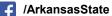


Financial Aid Training for Counselor and Mentors

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships Arkansas State University
Fall 2021







A-State Financial Aid for High School Counselors Workshop

October 5, 2021

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome – Terry Finney, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships
9:15 – 10:00	Overview of Financial Aid Programs – Terry Finney
10:00 – 10:15	A-State Greetings – Dr. Kelly Damphousse, Chancellor, Arkansas State University Dr. Thilla Sivakumaran, V.C. for Enrollment Mgmt. & Global Outreach
10:15 – 10:45	 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Christina Kostick, Assistant Director Applying for Federal Financial Aid After the FAFSA Dependency Status Professional Judgement
10:45 – 11:00	Searching for Scholarships – Dena Bolar Graves, Associate Director
11:15 – 11:45	A-State Admissions Update – Pamela Bowie, Senior Director of Admissions
11:45 – 12:00	ADHE Update – Chrissy Vines, Student Development Specialist



Overview of Financial Aid Programs









Financial Aid

Money from a source other than the family to assist with the cost of attending college





Cost of Attendance (COA)

Direct and Indirect Costs



Tuition and fees



Room and board



Books and supplies



Transportation



Miscellaneous personal expenses





Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

- An index used to calculate eligibility for aid
- Stays the same regardless of college
- Two components
 - Parent contribution
 - Student contribution
- Calculated using FAFSA data and a formula specified by law





Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

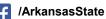
Measurement of student's and family's ability to pay postsecondary educational expenses

Student contribution

Parent contribution

(for dependent students)









Financial Need

Cost of attendance (COA)

- Expected family contribution (EFC)
- = Financial need









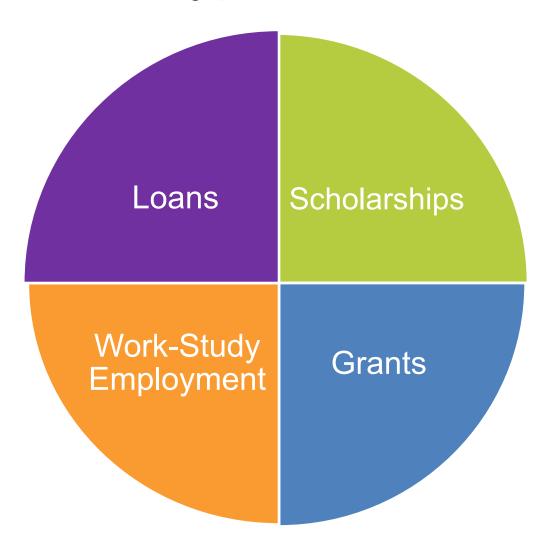
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- Need-based aid
- Merit-based aid





Types of Aid



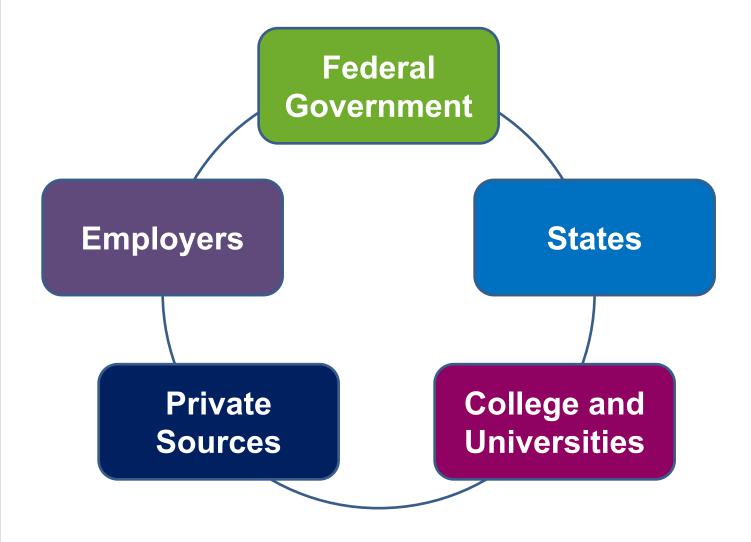








Sources of Aid











Federal Programs









Federal Pell Grant Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG) Federal Supplemental
Educational
Opportunity Grant
(FSEOG)

Teacher Education
Assistance for
College and Higher
Education (TEACH)
Grant

Federal Work-Study (FWS) Federal Direct Student Loans (Direct Loans)

Federal PLUS Loans









Grants

- Federal Pell Grant
 - Provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students.
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
 - Provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students (campus-based aid.)
- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
 - Provides assistance to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant
 - Provides possible assistance to students whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001





Federal Pell Grant

Grant amounts depend on the student's:

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Enrollment status (full- or part-time)
- Attendance status (full academic year or less)
- Pell Grant maximum award per academic

year: \$6,495 (2021-2022)

* Maximum award may be subject to change pending legislative budgetary adjustments





FSEOG

FSEOG recipients must be:

- Pell Grant eligible
- Current award amounts vary from:
 - \$100-\$4,000 per year.

* Not all colleges participate in the FSEOG program and availability is based on funding at the college.





