

# WESTERN YELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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Student Scholarship / Financial Aid Information

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## Information

**Please note that the scholarship information has been compiled through various internet resources which were based on the 2007-2008 school year. The deadlines and information for the current 2008-2009 school year may vary. This is not a comprehensive list of all the scholarships which are available. Students should seek out addition sources, such as the financial aid office of their college of choice, as well as other financial aid websites. Two excellent website sources which provide resources/information at no cost are: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.fundmyfuture.info](http://www.fundmyfuture.info), and [www.arkansasscholarshipconnection.org](http://www.arkansasscholarshipconnection.org). Scholarships are sometimes offered by various companies and corporations, most of these usually are focused toward children of employee's. If you have a college bound senior, ask your place of employment if any scholarships are offered.**

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is usually available after January 1 of each year. ANYONE who plans to attend either college or vocational school needs to complete a FAFSA. The applications can be filled out on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). College-bound seniors should also apply for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship at <http://acs.adhe.edu> (there are eligibility requirements-the biggest one being that 2 years of foreign language is required).**

**Information provided by this packet, college financial aid offices, college recruiters, and web sources are excellent resources in which to start with seeking financial aid and scholarship funds. Students need to talk with their high school counselor regarding scholarships and applications.**

**Many times scholarships are not advertised well. Many companies, corporations, community groups and churches give out scholarships. Don't be afraid to ask people in your community involved in various organizations about scholarships. Your child's college of choice is also essential to check out financial aid/scholarship possibilities. Each school has its own foundational scholarships or private scholarships. Be sure your child applies for scholarships at the school he/she plans to attend; however, make sure your child has applied for admission to the school FIRST.**

**Also, please keep in mind that academic scholarships usually require your child to keep a specific GPA in college. Many times, renewal of scholarships is based on students maintaining a certain GPA.**

**Please make sure that your senior students make their own phone calls and fill out their own applications and forms. They need these basic skills to survive in college. Colleges and universities are required to keep student information confidential. Freshmen fall into the adult category and their information cannot be shared with anyone (even parents) without your child's consent. Therefore, since your child is**

**going to have to handle the details of his or her college experience, do them a favor by preparing them for these responsibilities now.**

SUGGESTIONS FOR SENIORS:

1. Be aware of the deadline for each scholarship for which you plan to apply. The deadline might read “must be postmarked by” or “must be received by”. You may wish to use a calendar which you keep with your scholarship applications to note scholarship deadlines and when you mail/turn in your scholarship application.
2. Give people that you have asked to write letters of recommendation PLENTY of time to write them. Tell them the date that you need the letter and let them know of any specific area (talent, volunteer work, academic area) that needs to be addressed or focused upon in the letter according to scholarship instructions.
3. Prepare a list of school activities, honors, awards, leadership positions, employment, volunteer work, and community activities to help you in filling out scholarship applications. Giving a copy of this to those writing letters of recommendations for you will be extremely helpful.
4. Type your application. If typing is not possible, print your application using black ink.
5. PROOF, PROOF, PROOF... Look for typos, misspellings, and clarity of thought.
6. Fill out the form below then make copies. Give the copies to anyone who is writing a letter of recommendation-but ALWAYS keep one copy for yourself!

## Letter of Recommendation Request

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting From: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please address the letter to the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List School Activities/Clubs/Sports/Hobbies:

List Honors/Awards/Special Skills/Classes (both classes which you may have been taught by this person and your courses; be sure you label AP, Pre-AP and Honors to the courses in which it applies):

Community and School Leadership:

Work:

Community/Volunteer/Church Service:

Family Information (relevant to the recommendation):

Future Goals:

Collegiate Major/Minor:

Other Comments (maybe a reminder of a unique situation that occurred when you were in this class or with this person):

## Scholarship Information

### Local Scholarship Information

**Arkansas Rural Education Association:** One student eligible per school. Applications are sent to the school. Mrs. Kariya will announce. Deadline is in April.

