



## **Arkansas Promise Scholarship™ Guidelines (2016-17)**

The Arkansas Promise Scholarship™ is administered through the A-State Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. Any questions concerning the scholarship should be directed to the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office at (870) 972-2310.

Arkansas State University reserves the right to make changes to the scholarship program at any time based on available funding and eligible applicants.

### **What the Scholarship Covers:**

\* The Arkansas Promise Scholarship™ provides \$2,000 annually split between Fall and Spring semesters for courses (excluding correspondence) at the A-State Jonesboro or Paragould campus only.

\* This scholarship is awarded for the duration of eight consecutive semesters or through completion of the undergraduate degree, whichever occurs first, provided the student maintains all scholarship requirements.

\* This scholarship does not combine with any of the other ASU Institutional Scholarships.

### **How to Qualify:**

\* Students must submit an admissions application with fee, official ACT or SAT scores and an official six, seven, or eight -semester transcript.

\* Student must be a 2016 graduate from an accredited Arkansas high school and an U.S. citizen and Arkansas resident.

\* Students must have a minimum ACT score of 22 or minimum SAT score 1030.

\* Student must have a minimum six, seven, or eight-semester grade point average of 3.000 on a 4.000 scale.

\* Awards will begin in December 2015 for eligible recipients and will be awarded on a rolling basis until the final awarding deadline of June 1, 2016.

\* Awards are based on the availability of funding.

### **Student Responsibilities for Accepting and Maintaining the Arkansas Promise Scholarship™ Award:**

\* Students who are selected to receive the Arkansas Promise Scholarship™ are advised to accept the scholarship offer within 30 days; however the offer will not be revoked until July 1, 2016. If ASU does not receive acceptance by July 1, 2016, the scholarship offer will no longer be valid.

To accept the 16-17 scholarship offer:

1. Login to <http://mycampus.astate.edu>
2. Select SSB (Self Service) button
3. Select the **Financial Aid link** and choose **Award Year 2016-17**
4. Follow the links in the **Scholarships Section** to complete the following:

**\*Accept/Decline your A-State Scholarship Offer**

**\*Accept the Terms and Conditions of your A-State Scholarship Offer (If accepting scholarship)**

\*Should you accept the scholarship and later decide to attend another university, please notify the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office in writing or by email [scholarships@astate.edu](mailto:scholarships@astate.edu) .

\* Enrollment of a minimum 15 credit hours toward a Bachelor's Degree (excluding correspondence courses) at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould is required during each consecutive Fall and Spring semester. Concurrent enrollment on another campus **cannot** be used to meet full-time enrollment status nor be paid for by the scholarship. Enrollment is locked on the 11<sup>th</sup> class day. Students in an academic program that is lock-stepped and prohibits 15 hours in any given semester will be allowed to receive their scholarship upon approval of Scholarship Office and receipt of letter from academic advisor. Students in their final semester of scholarship eligibility or final semester before graduation will be allowed to take a minimum of 12 hours. Please notify the Scholarship Office if you are graduating early.

\* Students must be seeking a Bachelor's Degree.

\* All online degree programs are ineligible for Institutional Scholarships.

\* Matriculation at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould must occur in the Fall semester immediately following high school graduation.

\* Any student who is enrolled full-time at another college, university, technical college, or branch of ASU during a regular semester (Fall or Spring) following high school graduation automatically forfeits the scholarship.

\* Students that are taking a developmental course as part of their 15 credit hours at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould and who also plans to test out of the course, must contact the Scholarships Office before taking the test to discuss possible options for keeping scholarship.

\* All college level course work is calculated into the overall GPA for scholarship renewal.

\* Students who have grade changes are responsible for contacting the ASU Scholarships Office so that their scholarship status can be reevaluated.

\* For military exceptions, contact the Scholarships Office at 870-972-2310.

\* Recipients may take classes at the Paragould campus and receive their scholarship.

\* Award holders who are dependents of ASU faculty and staff will be paid 25 percent of the scholarship value per semester for credit hours at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould in addition to the faculty/staff discount.

## Scholarship Renewal

- Students are required to maintain an overall 3.000 GPA and successfully complete 30 credit hours (fall and spring combined) at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould each academic year. Students with incomplete grades will forfeit their scholarship if they do not otherwise meet the scholarship criteria. Note- accepted transfer credits will be calculated into overall GPA.
- Any student who receives all Ws, Fs, WNs, Is and/or FNs at the end of any fall term will lose their scholarship for all subsequent semesters.
- Freshmen Probation - Freshmen students will have until the end of the Summer II term to obtain an overall 3.000 GPA. They must also successfully complete 30 credit hours (Fall, Spring, and both Summer I and Summer II combined) at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould following their freshman year or they will forfeit the scholarship for all subsequent semesters. All classes taken during probation for hour and GPA deficit must be A-State Jonesboro or Paragould hours. **Probation is not available for any subsequent semesters.**