TEACH Grant

The TEACH Grant is:

- Not based on financial need.
- Available to both undergraduate and graduate students.
- TEACH Grant recipients must be:
 - Enrolled in an institution that participates in the TEACH Grant program.
 - Enrolled in coursework geared towards a career in the field of teaching.
 - Able to demonstrate certain academic achievements.
 - Provides the maximum award:
 - Up to \$4,000 per year (2021-2022)





TEACH Grant

TEACH Grant recipients must sign an "Agreement to Serve" which states that the student will:

- Teach at least four years in a public or private elementary or secondary school.
- Teach full-time in a high-need field
- Teach in a school that serves students from low-income families.
- If the teaching obligation is not completed, the TEACH Grant must be repaid as a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.





TEACH Grant

Due to sequestration, award amounts for any TEACH Grant must be reduced.

- For any 2021–2022 TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after October 1, 2020, and before October 1, 2021, the maximum award of \$4,000 is reduced by 5.7% (\$228), resulting in a maximum award of \$3,772.
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For more information visit:



Iraq/Afghanistan Service Grant

- The award is equal to the amount of maximum Federal Pell Grant for the award year, but cannot exceed the cost of attendance for that award year.
- Grant recipients must be:
 - Less than 24 years old.
 - Enrolled in college at least part-time at the time of the parent or guardian's death.





Iraq/Afghanistan Service Grant

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 For any 2021-2022 Iraq/Afghanistan Grant first disbursed on or after October 1, 2021, and before October 1, 2022, the maximum award of \$6,495 is reduced by 5.7% (\$370.21), resulting in a maximum award of \$6,124.79.

For more information visit:

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/iraq-afghanistanservice#sequestration





Campus-Based Programs

- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work-Study (FWS)
 - Provides part-time employment for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay educational expenses.





Federal Work-Study (FWS)

- Students are paid at least federal minimum wage.
- Eligible employers (on- and off-campus)
 - Schools
 - Federal, state, or local public agencies
 - Private non-profit organization
 - Community service activities
 - * Not all colleges participate in the FWS program and availability is based on funding at the college.





Federal Direct Loans

- Direct Subsidized Loan
- Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Direct PLUS Loan for Parents
- Direct PLUS Loan for Graduate/Professional Students





Federal Direct Loans

Subsidized Loans

- Government PAYS the borrowers accrued interest while you are attending college and other eligible periods
- Based on Financial Need
- Fixed Rate
- Undergraduate students
- Amount: \$3,500-\$5,500

Unsubsidized Loans

- The borrower is responsible for the interest for the life of the loan
- NOT based on Financial Need
- Fixed Rate
- Undergraduate and graduate students qualify
- Amount: \$5,500-\$20,500





Federal Direct PLUS Loans

Parent PLUS

- For parents of dependent students
- Borrower must not have a negative credit history.
- If approved, parent may borrow up to, but not exceeding the college's Cost of Attendance (COA)
- Fixed Rate
- Borrower is responsible for all the interest

Graduate PLUS

- For graduate/professional students
- Borrower must not have a negative credit history.
- Fixed Rate
- If approved, student may borrow up to, but not exceeding the college's Cost of Attendance (COA)





Federal Direct Loans

(First Disbursed after October 1, 2021 and before October 1, 2022)

Loan Type	Interest Rates	Loan Fees	Repayment
Direct Subsidized (Undergraduate)	3.73%	1.057%	Begins 6 months after student has left school
Direct Unsubsidized (Undergraduate)	3.73%	1.057%	Begins 6 months after student has left school
Direct Unsubsidized (Graduate)	5.28%	1.057%	Begins 6 months after student has left school
Direct PLUS for Parents	6.28%	4.228%	May be deferred until 6 months student drop ½ time or 60 days after loan is fully disbursed
Direct PLUS for Graduate/Professional Students	6.28%	4.228%	Begins 6 months after student has left school





Other Sources of Aid

- Institutional or private tuition plans
- Other family resources
- Home equity loans
- Private/alternative loans
- Tuition savings plans (529 plans)
- Employer-sponsored tuition plans











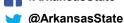




Applying for Federal Student Aid:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)







FSAID

- FSA ID consists of username and password used for electronically signing financial aid applications.
- FSA ID needed to log into fafsa.gov, the National Student Loan
 Data System(NSLDS) at nslds.ed.gov, StudentLoans.gov,
 StudentAid.gov and Agreement to Serve(ATS) at teachats.ed.gov
- Create FSA ID at https://studentaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm
- Students and eligible parents should establish an FSA ID for ease of submission and signatures for the FAFSA.
 - Both the student and the parent need a separate username name, password and email address
- Recommend setting up FSA ID at the end of junior year/summer prior to senior year
- Users should retain all information used to set up FSA ID





FAFSA Completion Resources

FAFSA Website

www.fafsa.gov

Financial Aid Toolkit:

http://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/

2022-2023 FAFSA Resources:

https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/types.jsp

Do You Need Money for College?

https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/do-you-need-money.pdf

Creating and Using Your FSA ID:

https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch





FAFSA Completion Tool

- Data available by state or territory
- Report alphabetical by high school
- Shows number of completed and submitted Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAs) for current and previous application cycles

https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/datacenter/student/application-volume/fafsacompletion-high-school





FAFSA Demo Site

fafsademo.test.ed.gov

- A demonstration site is available so you can increase your own understanding of the FAFSA and show it to students before they apply.
 - Provides a way for financial aid administrators to show students and parents, as well as financial aid office staff, how to use FAFSA on the Web and FAA Access to CPS Online. It offers most of the features of the production versions of the FAFSA on the Web and FAA Access to CPS Online Web sites, except that no data is processed.