**Arkwest Communications Higher Education Scholarship:** Minimum ACT 20. Applicant must be an ARKWest customer. Scholarship covers tuition at a state school. Recipient can not already be the recipient of a tuition scholarship. Applications are due in April. Forms will be in Mrs. Kariya's office in late February or early March.

**Cops for Kids:** Applications come out in the spring semester. See Mrs. Kariya for an application. She will announce when applications arrive.

**Cowger Scholarship:** One or two scholarships given out each year. The scholarship is for \$2,000/year. This scholarship is renewable for 4 years. Education majors are given priority. Mrs. Kariya has the applications. Applications are due in the spring semester.

**Havana E.H.:** \$500 one- time scholarship. Applications come out in the spring. Pick up from Mrs. Kariya's office.

**Ruritan Scholarship:** The Ruritans offer several scholarships each year. Applications come out in the spring. Pick up applications from Mrs. Kariya's office.

**Shelter Insurance:** 3-\$1500 scholarships to Yell county students. Applications sent to the school. Interview is required.

**State Farm AAA Scholar Athlete:** Must have a 3.5 GPA on a 7 semester transcript. ACT minimum or 21.

**Yell County Farm Bureau:** Yell County resident and enrolled to pursue a degree in agriculture or home economics. \$500 per semester, renewal up 8 semesters. (\$4000 total)

**Seniors:** The Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation Scholarship. Will award \$6000 to students demonstrating academic ability and involvement in school, community, athletics or work. For an application, go to [www.ecisf.org](http://www.ecisf.org). Deadline: Must be submitted by May 15.

**Seniors:** The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship. Will award up to \$12,000 to qualifying students. For more information, details, and an application, go to [www.arkansaschallenge.com](http://www.arkansaschallenge.com). Deadline: Must be submitted by June 1.

**Seniors:** The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Conservation Scholarship. Will award \$2000-\$3000 per year. Must be pursuing a career in the field of natural resources conservation and have a minimum 2.50 gpa. For details and an application, go to [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com) then click on "Education and Classes", then click on "Programs". Deadline: Must be submitted by June 10.

**Seniors:** The Arkansas High-Tech Scholarship Program. Will award 18 scholarships worth a maximum \$500 per academic year. Must enroll full-time in a designated postsecondary technical program, have a minimum 2.50 gpa and 19 ACT. For more information and an application go to <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/Apprenticeship/Hitechscholarship.htm> Deadline: Must be submitted by July 1.

**Seniors:** The Arkansas Education and Training Voucher Program for Foster Youth/Former Foster Youth. Students can receive up to \$5000 a year to attend colleges, universities and vocational training institutions. For details and an application go to [www.statevoucher.org](http://www.statevoucher.org). Deadline: No deadline; however, funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Free Scholarship Search:** The Arkansas Student Loan Authority offers a great "free scholarship search". For information and an application go to [www.asla.info](http://www.asla.info) and click on "college planning".

**Seniors:** Arkansas Student Loan Authority information at <http://www.fundmyfuture.info> This is just beginning, I think, to start programs for financial assistance for nursing majors and education majors.

**AGC FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS - April Deadline.** College sophomores and juniors enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time, four or five-year ABET or ACCE-accredited construction management or construction-related engineering program are eligible to apply. High school seniors and college freshmen are not eligible. However, this is a great opportunity for junior and senior years, when funds begin to dwindle. More information available at <http://www.agc.org/page.wv?section=AGC+Foundation&name=Undergraduate+Scholarships>

**Air Force ROTC Scholarship - Deadline APPLY EARLY.** The 2007 deadline was in January. The scholarship can be worth as much as \$150,000 over four years. ACT, GPA, class rank, and AP/Honors courses are important.

**American Board of Funeral Service Education** this scholarship established to provide financial awards to students enrolled in funeral service or mortuary science programs. Scholarships are generally either in the amount of \$250 or \$500 for an academic year. Students may apply once per calendar year for consideration. For more information and an application, please visit <http://www.abfse.org/html/scholarship.html>.

