

# A-State Heritage Grant Guidelines (2020-21)

The A-State Heritage Grant is administered through the A-State Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. Any questions concerning the Grant 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 awards 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 1<sup>st</sup> for priority consideration.

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

## What the A-State Heritage Grant Covers:

\* The A-State Heritage Grant provides up to \$3000 (split between fall and spring semesters), toward tuition and fees.

\*The A-State Heritage Grant pays for courses taken at the A-State campus in Jonesboro. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funds.

\* This A-State Heritage Grant is awarded for the freshman year and is not renewable.

## How to Qualify:

\* The A-State Heritage Grant 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 are awarded based on demonstrated need, EFC, and other aid awarded.

\* Awards will begin in December 2019 for eligible recipients and will be awarded on a rolling basis based on funding until June 1, 2020.

\* A limited number of awards are available.

#### Student Responsibilities for Accepting and Maintaining the A-State Heritage Grant Award:

\* Students who are selected to receive the A-State Heritage Grant are advised to accept the Grant 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 Grant offer will no longer be valid.

\* Should you accept the A-State Heritage Grant and later decide to attend another university, please notify the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office in writing or by email <u>Scholarships@astate.edu</u>.

#### To accept the 20-21 A-State Heritage Grant 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 Heritage Grant Offer \*Accept the Terms and Conditions of your A-State Heritage Grant Offer (If accepting Grant)

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\* Enrollment of a minimum 12 credit hours toward a Bachelor's Degree at the A-State campus in Jonesboro is required during the Fall and Spring semester. Concurrent enrollment on another campus **cannot** be used to meet full-time enrollment status nor be paid for by the A-State Heritage Grant. Enrollment is locked on the 11<sup>th</sup> class day. Students in an academic program that is lock-stepped and prohibits 12 hours in any given semester will be allowed to receive their A-State Heritage Grant upon approval of the Scholarship Office and receipt of letter from academic advisor.

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

\* All online degree programs are ineligible for this award.

\* 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 A-State Heritage Grant.

\* 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 A-State Heritage Grant value per semester for credit hours at the A-State Jonesboro campus in addition to the faculty/staff discount.