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3	966-12-3013	Lastname	Maxine	11022003	newuser73	Firstyear73
4	966-12-3014	Lastname	Abe	11022003	newuser74	Firstyear74
5	966-12-3015	Lastname	Judith	11022003	newuser75	Firstyear75
6	966-12-3016	Lastname	Harvey	04192003	newuser76	Firstyear76
7	966-12-3017	Lastname	Larry	04192003	newuser77	Firstyear77
8	966-12-3018	Lastname	Val	04192003	newuser78	Firstyear78
9	966-12-3019	Lastname	Helen	04192003	newuser79	Firstyear79
10	966-12-3020	Lastname	John	04192003	newuser80	Firstyear80

New Applications New Hear (no prior data)

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Note: This site is purely a learning tool.



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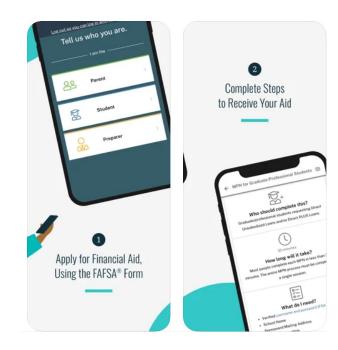
- Produced by the U.S. Department of Education
- Collects family's personal and financial information used to calculate student's EFC
- Available in English and Spanish
- Available in two formats:
 - Online
 - PDF (Download from <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>)





myStudentAid Mobile App

Student may use the myStudentAid app to complete the 2022-2023 FAFSA.







FAFSA on the Web



Application available

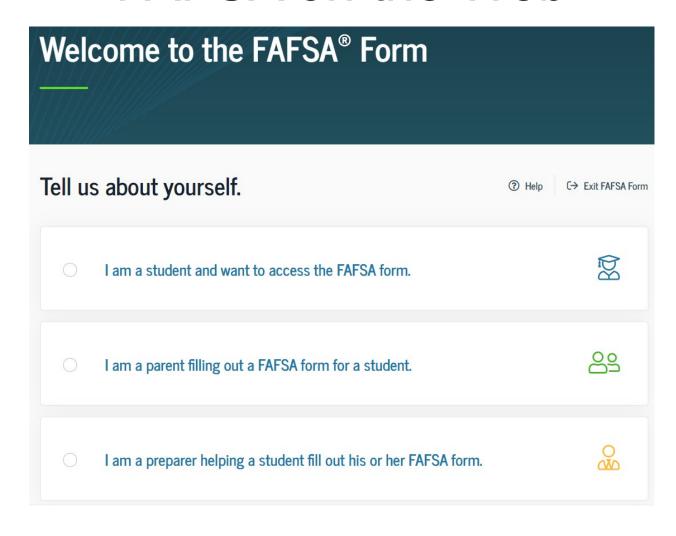
October 1st each year.

fafsa.gov





FAFSA on the Web







IRS Data Retrieval Tool

- Data available in English and Spanish
- IRS data tool will be available on October 1st and may be utilized to transfer 2020 tax information
- FOTW includes logic/questions to determine if applicant is eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
 - "Unmarried and both parents living together" not eligible to use
 IRS Data Retrieval
 - Same gender married couples using "Married filing jointly" status can use IRS Data Retrieval
- Applicant's response will take him or her to the IRS system or provide a message that the applicant should use own financial figures to complete FOTW





IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Certain tax filers cannot use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool

Did not indicate on **FAFSA** a tax return was completed

Marriage date is January 2020. or later

First three digits of the SSN are 666

Filed a non-U.S. tax return

Married and filed as head of household. or filed separate returns

Neither married parent entered a valid SSN

Nonmarried parent or both married parents entered all zeroes for the SSN







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Frequent FAFSA Errors

- Incorrect parent and/or student Social Security Numbers
- Divorced/remarried/unmarried but living together parental information-which belongs on the form
 - Income earned by parents/stepparents missing
- Untaxed income
- U.S. income taxes paid
- Verifying FSA ID info
- Household size
 - Number of household members in college
- Real estate and investment net worth
- FAFSA missing parent and/or student signature















After the FAFSA







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FAFSA Processing Results

- Central Processing System notifies student of FAFSA processing results via:
 - E-mail containing a direct link to student's electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) if student's e-mail was provided
 - Student with FSA ID can view SAR on line at www.fafsa.gov
 - Typical processing time is 24-48 hours from time of filing FAFSA





Student Aid Report (SAR) Formats

- Paper SAR
- Paper SAR Acknowledgment
- E-mail Notification of SAR Processing
- Sample 2022-2023 SAR found on ifap.ed.gov:
- https://fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/2020-09/2122SARAckSampleEnFinal.pdf





Student Aid Report (SAR) Formats

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If valid email address is provided on FAFSA

 Provides access to electronic SAR at <u>www.student aid.gov</u>









Student Aid Report (SAR) Formats

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- SAR sent if paper
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- SAR Acknowledgement sent if FOTW filed without providing an email address









Corrections

- Students should only correct information that was reported incorrectly when he or she completed the FAFSA
- Corrections to FAFSA data may be made by:
 - Using FAFSA on the Web (fafsa.gov), if the student has an FSA ID
 - Updating and mailing the paper SAR
 - Submitting the documentation to the school's financial aid office (RECOMMENDED)





Verification

Process by which the U.S. Department of Education (ED) through the financial aid office confirms information provided by students and families on the FAFSA is accurate

- Students can be selected for verification by the Department of Education or the college
- Items to be verified will vary
- Financial Aid cannot be processed until verification is completed.













