



## **A-State Excellence Scholarship Guidelines (2016-17)**

The A-State Excellence 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 A-State Excellence Scholarship provides \$9220 annually (split between fall and spring semesters), this includes up to \$3720 for on campus housing and the remaining \$5500 toward tuition and fees.

\*The scholarship pays for courses (excluding correspondence) taken at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds and housing scholarships are contingent upon the availability of on-campus housing.

\* 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.

\* Students who decline to live in an A-State Jonesboro residence hall will not receive the financial equivalent for off-campus living.

### **How to Qualify:**

\* The scholarship is awarded during the senior year to U.S. citizens who are Arkansas residents graduating from Arkansas high schools.

\* 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 an ACT composite score of 30-31 and a high school minimum GPA of 3.500 on a six-semester transcript.

\* Scholarship deadline is December 1, 2015 and award letters will be mailed the third week of December. All awards are based upon state-supported available funds.

\* A limited number of awards are available.

### **Student Responsibilities for Accepting and Maintaining the A-State Excellence Scholarship Award:**

\* Students who are selected to receive the A-State Excellence will have until May 1, 2016 to accept their award; however it is recommended that they accept the offer within 30 days. The scholarship offer will no longer be valid after May 1, 2016. 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@A-State.edu](mailto:scholarships@A-State.edu).

### **To accept the 16-17 scholarship offer:**

1. Login to <http://mycampus.A-State.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)**

**\* NOTE: Students receiving a room as part of their scholarship package must apply separately for housing through the Office of Residence Life and pay the applicable housing prepayment.**

\* 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 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.

\* Recipients may take classes at the Paragould campus and receive their scholarship value or up to the cost of 15-hours of tuition and fees; whichever is less.

\* 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 campus in Jonesboro or Paragould in addition to the faculty/staff discount.

### **Scholarship Renewal**

- Students are required to maintain an overall 3.250 GPA and successfully complete 30 credit hours (fall and spring combined) each academic year at the A-State campus in Jonesboro or Paragould. 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 3.250 GPA and 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.**