**American Cancer Society Scholarship - Deadline varies.** Applicants must have had a diagnosis of cancer before the age of 21 and a GPA no lower than 2.5. Awards based on a combination of financial need, scholarship, leadership and community service. For more information and additional scholarship possibilities, please visit [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/SPC/content/SPC\\_1\\_College\\_Scholarships\\_List.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/SPC/content/SPC_1_College_Scholarships_List.asp).

**American Chemical Society Scholars Program - March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.** The American Chemical Society sponsors scholarship programs for qualified applicants who want to enter the fields of chemistry, biochemistry, or chemical engineering, and students seeking a two-year degree in chemical technology. The programs are designed to encourage African-American, Hispanic, and American Indian students to pursue undergraduate college degrees in the chemical sciences and chemical technology. For more information, please visit <http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdisplay.html?DOC=minorityaffairs%5Cscholars.html>

**American Indian Center of Arkansas Scholarship - Deadline April.** A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to attend a two or four year Arkansas college for a graduating senior of Native American descent (must be able to document). Criteria: academic achievement, community service, school activities, leadership qualities, and financial need. Requires Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood documentation.

**American Legion Scholarships - Deadline varies depending on the scholarship for which you are applying.** American Legion offers scholarships for Eagle Scout of the Year, Nursing scholarships, American Legacy Scholarship, and the Samsung Scholarship. More information and applications may be obtained from: [http://www.legion.org/?section=community&subsection=com\\_edaid&subsection2=com\\_scholarships&content=com\\_scholarships](http://www.legion.org/?section=community&subsection=com_edaid&subsection2=com_scholarships&content=com_scholarships)

**American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest - Deadline December – but deadline varies so please consult the local American Legion.** Topic and some phase of the Constitution of the United States. Topics and additional information will be made available at <http://www.arlegion.org/Oratorical.html>.

**Americorps** - This is a work program to earn money for vocational school or college. In exchange for a year of service, full-time AmeriCorps members earn a living allowance, health care, and an educational award of \$4,725 to help pay for college or vocational training. Diverse network of programs across the country tutoring young people, preventing crime, renovating houses, recruiting and training volunteers, and restoring parks and streams. AmeriCorps web site is [www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org) Hotline 1-800-942-2677, press option 7.

**Arkansas AGC Scholarship** – For Arkansas residents enrolling in full-time coursework leading to a degree (associates or bachelors) in a construction related field (such as construction management, civil, mechanical, structural, or electrical engineering). Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please visit [http://www.agcar.net/pdf/safety/agc\\_%20scholarship\\_application.pdf](http://www.agcar.net/pdf/safety/agc_%20scholarship_application.pdf).

**Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship - Deadline June 1st.** Selected applicants will receive \$2000 their freshman year. Scholarship is receivable up to four years. GPA, ACT score, courses taken, and family income considered. **Every senior planning to attend college should apply.** The high school grade point average requirements differ for receiving this scholarship at a four year college or university, and a two-year college. May apply online at: <http://acs.adhe.edu/>. Applications should be available in February.

**Arkansas Association of Federal Coordinators**

\$500 (may be renewable for up to five years) meant to supplement college costs beginning the freshman year. Main requirement is for that students must enroll in an Arkansas college or university – schools can be a junior college, a vocational or technical college, a community college or a university. April/May Deadline.

**Arkansas Association of Financial Aid Administrators**

**Deadline March/April.** Two \$500 scholarships awarded from names mailed to them. Random drawing.

**Arkansas Bankers Association Young Banker Scholarship**

Must be a resident of Arkansas and must be majoring in banking, finance, or business. Must also have plans to enter the banking profession. GPA must be a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Deadline is March. For more information go to [www.arkbankers.org](http://www.arkbankers.org)

**Arkansas Department of Higher Education.** ADHE website: [www.arscholarships.com](http://www.arscholarships.com)

**Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Conservation Scholarship.** Deadline June 1. This \$2,000 scholarship is for a conservation related field. Additional information or applications at <http://www.agfc.com/education-class/programs/conservation-scholarship-program.aspx>

**Arkansas Governor's Commission of People with Disabilities - Deadline January 30.** \$1,000 scholarships for several students. To qualify, a student must have a physical or mental limitation that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as walking, seeing, hearing, or learning. The disability must be documented.

**Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarship - Deadline February** . ACT score of 32 (SAT 1410) and have a GPA of 3.5 or selected as a National Merit Finalist or National Achievement Finalist. Tuition, mandatory fees, room and board up to \$10,000 per year. Renewable. Must attend an Arkansas college. Same application form as Arkansas Governor's Scholarship.

**Arkansas Governor's Scholarship Program - Deadline February** . 75 scholarships awarded on a competitive basis each year in amount of \$4000 per year. Renewable. GPA 3.5 or ACT score of 27. Must attend an Arkansas college.

**Arkansas High-Tech Scholarship Program - Deadline July 1**. Eighteen scholarships awarded to students enrolling in eligible post secondary technical programs. Applicants must have a seven semester GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and an ACT composite score of 19. \$500 per year. More information may be obtained by visiting <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/hightechscholarship.htm>

**\*\*\*Arkansas Public Health Association Scholarship - Deadline March 16**. \$500 scholarship for Arkansas students entering a public health field. Eligibility: GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 system and financial need. For more information, please visit: <http://www.arkpublichealth.org/scholarships.php> .

**Arkansas Broadcasters Assn. Scholarship - Deadline February**. Criteria: Career in broadcasting, attend Arkansas State University. Full tuition scholarship.

**Arkansas State University Agriculture Scholarships**  
**Deadline in March - varies for Different Scholarships**. Amount of scholarship varies from \$500 to \$2500 for students interested in poultry industry, plant science, or general.

**Arkansas Tech University Creative Writing Scholarships**  
**Deadline January**. Six scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 awarded to winners of creative writing contest. These awards may be used to pursue any of Tech's degree programs. More information at [http://lfa.atu.edu/English/CRWR\\_Schol.html](http://lfa.atu.edu/English/CRWR_Schol.html)

**Arkansas Times Academic All Stars** – each school is allowed to nominate two top academic and extracurricular students to compete in this competition. The ten finalists receive a reception and a \$250 cash award. February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**AXA Foundation**.  
**Deadline December 15th**. These scholarships are awarded to 52 seniors who have demonstrated achievement at a job, sport, or extracurricular activity. For more information and to download the scholarship application, go to the website at [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) .

**Ayn Rand Essay Contest - Deadline April 15th.** For more information, please visit [http://www.aynrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education\\_contests\\_index](http://www.aynrand.org/site/PageServer?pagename=education_contests_index).

**Barbara Mashburn Scholarship** - Students interested in vocal music may make an application and then audition for this scholarship. Students do not necessarily have to major in music, but must plan to minor in it or be involved with a music program. Students who receive the scholarship must be willing to perform at Mashburn events. More information is available at <http://www.mashburnfoundation.org>

**Best Buy Community Volunteer Service Awards / Dollars for Scholars - Deadline February 5th.** \$500 awards for students making extraordinary contributions to their communities and who have strong academic records. For use in colleges, universities or vo-techs. Download application materials (after December 2006) at <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/scholarships.asp>

**Best Teen Chef** - Scholarship Award for students who plan to pursue a degree in the Culinary Arts from the Art Institute of Dallas. The deadline for entering the scholarship is February 9, 2007. For more information and an application, please visit <http://www.artinstitutes.edu/btc/>.

**Burger King Scholars Award - Deadline December 15th.** \$1000 scholarships for college or vocational school. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, work part-time, be involved in community or extracurricular activities, have written recommendations of principal and employer, and have financial need for scholarship funds. Only one nomination can be made per school. For more information, please visit <http://www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/bkscholars/> .

**Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program** - The scholarship program is open to high school seniors from all 50 states. The student applicant must come from farm family and plan to pursue a career in the field of agriculture. One-time awards of \$1,500 will be made to 100 high school seniors chosen by an impartial selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders. Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information or application go online to <http://www.nafb.com/nafbfiles/foundationsscholarship08.pdf>

**Coca-Cola Scholarship - Deadline October 31st.** 250 scholarships awarded nationally. Minimum GPA 3.0. Active involvement in school activities required. Scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$20,000 are available. Application must be made on-line. For more information, please visit: <https://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/jsp/scholars/FAQ.jsp>

**Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program - Deadline February.** Awards of \$1500 made to 100 high school seniors who come from a farm family and plan to pursue a career in agriculture. Open to high school seniors across the U.S, the scholarship program awards one-time gifts of \$1500 to 100 students annually. Applications for the 2006 scholarships will be available in November 2005 at the following: [www.monsanto.com](http://www.monsanto.com), [www.nafb.com](http://www.nafb.com), and [www.ffa.com](http://www.ffa.com).

**\*\*\*\*Creative Arts Scholarship** – Must be an Arkansas resident who is or has been a member of Arkansas 4-H Club, FCCLA, FBLA or FFA and who has exhibited a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place item in the Junior Creative Arts Department at the Agricultural Fairs in the State of Arkansas and the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock show. Student must have a 3.0 GPA and an ACT score of 18. Applicant should have and present evidence of leadership abilities and economic need. The names of the scholarships are the Witt Stephens Creative Arts Scholarships (2 - \$2500) and Maurice Smith Scholarship (1 - \$500). Last years deadline was June 15<sup>th</sup> and the application needed to be obtained and submitted to the Arkansas Livestock Show Association. The phone number is 501-372-8341 Ext. 605 or the e-mail is [jeannie@asfg.net](mailto:jeannie@asfg.net).

**DAR National Society** - The DAR Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to qualified applicants regardless of race religion, sex or national origin. All multi-year scholarships, typically renewable up to four years, must be for consecutive years of attendance at an accredited college or university in the United States. The ONLY exception is the American Indian Scholarship that is available for students pursuing vocational training. Deadlines vary, for more information please visit: [http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout\\_scholar.cfm](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/edout_scholar.cfm).

**DECA Inc. Scholarships** - **Deadline February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Students involved in DECA have numerous opportunities for scholarships, interested students should visit: <http://www.deca.org/schol.html>.

**Duck Tape Scholarship** - **Duck Tape is offering a \$5,000 (\$2,500 each) scholarship to the high school couple who has the most unique prom outfits made out of duck tape.** For official rules, previous winners, and entry requirements visit <http://www.ducktapeclub.com/contests/prom/default.asp>.

**Educational Communications Foundation Scholarship** - **Deadline May.** 200 scholarships of \$1,000 each offered. \$3.50 processing fee. Must have taken the ACT or SAT. For more information, visit: <http://www.ecisf.org/>.

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - Deadline: Fill out as soon as possible after January 1st of senior year.** This application covers several financial programs: Pell Grant, Perkins Loan, college work-study, Stafford Loans, and state grant. Eligibility is based on income information from the preceding year. Recommended that every student planning to attend college or vocational school apply. Submit a FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify for aid. Not qualifying for federal aid is sometimes a prerequisite for private awards.

**FEEA Scholarship Program** - For civilian federal employees and their dependent family members (spouse/child). Adult children and other relatives are eligible if claimed on the sponsoring employee's tax return. Scholarship requires a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Deadline is March. For more information, please visit <http://www.feea.org/>.

**Governor's Scholars Program - Deadline February 1<sup>st</sup>.** Eligibility criteria is based 25% on high school grade point average in academic courses (must have a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale), 25% on class rank, 40% on ACT or SAT composite score, and 10% on school leadership and community leadership)

**Health Administration Section - Deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup>.** \$500 scholarship awarded to high school senior interested in pursuing a health-related career. More information may be obtained by calling Ms. Riley at 870-628-5121. For more information, please visit [http://arkedu.state.ar.us/students/has\\_scholarship.pd](http://arkedu.state.ar.us/students/has_scholarship.pd).