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Student Dependency Status









What Makes a Student Independent?

- Born before 01/01/1999 (for 2022-2023)
- Married
- Graduate or professional student
- Active duty military for purposes other than training.
- Veteran
- Has children who receive more than 50% support from the student.





What Makes a Student Independent?

- Has dependents (other than children or spouse) who receive more than 50% support from the student.
- Is an orphan, has been in foster care/dependent/ward of the court.
- Is an emancipated minor.
- Is or has been in legal guardianship.
- Is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless
 - As determined by agencies specified in FAFSA instructions.





Who Qualifies as a Parent for a Dependent Student?









Who is a Parent?

- Biological parents
- Adoptive parents
- Step-parents, if they are married to the student's biological or adoptive parent and the student is included in their household size.





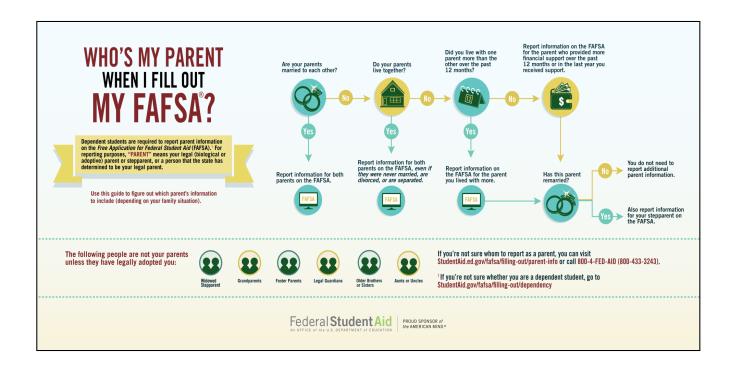
Who is Not a Parent?

- Foster parents
- Legal guardians who have not adopted the student
- Any relatives (including grandparents) who have not adopted the student
- Step-parents who have not adopted the student and who would be the only person providing parental information.





Parental Determination











Professional Judgment









Professional Judgment

- Families cannot report special circumstances on the FAFSA
- Professional judgment must be completed after the student submits the FAFSA and completes verification (if required)
- Professional judgment is exercised by the Financial Aid Administrator





Professional Judgment Basics

"the authority of the financial aid administrator, on the basis of adequate documentation, to make adjustments on a case-by-case basis to the cost of attendance or the values of the data items required to calculate the expected student or parent contribution (or both) to allow for treatment of an individual eligible applicant with special circumstances."





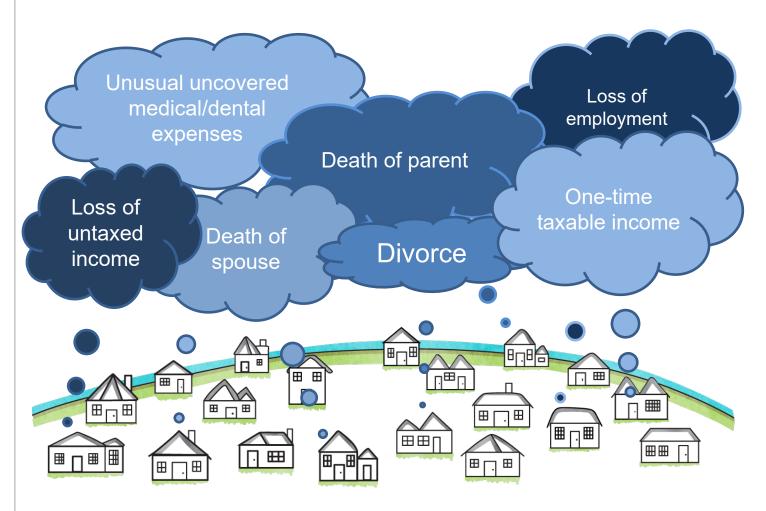
Professional Judgment

- Process varies from college to college
- Documentation must be provided
- Situations which warrant professional judgment may include:
 - Dependency Overrides
 - Divorce, death or parent
 - Loss of income by student or parent
 - Unusual medical expense

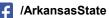




Professional Judgment











Professional Judgment Dependency Override

- Situation in which Financial Aid
 Administrators have the authority to change the student's status from dependent to independent
 - Student is unable to answer "Yes" to any of the dependency status questions due to a special circumstance.
- Student must provide documentation of situation.





