



A-State Merit Scholarship Guidelines (2020-21)

The A-State Merit 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.

The Financial Aid & Scholarships Office uses a holistic process to award a limited number of freshman scholarships to top applicants, based on merit, community involvement, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, etc., who are admitted to the University and have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by December 1st for priority consideration.

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 A-State Merit Scholarship provides up to \$3000 (split between fall and spring semesters), toward tuition and fees.
- *The scholarship pays for courses taken at the A-State campus in Jonesboro. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds.
- * 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.

How to Qualify:

- * The scholarship is awarded during the senior year to U.S. citizens who are 2020 high school graduates.
- * Students must be admitted to the University. This includes submitting an admissions application with fee, official ACT or SAT scores and official six-semester transcript.
- * Students must have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- * Students must have a minimum ACT composite of 21 or New SAT Total score of 1060 and a high school minimum GPA of 3.000 on a six-semester transcript.
- * Awards will begin in December 2019 for eligible recipients and will be awarded on a rolling basis based on funding until June 1, 2020. Seven-semester or final transcripts may be used for awards made after December 1st provided official transcripts are receipted at time of award.
- * A limited number of awards are available.

Student Responsibilities for Accepting and Maintaining the A-State Merit Scholarship Award:

- * Students who are selected to receive the A-State Merit Scholarship are advised to accept the scholarship offer within 30 days; however the offer will not be revoked until July 1, 2020. If ASU does not receive acceptance by July 1, 2020, the scholarship offer will no longer be valid.
- * 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.

To accept the 20-21 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 2020-21**
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)

* Enrollment of a minimum 15 credit hours toward a Bachelor's Degree at the A-State campus in Jonesboro 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 11th 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 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 who are taking a developmental course as part of their 15 credit hours at the A-State campus in Jonesboro and who also plan to test out of the course must contact the Scholarships Office before taking the test to discuss possible options for keeping the scholarship.

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

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

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

* Award holders who are dependents of faculty and staff will be paid 25 percent of the scholarship value per semester for credit hours at the A-State Jonesboro campus 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) each academic year at the A-State campus in Jonesboro. 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.

* Probation – Any Freshmen, Sophomore, or Junior level recipient who does not meet their renewal criteria at the end of the spring semester will have until the end of that Summer II term to obtain an overall 3.000 GPA and successfully complete 30 A-State Jonesboro hours (Fall, Spring, and both Summer I and Summer II combined) or they will forfeit the scholarship for all subsequent semesters. All classes taken during probation for hour and GPA deficit must be taken at A-State Jonesboro campus.

* Students who have lost their scholarship eligibility have the opportunity to regain eligibility if the student meets the criteria at the end of the following fall or spring semester after losing their scholarship. Students have to have an overall 3.000 GPA and complete 15 A-State Jonesboro hours after fall semester or 30 A-State Jonesboro hours after the spring semester. All course work must be at the A-State Jonesboro campus. Students meeting this requirement simply need to email their scholarship reinstatement request to Scholarships@AState.edu at the end of the semester after regaining eligibility. Students will be notified by email after eligibility has been verified.