**Hendrix College Hays Memorial Scholarship - Deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Prestigious scholarship offered for students who plan to attend Hendrix. Scholarship is awarded to four freshmen and provides funds for tuition, room, board, and required fees. Students must achieve a 3.6 GPA in college preparatory courses and score a minimum ACT composite of 32 or minimum SAT total of 1410.

**Holocaust Remembrance Project - Deadline April 30<sup>th</sup>.** This is an excellent scholarship opportunity for students interested in history. Each year, this foundation has an essay contest. The winners win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. as well as a college scholarship worth \$2500 to \$10000. Open to grades 9-12. For more information visit [holocaust.hklaw.com](http://holocaust.hklaw.com)

**Horatio Alger Scholarship - Deadline is October 30<sup>th</sup>.** Horatio Alger Scholarship seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Minimum GPA is 2.0 and students must be US citizens who will graduate from high school in 2007 and pursue a bachelor's degree. More information is available at [www.horatioalger.org](http://www.horatioalger.org)

**Johnson & Wales University FBLA Scholarship Application - Deadline February 1.** Scholarships from \$500 up to full tuition. Applicants must be a FBLA member.

**Johnson & Wales University National Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Scholarship Competition** - Deadline January. Resume, 250 word essay, and transcript required.

**Keppra Family Epilepsy Scholarship Program** – UCB, Inc. will award 30 one-time scholarships in 2006 as follows: \*Twenty \$5,000 scholarships to epilepsy patients, \*Ten \$5,000 scholarships to family members or caregivers of epilepsy patients, Scholarship awards will be made payable to the institution of higher education for tuition and fees. To view the Scholarship Selection Criteria or to download an application, go to Keppra's website at [http://www.keppra.com/pc/helpful\\_resources/scholarship\\_program.asp](http://www.keppra.com/pc/helpful_resources/scholarship_program.asp).

**KFC Colonel's Scholars Program** – for outstanding seniors with financial need and entrepreneurial spirit. Must be a graduating senior, U.S. citizen, have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, plan to attend a public, in-state college or university, and must be pursuing a bachelor's degree. For more information call 1-866-KFC-7240 or visit <http://www.kfcscholars.org/>.

**Kohl's Kids Who Care Program** - Deadline March 15th. Ten \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to students ages 6 through 18 based on volunteer activities. Application can be obtained at any Kohl's store or downloaded at <http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/Community05.htm>

**Law Enforcement Officers Dependents' Scholarship** - Dependent children or spouses of persons killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty as a law enforcement officer, fireman, forester, correctional officer, Punishment Department employees, and Transportation Department employees. Covers tuition, mandatory fees, room at an approved Arkansas public college, university or technical institute. Interested students should visit: <http://www.arkansashighered.com/lawenforcement.html> .

**Lyon College Merit-Based Scholarship** - Deadline January. Outstanding students submit an application for scholarships ranging from \$7,500 to tuition, room and board. Interview is required. Interested students may visit: <http://www.lyon.edu/admissions/financialAid/scholarships.asp#merit> .

**MIA/KIA Dependents' Scholarship** - Deadline August 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall term. Covers tuition, room and board, and mandatory fees at an Arkansas institution. Full-time undergraduate/graduate students who are dependent children or spouses of persons declared killed in action, missing in action, or prisoners of war from 1960 or after. Must attend a Arkansas public college, university, or technical school. Interested students should visit: <http://www.arkansashighered.com/miakia.html> .

**National Commission for Cooperative Education** - For students who will be participating in a cooperative education program in college. Sixty-nine renewable scholarships will be awarded. Cooperative education programs allow students to work in the field while receiving their education. UALR offers some programs that have cooperative education. More information can be found at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) .

**National Cooperative Fisheries Scholarship Program** - Deadline April 30<sup>th</sup>. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff offers scholarships covering tuition and fees, room and board, stipends, books. Must have strong desire to work in field of fisheries/natural resources management. Requires travel and work during summers. For more information and an application, please visit [http://www.uaex.edu/aqfi/undergrad/scholarships/pdf/NCFS\\_Scholarship\\_Application\\_2008.pdf](http://www.uaex.edu/aqfi/undergrad/scholarships/pdf/NCFS_Scholarship_Application_2008.pdf) .