Professional Judgment Dependency Override

- Special circumstances:
 - Abuse at home
 - Abandonment by parents
- NOT Special Circumstance:
 - Parents do not claim student on taxes
 - Student does not live with parents and supports self
 - Parents do not want to help pay for college
 - Parents refuse to provide information for FAFSA





Professional Judgment Dependency Override

Documentation includes:

- Letter from student describing the circumstances
- Letter from friend or family member close to the situation that can describe the student's circumstance
- Letter from a third party:
 - Teacher
 - Social Worker
 - Member of Clergy
 - Court Documents
 - Law Enforcement
 - Physician/Counselor





Completing the FAFSA Without Parent Information







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No Access to Parental Information

- FAFSA will ask if student will be providing parental data
- If no, student may indicate that he/she meets special circumstances criteria
- Student may submit FASFA without parental information
 - FAFSA will have a reject code which will prevent student from being awarded
 - Student will need to contact the Financial Aid Office to complete the application with a possible Dependency Override





Parents Refusal to Provide Information

- Student indicates situation on the FAFSA, selecting the option to apply for an unsubsidized loan only
- Student may submit FASFA without parental information
 - FAFSA will have a reject code which will prevent student from being awarded
 - No EFC will be calculated and the student will not be eligible to receive the Pell Grant any other need-based aid
 - Student will need to contact the Financial Aid Office to complete the application













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Reviewing and Comparing Award Letters

- Out-of-pocket expenses after financial aid
- Mixture of grants and self-help aid
- Future award packages





Establishing a Relationship with the Financial Aid Office

- Importance
- Questions to Ask
- Benefits













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Searching for Scholarships









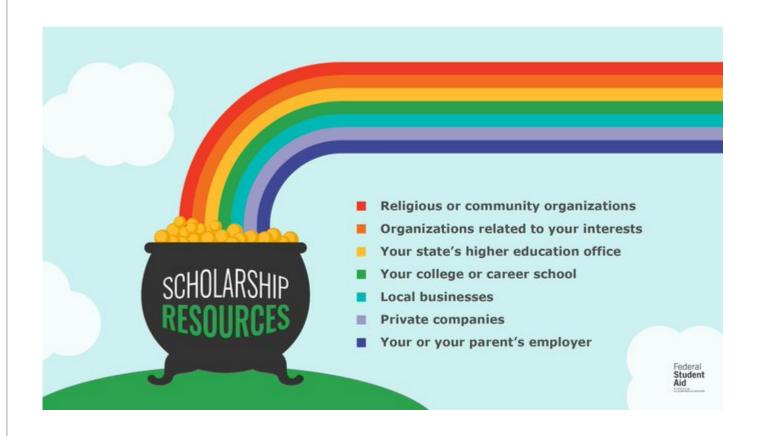
Scholarship Search Tips

- Never pay for scholarship searches
 - Always use free scholarship search engines
- Pay close attention to application deadlines
- Be sure that you understand the guidelines on how to apply





Scholarship Sources









Online Sources

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.unigo.com/scholarships
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/grantsscholarships
- https://fundmyfuture.info/scholarships
- https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grantsscholarships/finding-scholarships
- http://www.careerinfonet.org/scholarshipsearch/Scholars
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Additional Financial Aid Resources

- Don't Get Scammed on Your Way to College
- http://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/ dont-get-scammed.pdf
- Federal Trade Commission
- http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams
- Formal Feedback/File a Complaint
- https://feedback.studentaid.ed.gov





Arkansas State University Scholarship Programs









A-State Scholarship Programs

A-State will make Institutional Scholarship offers to 2022 High School graduates based on ACT/SAT and GPA. ACT/SAT super scores will be accepted for scholarship consideration (excluding A-State Scholar)





A-State Scholarship Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be a 2022 high school graduate
- Must submit all official high school and concurrent college transcripts
- Must submit all official ACT, SAT test scores
- Must submit all immunization records





A-State Scholarship Process

- Students must be admitted to receive full consideration for A-State Institutional Scholarships.
- No separate application is required, except for the A-State Scholar
 - The A-State Scholar requires additional documentation
 - Deadline is February 1, 2022
 - Visit <u>www.astate.edu/AStateScholar</u> for more details





A-State Scholarship Awarding

- Scholarship offers will be made monthly beginning
 October 15, 2021 through July 1, 2022.
- Scholarship amounts can be upgraded based on receipt of new official ACT/GPA through July 1, 2022 (excluding Astate Scholar)
- To accept scholarships and the Terms and Conditions, monitor the A-State myCampus portal http://my.AState.edu







