



A-State Scholar Guidelines (2026-27)

The A-State Scholar is administered through the Honors College. Any questions concerning the scholarship should be directed to the Honors College at (870) 972-2308. Arkansas State University reserves the right to make changes to the scholarship program at any time, based on available funding and eligibility.

What the Scholarship Covers:

- * The A-State Scholar award provides up to \$18,000 annually (split between fall and spring semesters). This includes an overall payment to your student account to be applied up to \$5,000 per semester for tuition and fees, with the remaining award up to \$4,000 per semester for on-campus housing or on-campus meal plan stipend.
- * The scholarship pays for courses taken at the A-State campus only. Awards are contingent upon the availability of funding 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.
- * Eligibility of minimum requirements does not guarantee initial selection for the scholarship.

How to Qualify:

- * The scholarship is awarded during the senior year to U.S. citizens who are 2026 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 a minimum 31 ACT Superscore or New SAT Total of 1400 and a high school minimum GPA of 3.50 on a six-semester transcript.
- * Scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2026. All awards are based upon state-supported available funds and screening through March 1, 2026.
- * **To be considered, students must be admitted to the University by February 1, 2026 and complete the A-State Scholar application at AState.edu/AStateScholar. Students must also submit a student resume, essay, and two reference letters. Your resume should include a listing of cocurricular high school activities, awards and recognition.**
- * A limited number of awards are available and **scholarships are awarded competitively.**

Student Responsibilities for Maintaining the A-State Scholar Award:

Once students have begun their studies at Arkansas State University, the scholarship will be administered through the Honors College. Any questions concerning maintenance of the scholarship should be directed to the Honors College, at (870) 972-2308.

- * Students who are selected to receive the A-State Scholar in the initial round will have until March 2, 2026 to accept their award; The scholarship offer will no longer be valid after March 2, 2026. Students who are selected as alternates for this scholarship will receive an expiry date based on when their offer is extended. Should you accept the scholarship and later decide to attend another university, please notify the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office in writing or by emailing Scholarships@AState.edu.
- * To accept or decline the award for the 2026-2027 academic year
 1. Login to pack.AState.edu using your A-State email address and password.
 2. Under the **Tools** category on the left menu, click the **Banner Student** link.
 3. Select “**Financial Aid Award Offers-View-Accept**,” and choose the Award Year 2026-27.

4. Click on the **Offer tab** and use the drop-down menu to complete the following:

***Accept/Decline your federal and/or 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 University Housing and pay the applicable housing prepayment.

- * Enrollment of a minimum 15 credit hours toward a Bachelor's Degree at the A-State campus 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 upon notification of the Scholarship Office. Please notify the Scholarship Office if you are graduating early.
- * Students must be enrolled in and successfully complete one Honors course per Fall and Spring semesters. Students must fulfill the requirements to graduate "In University Honors," which includes an Honors Senior Thesis, or the scholarship will be revoked.
- * Students must seek a Bachelor's Degree.
- * Online degree programs do not qualify for Institutional Scholarships.
- * Matriculation at the A-State campus must occur in the Fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
- * Any student who is enrolled full-time at another college, university or technical college during a regular semester (Fall or Spring) following high school graduation automatically forfeits the scholarship.
- * Students taking a developmental course as part of their 15 credit hours at the A-State campus who also plan to test out of the course must contact the Scholarships Office before taking the test to discuss possible options for keeping their scholarship.
- * All college coursework is calculated into the overall GPA for scholarship renewal.
- * Students who have grade changes are responsible for contacting the Director of the Honors College so that their scholarship status may be reevaluated.
- * For military exceptions, contact the Registrar's Office (870) 972-2031.
- * Award holders who are dependents of faculty and staff will be paid 26 percent of the tuition and fees scholarship value and 50 percent of the housing scholarship per semester, for A-State credit hours in addition to the faculty/staff discount.

Scholarship Renewal

- Students are required to maintain an overall 3.50 GPA and successfully complete 30 credit hours (fall and spring combined) each academic year at the A-State campus. Note- accepted transfer credits will be calculated into overall GPA.
- Students with incomplete grades will forfeit their scholarship if they do not otherwise meet the scholarship criteria.
- A-State Scholar recipients must be enrolled in and successfully complete one Honors course per Fall and Spring semester.
- 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 3.50 GPA and successfully complete 30 A-State 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 hours and GPA deficit must be taken at the A-State campus.
- Students who do not maintain an overall 3.50 GPA but have at least a minimum 3.00 GPA and successfully complete 30 credit hours (fall and spring combined) at the A-State campus will be placed on the A-State Inspire Scholarship for the duration of their scholarship eligibility.

- Students who have lost their scholarship eligibility have the opportunity to regain eligibility at the A-State Inspire level if the student meets the criteria at the end of the following fall or spring semester after losing their scholarship. Students must have an overall 3.00 GPA and complete 15 A-State hours after fall semester or 30 A-State hours after the spring semester. All coursework must be at the A-State campus. Students meeting this requirement simply need to email their scholarship reinstatement request to Scholarships@AState.edu at the end of the semester, once they regain eligibility. Students will be notified by email after eligibility has been verified.