

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP

Traditional Students (High school seniors) will qualify based on their high school performance. Students graduating from a public high school must attain either a GPA of at least 2.5, OR an ACT composite of at least 19 (or an equivalent score on an equivalent test). Seniors who will be graduating from a private or out-of-state high school, or who are home-schooled, will qualify with a 19 on the ACT, or an equivalent score on an equivalent exam. Funding Range begins at \$2,000 per academic year and increases by \$1,000 each year, up to \$5,000 for the fourth year of the program.

Non-Traditional Students are defined as students who are currently in college and did not receive Challenge when they graduated from high school, as well as adults who have completed some college but do not have a degree, and those who have never attended college. Non-traditional students will qualify with a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.5. If the college GPA is below 2.5, or if they have never attended college, they can qualify with an ACT of 19 (or an equivalent score on an equivalent test). Adults with no college can qualify for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship if they have an ACT of 19 (or an equivalent score on an equivalent test). Application Deadline: May 31. Funding Range begins at \$2,000 per academic year and increases by \$1,000 each year, up to \$5,000 for the fourth year of the program.

ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP

Summary: Assistance for minority students attending and Arkansas public or private institution to earn a teaching degree. Contact: The Education Department at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Funding range is up to \$1,000 per academic year.

ARKANSAS HEALTH EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Summary: Assistance for students attending certain out-of-state accredited health and medical professional schools for graduate or professional programs not available in Arkansas. Such assistance is currently provided for students of dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, osteopathic medicine, podiatric medicine and chiropractic medicine. Application deadline: May 31. Assistance varies depending on the field, whether the institution is public or private, in the Southern Regional Education Board Regional Contract Program or outside it. If the institution is in the SREB Regional Contract Program, a select number of grant recipients may attend professional school at resident or reduced tuition. For participating institutions outside the SREB Regional Contract Program, annual grants currently range from about \$5,000 to about \$17,000 per student depending on the field and the participating institution.

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ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS

Summary: Competitive scholarship for high school seniors with at least an ACT score of 27 OR an SAT score of 1220 OR a grade point average of 3.50. Awarded to up to 75 High School seniors (one per county) for outstanding academic achievement and leadership. Application deadline is February 1 of senior year in high school.
Funding Range: \$4,000.00 per academic year

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

Summary: Scholarship will be given to up to 250 students who achieve 32 or above on the ACT or 1410 or above on the SAT and have either a 3.50 academic grade point average OR be named a National Merit Finalist or National Achievement Finalist. Application deadline is February 1 of senior year in high school.
Funding Range: Up to \$10,000 per year

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES GRANT (GO! GRANT)

Summary: Need-based grant available to traditional and non-traditional students. The income limit begins at \$25,000 for a household with one member and increases by \$5,000 for each additional household member, to a maximum of \$75,000. Application deadline: May 31. Funding Range: \$250/semester for students enrolled in 6-14 hours; \$500/semester for students enrolled in 15 or more hours with a lifetime limit of \$4,000.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DEPENDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

Summary: Scholarship program for undergraduates who are dependent children or spouses of persons killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty as a law enforcement officer, fireman, forester, correctional officer, Community Punishment Department employee, or Transportation Department employee. Scholarship limited to 8 semesters or until dependent child becomes 23. Application deadline: May 31.
Funding provides waiver of in-state tuition, on-campus room and mandatory fees at an Arkansas Institution of Higher Education.

MILITARY DEPENDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

Summary: Scholarship for dependent children or spouses of military personnel who were declared killed in action, missing in action or prisoners of war 1960 or after, or are 100% totally and permanently disabled as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Scholarship enables student to receive bachelor's degree or certificate of completion. A student may pursue a professional degree if the undergraduate education was not received in AR. Application deadline: May 31.
Funding provides waiver of in-state tuition, on-campus room/board and mandatory fees at an Arkansas Institution of Higher Education.

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ARKANSAS WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Summary: Awarded to college/university students at least 24 years of age and enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours. Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine eligibility; the college financial aid office determines recipients at their institution.

Funding provides up to \$2,000 per academic year.

NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Summary: Tuition assistance program for active members of the Arkansas Army or National Guard. Contact: Arkansas Army or National Guard Unit Commander

Funding Range: \$5,000 per academic year

SECOND EFFORT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Summary: Scholarship Program for students who score in the top 10 of the GED in a calendar year. Students do not apply, nor request to apply. ADHE directly contacts those who qualify.

Funding provides up to \$1,000 per academic year.

SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Summary: Assistance for single parents to attend college. Contact: PulaskiSingleParents.org, or the nearest county chapter.

Funding Range: Varies

SREB MINORITY DOCTORIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

All campus-based Ph.D. programs are eligible to participant in this program. The SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program only supports the Ph.D. The program does not support professional degrees and programs (Ed.D., J.D., D.B.A., M.D., D.D.S., Psy.D., etc.). The SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program makes a special effort to encourage applicants who seek Ph.D.s in those STEM disciplines which have a particularly low minority representation.

Application: Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) www.sreb.org

Award: \$25,000 stipend Deadline: March 31st

STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Summary: Repayment of federal student loans for teachers who are teaching in subject or geographic shortage areas, and who earned a teaching degree in 2004 or later.

Application deadline: May31

Funding provides up to \$4,000 per academic year for up to three years.

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STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Summary: Program is designed to allow undergraduate students to conduct in-depth research projects in their specific fields of study with the assistance of faculty mentors. To be eligible to apply for these funds, students must have a minimum GPA of 3.25, 30 or more hours of credit toward his/her degree at the time of funding, and the support of a faculty mentor. Application deadline: November 1.

Funding Range: Varies.

TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Summary: Applicant must be currently employed and certified as a teacher, librarian/media specialist, guidance counselor or administrator, in Arkansas and declare an intention to continue such employment in Arkansas. Applicant must be enrolled in an approved institution in Arkansas and must be enrolled in college level courses, excluding correspondence courses, directly related to their employment as certified by the Director of the Department of Education. Recipient must maintain at least a 2.50 grade point average in the courses funded by the Teacher Opportunity Program. Recipients funded for one course must obtain at least a "B" for that course. Recipients funded for two courses must obtain at least a "B" for one course and a "C" for the other. Application deadline: May 31.

Grants may not exceed the cost of the Arkansas public institution assessing the highest rate of tuition and mandatory fees or \$3000, whichever is less.

TUITION ADJUSTMENT

The intent of the Higher Education Tuition Adjustment is to ensure that bona fide Arkansas income taxpayers and their dependents who are residents of a bordering state in a contiguous county to the Arkansas state line which is contiguous to a county where an institution of higher education is located receive the same higher education opportunities as all other taxpayers by ensuring that taxpayers should have affordable access to the state's higher education institutions. The Director of the Department of Higher Education shall determine the difference between the amount of tuition revenue which would have been generated by charging the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board-approved out-of-state tuition rate to the students as compared to the approved in-state or out-of-district rate.

WASHINGTON CENTER

Summary: Available to college students in the second semester of their sophomore year and higher to intern and attend seminars in Washington, D.C. Students must apply through The Washington Center (twc.edu)

Funding provides up to \$6,000 for one-time participation in the program.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This information is current as of June 6, 2013 and is provided for informational purposes only. The eligibility requirements and rules governing these programs are subject to legislative and regulatory amendments subsequent to the date of this publication. Applicants are responsible for determining the program requirements at the time of application and should not rely on this publication as a full disclosure of all qualifications required for award.