SCHOLARSHIP	REQUIREMENTS	ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNTS	RENEWAL	APPLICATION PROCEDURE
A-STATE SCHOLAR	- U.S. citizen - 2022 High School Graduate - Minimum 32 composite ACT or 1420 new SAT & 3.50 GPA	Awards up to \$14,000 for on campus students include \$3,000 for meal plan \$3,000 for housing	15 A-State hours on the A-State Jonesboro campus per semester (including one Honors course) and a cumulative 3.500 GPA	Be admitted to the university and apply for the A-State Scholar by February 1, 2022
		Remaining balance for tuition and fees	Renewable up to eight semesters	Additional documents required to be considered for the A-State Scholar Visit: AState.edv/AStateScholar
A-STATE ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP	U.S. citizen 2022 High School Graduate 20 and above ACT super score or 1300 and above new SAT & minimum 4.00 GPA 20 and above ACT super score or 1300 and above new SAT & minimum 3.50 GPA 20 and above ACT super score or 1300 and above new SAT & minimum 3.00 GPA	Achievement 1-On Campus: \$10,000 OH Campus: \$8,000 Achievement 2-On Campus: \$9,000 OH Campus: \$7,000 Achievement 3-On Campus: \$8,000 OH Campus: \$6,000	15 A-State hours on the A-State Jonesboro campus per semester and a cumulative 3.000 GPA Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university No additional application required
A-STATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP	- U.S. citizen - 2022 High School Graduate - 23-27 ACT super score or 1130-1290 new SAT & minimum 4.00 GPA - 23-27 ACT super score or 1130-1290 new SAT & minimum 3.50 GPA - 23-27 ACT super score or 1130-1290 new SAT & minimum 3.00 GPA	Merit 1-0n Campus: \$7,000 Off Campus: \$5,000 Merit 2-0n Campus: \$6,000 Off Campus: \$4,000 Merit 3-0n Campus: \$5,000 Off Campus: \$3,000	15 A-State hours on the A-State Jonesboro campus per semester and a cumulative 3.000 GPA Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university No additional application required
RED WOLF GRANT	- U.S. citizen - 2022 High School Graduate - 21-22 ACT super score or 1060-1120 new SAT & minimum 3.00 GPA	\$2,000	15 A-State hours on the A-State Jonesboro campus per semester and a cumulative 3.000 GPA Renewable up to eight semesters	Be admitted to the university No additional application required
HERITAGE GRANT	- U.S. citizen - 2022 High School Graduate - Demonstrate need - EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) - Other ald received	Awards up to \$3,000 One-year award	12 A-State hours on the A-State Jonesboro campus per semester Nonrenewable	Be admitted to the university No additional application required
OUT-OF-STATE SCHOLARSHIP MAY BE COMBINED WITH INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS	- U.S. citizen - First-Time Students: Minimum 24 ACT super score or 1150 new SAT & minimum 3.00 GPA - Transfer Students: Minimum 24 transfer hours & 3.25 GPA	Equal to out-of-state tuition costs Automatically awarded and posted to student account upon billing	Must be a full-time A-State student. This benefit is not available to students who attend A-State during the summer unless the student attended A-State full-time the previous spring semester	Be admitted to the university Student-athletes receiving institutional athlete aid may not qualify; please contact the A-State Athletic Complaince Office for determination of eligibility



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A-State 870 Housing Plan

\$3000 annually (\$1500 fall & \$1500 spring) toward A-State Jonesboro on campus housing.

To be eligible:

- U.S. citizen
- 2022 High School Senior
- Admitted to A-State before 7/1/2022
- Verified Zero EFC from 22-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Students must live on the A-State campus
- Award may be renewed up to three additional years as long as student successfully completes 12 ASUJ hours per semester and has a verified Zero EFC each academic year.





A-State Privately Funded Scholarships

- Online application for Privately Funded Scholarships available
 October 1, 2021 through February 1, 2022.
 - Scholarships are offered by the various colleges on campus.
 - www.astate.edu/scholarships
 - Students may upload personal essays, student resumes, and letters of recommendation.







A-State Performance Scholarships

 Students will need to contact the appropriate department for scholarship information.

























A-State Admissions Update

Pamela Bowie Senior Director of Admissions



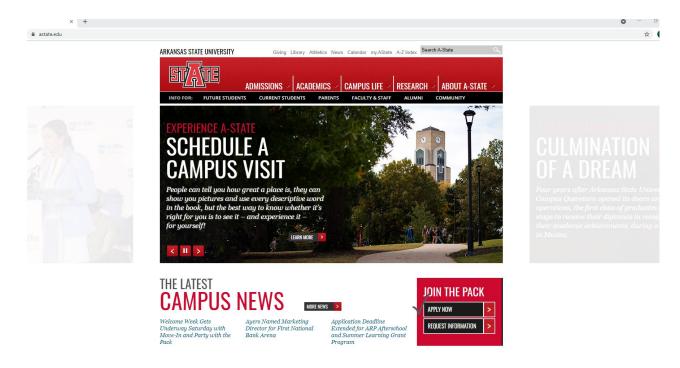


Today's Agenda

- 2022 Admission Application
- Common Admission Issues
- Official Document Submission
- Fall 2022 Admission Standards
- Upcoming Events



2022 Application (astate.edu, Apply Now)





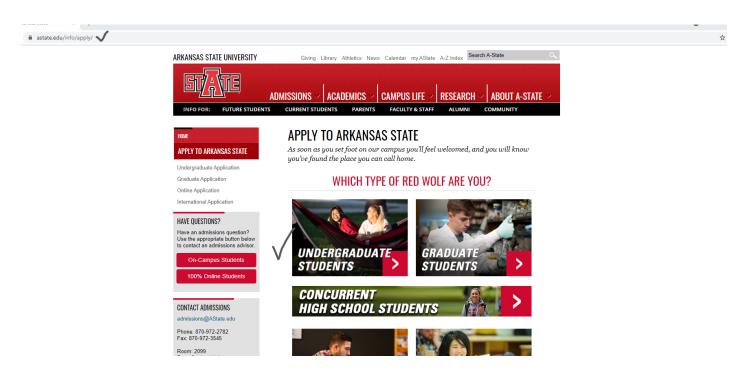








2022 Application (Undergraduate Students)













Returning Users vs. First-Time Users

- Returning users:
 - High school concurrent students
 - Past graduates who applied last year

- First-time users:
 - Most of your applicants
 - Have never utilized this page before

- Keys and tips
 - Don't use your school email address
 - Save your PIN
 - Check your email often









Fee Waivers

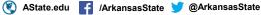
Fee Waiver Information

Do you have a A-State fee waiver code? The code would be a combination of letters and numbers. Do not enter your ACT or College Board fee waiver code here.

