fellow performs 100 hours of community service through chess each year (e.g. simuls, lectures, teaching chess).

Chess-Player Scholars receive a fixed dollar, four-year award covering tuition and on-campus room and board. Offered to a limited number of incoming freshmen with outstanding academic records and high chess ratings (over USCF 2000). We prefer SAT test scores over 1400 (English + math).

Special Merit Award for Chess – variable awards from \$1,000-\$10,000 annually for students with strong academic records and very high chess ratings (over FIDE 2200). A typical award reduces tuition to the in-state amount.

Tournament-Based Awards – reserved for winners of U.S. Cadet Championship, Maryland “Sweet 16” Scholastic Chess Championship and 2006 Pan-Am Scholastic Team (6-SS Individual). Incoming freshmen receive a fixed dollar, four-year tuition award.

## How to Apply

Apply directly to the undergraduate admissions office (B.S.) or to the graduate school (M.S., Ph.D.) using the online Web forms from [www.umbc.edu](http://www.umbc.edu). To begin in fall 2007, for full consideration, applications are due December 15, 2006. The university will assist applicants in obtaining F-1 student visas. SAT (or ACT) test scores are required (over 1200 expected). TOEFL test scores are required for non-native English speakers (220 is passing score).

## UMBC Chess Teams

UMBC is the top college chess team in Pan-America, having won the 2005 Pan-American Intercollegiate team Chess Championship, 2006 President’s Cup (USA National College Team Championship) and 2006 Internet Chess League. Players must be under 26 years old by September 1 (we prefer players under 23 years old). Our current team includes GM Alexander Onischuk (USA Champion), GM Pawel Blehm, WGM Katrina Rohonan and FM Bruci Lopez, supported by Coach Igor Epshteyn.

*\* Full tuition for first year and the same dollar amount for each subsequent year.*

## UMBC

UMBC is a mid-sized, public research university offering bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. UMBC combines the emphasis on teaching found at the best liberal arts colleges with the innovation of a research university, offering nationally recognized programs in the arts, sciences, engineering, technology, policy and the humanities. [www.umbc.edu](http://www.umbc.edu).

## 2006 Pan-American Chess Championships

UMBC will host the 2006 Pan-Am December 27–30, in Washington, D.C. These championships include three separate events: College Team, Scholastic Team (grades 1–12) and Individual Closed. The team events are open to any school team from Pan-America; anyone associated with any team may play in the Closed. [www.umbc.edu/chess/Pan-Am2006](http://www.umbc.edu/chess/Pan-Am2006).

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