

Arkansas Future (ARFuture) Grant **EXHIBIT C3**

Basic Eligibility Requirements

An applicant must:

- Have either graduated from an Arkansas public school, private school, home school or received high school equivalency diploma approved by the Department of Career Education; OR verify that they have resided within the state for the three (3) years immediately preceding application and has either:
 - Graduated from an out-of-state high school, private school, home school, or received a high school equivalency diploma approved by another state
- Be enrolled part-time or full-time at an approved institution of higher education in a program of study that leads to an associate degree or a certification in a STEM or regional high-demand field
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Continuing Eligibility Requirements

- A student may continue to be eligible until the student has:
 - Received an associate degree;
 - Received funding from the ArFuture Grant for 5 semesters;
 - Failed to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as determined by their institution of higher education; or
 - Failed to complete mentoring or community service requirements

Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship

Basic Eligibility Requirements

An applicant must:

- Be an Arkansas resident
- Be a high school graduate or received high school equivalency
- Not be a current recipient of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship
- Be accepted for admission in a program of study at an approved institution of higher education that leads to an associate degree or a certificate program in one of the following high-demand fields:
 - Industry
 - Health Care
 - Information Technology

Continuing Eligibility Requirements

- This is a non-renewable grant.
 - Students who successfully complete their program of study will be allowed to reapply for the award in another eligible program.
 - Students who receive funding from Workforce Challenge and do not successfully complete their program will be allowed to reapply one time.

Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

Basic Eligibility Requirements (Traditional & Non-Traditional)

An applicant must:

- Be an Arkansas resident (at least 12 months prior to enrollment and a US citizen/lawful permanent resident)
- Be accepted for admission at an approved institution of higher education in a program of study that leads to a baccalaureate or associate degree, qualified certificate, or a nursing school diploma
- Not have previously earned a baccalaureate degree
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (There is no maximum income)
- Not owe a refund on a federal or state student financial aid grant for higher education
- Not borrowed in excess of annual federal loan limits
- Not be incarcerated at the time of application for or during the time the applicant receives the scholarship
- Have complied with the United States Selective Service System requirements for registration
- Certify to be drug-free

Additional Eligibility Requirements (Traditional)

- Enroll full-time each fall and spring semester (12 hours the fall semester immediately following high school graduation and 15 hours each semester thereafter)
 - Students must enroll in required hours at one institution.
 - Students who complete their bachelor's degree at the end of a term may be enrolled in less than 15 hours and still be awarded a prorated award amount based on their hours
- Students who graduate after 2010 must also meet the following:
 - Graduate from an Arkansas public high school and has a minimum composite or superscore of 19 on the ACT (On-site ACT permissible) or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent test**
 - Applicant who has a disability identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., as it existed on July 1, 2009, and graduated from an Arkansas public high school, and:
 - Achieve a minimum composite or superscore of 19 on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent test**
 - Graduate from a private or out-of-state or home school high school and achieve a minimum composite or superscore of 19 on the ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent test**

- Students who are enrolled as a full-time, first-time freshman but not receiving the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship will also be considered Traditional if they meet the following:
 - Successfully completed at least 27 semester hours in the academic year immediately following high school graduation; and
 - Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.

Additional Eligibility Requirements (Non-Traditional)

- Enroll full-time or part-time each fall and spring semester
 - Full-time = 15 hours
 - Part-time = at least 6 hours
- Meet one of the following criteria:
 - If the applicant has not been enrolled in an approved institution of higher education, has either:
 - Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and achieved a 2.5 high school grade point average; or
 - Graduated from an Arkansas public high school, a private high school, an out-of-state high school, a home school high school, or obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the Division of Career and Technical Education and had a minimum composite score of 19 on the ACT (On-site ACT permissible) or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent test**; or
- If the applicant has been enrolled in an approved institution of higher education, has earned a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5 in completed courses.

Continuing Eligibility Requirements (Traditional)

- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Complete 27 semester hours the first academic year and 30 semester hours each year thereafter
- Complete all remedial courses during the first 30 hours taken after receipt of the scholarship
- Be continuously enrolled unless student request for scholarship to be placed on hold (maximum hold of four semesters)
- Shall enroll in courses that lead toward a baccalaureate degree after:
 - Earning an associate degree; or
 - Having less than 4 semesters of funding left
- Will be renewed until recipient first:
 - Earns a baccalaureate degree
 - Attempts a total of 130 semester hours in 8 semesters
 - Starting with 2016 awardees, students will be renewed until the student attempts a total of 120 semester hours or receives 8 semesters of funding, whichever comes first.
 - NOTE: If the recipient's undergraduate degree requires additional hours, ADHE, in conjunction with the student's institution, shall determine the maximum period of time for renewal.

Continuing Eligibility Requirements (Non-Traditional)

- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA (will be evaluated at the end of each spring term)
- Complete 15 hours each consecutive semester for full-time and complete at least 6 semester hours for part-time (excluding summer terms)
- Be continuously enrolled, unless student requests for scholarship to be placed on hold (maximum hold of 4 semesters)
- Shall enroll in courses that lead toward a baccalaureate degree after:
 - Earns a Baccalaureate degree
 - Attempts a total of 130 semester hours in 8 semesters (full time) or up to 16 semesters (part-time)
 - Starting with 2016 awardees, students will be renewed until the student attempts a total of 120 semester hours, receives 8 semesters of funding, or the student earns a Baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first.
 - NOTE: If the recipient's undergraduate degree requires additional hours, ADHE, in conjunction with the student's institution, shall determine the maximum period of time for renewal.

Graduate School Eligibility Criteria

- Students who graduate early from undergrad have the option to use remaining semesters for graduate school.
 - Graduate school must be based in Arkansas
 - Student must be accepted and start the graduate program the semester immediately following their undergraduate graduation (summer semesters not included).
 - Students must submit their graduate acceptance letter.
 - If a student has an extenuating circumstance, they can have their scholarship held up to a year
- Student must complete 30 hours with a 2.5+ GPA for the Fall 2020/Spring 2021 year to be awarded the scholarship for the Fall 2021/Spring 2022 year.

**ACT Equivalent Scores (The tests below will not be superscored)

- New SAT (test taken March 2016 or later) = 990
- ASSET (average of all subscores) = 40
- COMPASS (average of reading, writing, and algebra scores) = 64
- ACCUPLACER (average of all subscores) = 79
- Next-Generation ACCUPLACER (average of reading, writing, and math scores) (all three scores must be on one test) = 246