Application fee waivers are available for students who: Are a high school concurrent student at one of ASU's partner high schools Are transferring from a community college in the ASU system Have completed the FAFSA and report a \$0 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Qualify for free or reduced lunch Have received an ACT or SAT fee waiver Are active military Currently participate in a federally-funded TRIO program (freshmen and transfers)

You can upload documents verifying your eligibility at the end of this application or email them to admissions@astate.edu. If you plan to submit a fee waiver request do not pay the application fee.







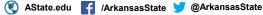


Social Security Numbers

- Not required on the application
- Required for access to the my. AState portal
 - Housing application
 - Class registration
 - Account balance
- Acceptable alternatives
 - Tax ID number
 - DACA number

Students should not make up social security numbers for the purpose of applying or accessing the portal.







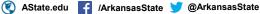




Undocumented Students

- Undocumented students are not prohibited from attending A-State
- Not all undocumented students are DACA students
- Arkansas Act 844:
 - Students may be classified as in-state for the purpose of tuition and fees
 - Students who hold or whose parents have employment authorization documentation (a work permit); or
 - Students who are legal residents of Arkansas and immigrated from the Republic of the Marshall Islands; or
 - Students who have been approved by the US Department of Homeland Security for an exemption under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); AND
 - were raised in Arkansas for at least three years at the time of application; and
 - Either graduated from an Arkansas high school or received a high school equivalency diploma in Arkansas









Official Documents

- Slate.org upload directly to the student's application
 - Go to Slate.org and click on Register.
 - Await account verification from Technolutions.

Slate.org directly links you to over 500 Slate colleges and universities. Each Slate college and university partner will decide which applicant data points they wish to share with schools in Slate.org. These points may include the following:

- · Application Round and Deadline
- · Application Status
- · Application Decision and Decision Date
- · Checklist Items

Go to Students in the navigation toolbar to see a list of your students and their applications.



Partner colleges and universities may allow your institution to upload specific materials on behalf of your students to help fulfill checklist requirements Click on an application to see more details.











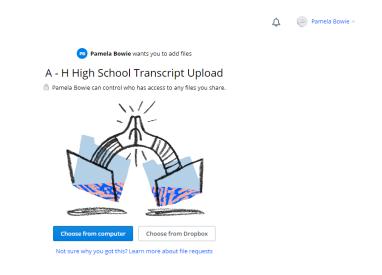
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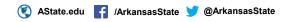
Secure DropBox upload

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- Use the appropriate link based on the student's last name
- Find the PDF when prompted and click upload







Official Documents

- Additional methods:
 - Naviance, Parchment, Scoir, etc.
 - Triand
 - Snail mail:
 - Office of Undergraduate Admissions
 - P O Box 1800
 - State University, AR 72467

Email submission of credentials will not be official for the purposes of admission.









Admission Standards

Effective Fall 2022

- 3.0 minimum cumulative grade point average
- 19 ACT super score or 990 SAT combined highest ERBW + MATH
- Top 20% ranking in high school class (as confirmed on transcript)
 - Test scores are still required for enrollment
 - Acceptable test scores for enrollment:
 - ACT
 - SAT
 - Accuplacer
 - Test scores are still required for merit based scholarships
 - Test scores for scholarships:
 - ACT
 - SAT











Pack Preview - November 6 astate.edu/PackPreview



PACK PREVIEW

November 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

An informative and fun way to find your fit in the Pack!

- · Come and explore our colleges to learn about degrees and majors from world-class faculty!
- · Admissions, Financial Aid & Scholarships, and Student Support Services will all be on hand to answer questions.
- · Meet current students and discover the many ways to get involved outside the classroom!
- . Take a student-led campus tour and see our freshmen residence halls and Living Learning
- . Make your way over to our tailgate at Centennial Bank Stadium for food and games before the game!











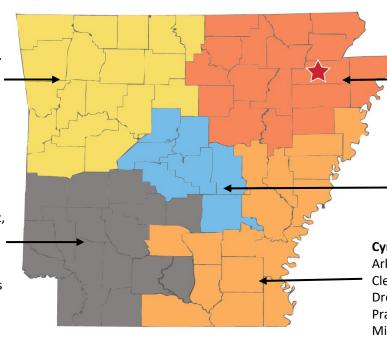
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Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) Programs









ADHE Financial Aid Programs

- Arkansas Challenge/Lottery Scholarship
- Arkansas Concurrent Challenge
- Arkansas Future Grant (ARFuture)
- Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship
- Governor's Distinguished Scholarship
- Law Enforcement Officer's Dependent Scholarship (LEO)
- Military Dependent Scholarship (MDS)
- National Guard Tuition Waiver (NGTW)







YOUniversal Application scholarships.adhe.edu

- Available October 1;
- Search and apply for all ADHE administered scholarship and grants at one time;
- Receive email status notifications;
- Student may manage their account 24/7:
 - May update personal information and college of attendance;
 - Review transcript and test score information.





ADHE YOUniversal Counselors Website









Traditional Challenge/Lottery

Academic Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduate from an Arkansas public high school, private school or home school;
- Earn a 19 super-score on the ACT;
- Deadline is July 1.