**National High School Essay Contest - Deadline March 13th.** Applicants must be in grades 10-12. First prize \$5,000, for the winning essay on a given theme. Over \$20,000 awarded. For more information, please visit <http://www.afsa.org/essaycontest/>.

**National Science Foundation Scholarships** - Students in disciplines of information technology, mathematics, and engineering may receive up to \$3,125 per year. Students must be eligible for a Pell Grant and have a 3.0 GPA.

**Navy ROTC Scholarships - Deadline Apply Early.** Full tuition, \$250 per month. Room and board varies with college/university. ACT scores must be 22 in English, and 22 in Math. Online application at [https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships\\_application.cfm](https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships_application.cfm).

**Padgett Business Services Foundation Scholarship** – Scholarships for dependents of owners of small, independent businesses throughout North America. A series of \$500 scholarships will be awarded. For more information and to view the 2006 application (2007 isn't ready yet), please visit <http://www.smallbizpros.com/newsite/scholar.htm>

**Phi Delta Kappa International Scholarship - Deadline January 15.** Scholarships from \$1000 to \$5000 for students planning to major in education. Criteria used for selection of scholarship recipients: an interest in teaching or professional education career, academic achievement, letters of recommendation, written expression, school and community activities and after school employment. For more information, please visit [http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros\\_edu.htm](http://www.pdkintl.org/awards/pros_edu.htm)

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards - Deadline October 29.** Awards from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Must have engaged in a volunteer activity. Students in grades 5-12 are eligible. One student selected for every 1000 from grades 5-12. For more information, please visit [http://www.principals.org/s\\_nassp/sec.asp?CID=539&DID=48173](http://www.principals.org/s_nassp/sec.asp?CID=539&DID=48173).

**Ralph G. Norman Scholarship** – this scholarship was established to provide assistance to young adults with learning disabilities so they may obtain success with independent living skills. Two scholarships of \$2000 each will be awarded. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ldaarkansas.org/scholarships.html>.

**Ray Buckner Memorial Scholarships - Deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>**. For students who complete twelve hours at University of Arkansas Fort Smith with a 3.0 and plan to continue their studies. Financial need, strong civic involvement, and extra-curricular activities are also part of the criteria.

**Republican Party of Arkansas Scholarships** – the various scholarships are for high school and college students. The amount of each scholarship is \$1,000. Application deadline in 2006 was June 15<sup>th</sup>. Students need to be actively involved in Young Republicans organization and must be enrolling in an in-state college. The 2006 contact was Clint Reed (501-372-7301).

**Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship - Deadline February**. Eligibility requires high grades and standardized test scores. Approximately 62 scholarships of \$1500 each. For more information and application visit <http://arkedu.state.ar.us/commemos/printview.cgi?filename=2363>

**Rockefeller Scholarships - Deadline April**. \$1,000 scholarship per semester. For African American students attending an accredited college in Pulaski County. 2.5 GPA, good citizenship, extracurricular activities and principal's or counselor's letter of recommendation.

**SAE 2006 Engineering Scholarships - Deadline is December 1**. Engineering students need to apply SAE Engineering Scholarships. Go to [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm) or see Mrs. Shelton for more information.

**The Society of American Military Engineers Scholarship** - to qualify the student must be a graduating high school senior who has attended a SAME camp, the student must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0., the student must plan to study engineering, or a related field, at their college or university, the student must plan to enroll in an ROTC program. The scholarship is worth a total of \$5,000, to be paid evenly over a four-year period, based on the student's continued enrollment in an engineering, architecture or related program and a cumulative 3.0 GPA. For more information, please visit <http://www.same.org/i4a/forms/form.cfm?id=91>.

