

# Back the Pack

## Student Opportunity Award

### Self-Nominated Student

Name:

Hometown:

Year in School:

Phone number:

Academic Department:

E-mail:

Major:

Date Submitted:

**Description:** Awards are given to students whose future at A-State may be in jeopardy and have demonstrated a need for temporary financial assistance. Applications are reviewed on a weekly basis.

**Eligibility:**

- Have you met with an on-campus financial aid counselor?
- Have you filled out the FAFSA?
- Have you exhausted all available loan, scholarship, grant, and/or work opportunities?
- Is your current financial situation temporary?
- Are you a degree-seeking student at Arkansas State University?

**Application Process:**

1. Complete the Back the Pack Student Opportunity Award application and Student Financial Assistance form. Having a detailed application ensures a quick response from the committee.
2. Turn in a typed hard copy to the Cooper Alumni Center. Make sure you have your permission slip signed with your A-State ID. A handwritten signature is required.

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## Student Opportunity Award Application

- How did you hear about the Back the Pack Student Opportunity Award?
- If awarded, can an A-State Student Philanthropy Council member contact you for a statement about how you benefitted from the award?
- Are you a previous Back the Pack Student Opportunity Award recipient? If so, how much was awarded and when?

### Statement of Need

In 500 words or less, please describe why you are in need of financial assistance, how it is **temporary**, and how a Back the Pack Student Opportunity Award could help you.

### Budget Proposal

Please give an estimated budget of how much money would be required and a **detailed** response of how it would be used. If an amount is greater than \$300 a receipt or monetary statement is required. This may be stapled to the back of the application when completed. Please add/delete rows as needed.

Income/Expense Description	Amount	Purpose

### Future Outlook

In 250 words or less, please describe how you would plan to use the money given to you to ensure that you can graduate at A-State? Please include any jobs you plan to acquire, loans you will receive, etc.

# Student Financial Assistance Form

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission to the Student Opportunity Awards (SOA) committee to consult with A-State's Financial Aid and Scholarships regarding any financial support I may have been awarded from A-State. The committee works in consultation with Financial Aid and Scholarships to ensure that Back the Pack Student Opportunity Awards will not negatively impact other forms of financial aid.

Information provided by Financial Aid and Scholarships will be used to verify financial need and will remain strictly confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

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(A-State ID Number)

Please return this completed form to:  
Cooper Alumni Center  
2600 Alumni Boulevard