Traditional Challenge/Lottery

Basic Eligibility Criteria:

- Be accepted for admission at an approved institution of higher education as a full-time student in a program of study that leads to a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, qualified certificate or a nursing school diploma;
- Applicant <u>must</u> complete the YOUniversal Scholarship Application <u>and</u> the FAFSA.





Challenge/Lottery Scholarship Award Amounts

2 -Year Institutions

- \$1000 Freshman
- \$3000 Sophomore

4-Year Institutions

- \$1000 Freshman
- \$4000 Sophomore
- \$4000 Junior
- \$5000 Senior
- Students who have completed 27 or more college-level hours are eligible to request a waiver for first-year award amount:
 - Must be submitted by June 1. Previous recipients will continue to receive the amounts stipulated in their original award;
- If student has remaining eligibility, they can use the scholarship towards a graduate-level or professional degree
- Maximum award for 4-year institution is 120 hours; 2-year institution is 5 semesters.





Traditional Challenge/Lottery

Enrollment

- At least 12 hours the first Fall semester following high school;
- At least 15 hours each semester thereafter;
- Measured at the end of the 11th class day:
 - Any hours added after the 11th class day do not count for eligibility;
- Only hours enrolled at a <u>single</u> school count.

<u>Renewal</u>

- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA;
- Successfully complete at least 27 hours their first academic year;
- Successfully complete at least 30 hours each academic year thereafter;
- May use summer terms to meet hour and GPA requirements;
- Complete all required remedial courses within the first 30 semester hours after receiving the scholarship.





Concurrent Challenge (ACT 456)

Academic Eligibility Criteria:

- Only high school Junior or Senior qualify
- Up to two concurrent credit courses per semester

Award Amount

\$125 per course





Arkansas Future (ArFuture) Grant

Academic Eligibility Criteria:

- Graduate from an Arkansas public high school, private school, or home school;
- Be enrolled part-time or full-time at an approved institution, in a program of study that leads to an associate degree or a certificate;
- Must complete FAFSA;
- Deadline to apply for <u>Fall</u>: July 1;
- Deadline to apply for <u>Spring</u>: January 10.





Arkansas Future (ArFuture) Grant

Enrollment & Award

- Will allow part-time enrollment;
- Awards based on two-year institution program costs for qualifying Associate and Certificate programs at public institutions;
- Grant will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis;
- Last-to-pay Grant;
- List of the programs available at A-State:

https://static.ark.org/eeuploads/adhefinancial/ArFuture Degrees -Final2020-2021.pdf

Renewal

- Maintain Satisfactory;
 Academic Progress;
- Monthly mentoring per semester;
- Complete 10 hours of community service per semester;
- Once a student graduates, the recipient must work in Arkansas for 3 years.





Governor's Distinguished Scholarship

- 32 ACT score <u>and</u>;
- 3.5 academic GPA, or
- National Merit or National Achievement Finalist;
- Up to 375 awards;
- FAFSA not required.
- Deadline is March 1.





Governor's Distinguished Scholarship

If there is a county in Arkansas that does not have a Distinguished Scholar, the highest ranking applicant from that county will be awarded a Governor's Scholarship at \$5,000 per year.





Governor's Distinguished Scholarship

Enrollment

- At least 12 hours the first Fall semester following high school;
- At least 15 hours each semester thereafter;
- Measured as of the end of the 11th class day:
 - Any hours added after the 11th class da;y do not count for eligibility
- Only hours enrolled at a <u>single</u> school count.

Renewal

- Maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA;
- Successfully complete at least 27 hours their first academic year;
- Successfully complete at least 30 hours each academic year thereafter;
- May use summer terms to meet hour and GPA requirements;
- If student has remaining eligibility, they can use the scholarship towards a graduatelevel or professional degree.





Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship

- Undergraduate dependent/spouse of Arkansas Law Enforcement Officer :
 - Killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty;
 - Dependent must be under 23 years of age.
- Waiver of tuition, fees, and room.
- Deadline is July 1.
- Renewal minimum GPA: 2.0.





Military Dependents Scholarship

- Undergraduate dependent/spouse of service member who:
 - Is Missing in Action (MIA);
 - Was Killed in Action(KIA);
 - Was a Prisoner of War (POW); or
 - Permanently and totally disabled;
- State supported college, university or technical institute;
- Must apply for Chapter 35 benefits from the Veterans Affairs (VA) Office;
- Waiver of tuition, fees, and room and board in excess of VA benefits;
- Deadline is July 1;
- Renewal complete a minimum of 24 hours per academic year along with a minimum GPA of 2.0.





Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program

- Active member of the Arkansas Army/Air National Guard;
- State supported college, university or technical institute;
- Tuition and fees waiver;
- Last-to-pay Grant;
- Must contact their unit.

For more information students may contact the Education Office at the Guard 501-212-4021





Scholarship Hold Request

- Must be requested through the YOUniversal portal and documentation must be submitted explaining the reason for the hold'
- Maximum hold is 24 months (4 semesters) for the following:
 - Medical condition of the student or immediate family member;
 - Personal or immediate family emergency;
 - Military service/training;
 - Service in a national or international humanitarian project;
 - Internship & Co-Op;
 - Financial hardship.





ADHE Contact Information

ADHE Financial Aid Contact

Information: finaid@adhe.edu

501-371-2000





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