**2006 Sam Walton Community Scholarship** - Interested graduating high school seniors need to visit: [http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/Education.jsp?BV\\_SessionID=@@@@2043841260.1187290267@@@@&BV\\_EngineID=cccfaddkmiedjejcfkfcfkdgoodglg.0&oid=-10260&coid=-10299](http://www.walmartfoundation.org/wmstore/goodworks/scripts/Education.jsp?BV_SessionID=@@@@2043841260.1187290267@@@@&BV_EngineID=cccfaddkmiedjejcfkfcfkdgoodglg.0&oid=-10260&coid=-10299) for more information. Students will apply for the Sam Walton Community Scholarship on-line at [www.scholarshipadministrators.net](http://www.scholarshipadministrators.net) Applicants must use the access code (SWCS) to complete the application. Deadline is mid-January.

**Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year Award (SAMMY) - Deadline March**. \$7,500 scholarship. Excellence in sports, academics, leadership, and community service. To view previous winners, please visit [http://www.bodybymilk.com/sammy\\_2007.htm](http://www.bodybymilk.com/sammy_2007.htm) SAMMY applications accepted online at [www.whymilk.com](http://www.whymilk.com) (if the website does not change for 2008).

**Senate Youth Program - Deadline September 30**. Juniors or seniors interested in government and political science who served in an elected capacity in student government. Two delegates from each state chosen to go to Washington D.C. for a week and receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

**Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Scholarship** – is a scholarship intended for students whose parent/guardian works in the school transportation field. To qualify, the parent/guardian family must have a Gross Taxable income less than \$60,000 for each of the past five tax years. The parent/guardian must have been actively employed in public school transportation for the past five years. For more information, please visit <http://arkedu.state.ar.us/commemos/printview.cgi?filename=2913>.

**Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Scholarship - Deadline postmarked by November 7th.** Five scholarships valued at \$40,000 each to be awarded to applicants who are children of a parent who has died from breast cancer.

**THEA Foundation Scholarships** - For student interested in pursuing visual and performing arts. Application requirements and more information can be found at [www.theafoundation.org](http://www.theafoundation.org)

**Tylenol Scholarship - April deadline.** Ten \$10,000 awards or 150 \$1000 awards offered to student in health-related fields of study. More information will be available (probably after January or February) at <http://www.tylenol.com/page.jhtml?id=tylenol/news/subptyschol.inc>.

**U of A Bodenhamer Fellowship - Deadline February.** Fellowship worth up to \$48,000 each year. ACT of 32, or National Merit Semifinalist, show strong leadership, proficient or willing to become proficient in a second language, and demonstrate integrity. For more information, visit <http://dailyheadlines.uark.edu/4954.htm>.

**U of A Boyer Scholarship - Deadline February 15th.** \$12,000 annually. The following criteria of: 3.5 GPA, a score of 30 on ACT, (1320 SAT), National Merit Semifinalist or National Achievement Semifinalist. Letter of recommendation required. Proof of financial need and a FAFSA must be completed prior to selection. For more information, please visit <http://dailyheadlines.uark.edu/4777.htm>.

**Uof A Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences Multicultural Scholarship - Deadline March 1st.** Scholarship covers full tuition, room and board for ethnic minority students. For more information, visit [admissions.uark.edu/app/app\\_pages\\_13-14\(housing\\_and\\_campus\\_services\).pdf](http://admissions.uark.edu/app/app_pages_13-14(housing_and_campus_services).pdf)

**U of A Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences Poultry Science Department Scholarships** - Telephone 501-575-4952. Fax 501-575-3026. Incoming freshmen must have 3.5 GPA and ACT score of 24. Volunteer work is required. For more information, please visit [http://www.uark.edu/rd\\_afls/39.htm](http://www.uark.edu/rd_afls/39.htm).

**University of Arkansas Engineering Scholarships - Deadline February 15th.** For engineering majors, scholarships of \$1,000 to \$5,000. Letters of recommendation and short essay required. For more information, please visit <http://www.cheg.uark.edu/scholarships.asp>.

**U of A Sturgis Fellowship - Deadline February 1st.** Three letters of recommendation, essays, and seventh semester transcript is required. Superior academic performance in curriculum and in college admission test. Applications available on line at [www.uark.edu](http://www.uark.edu)

**UCA Alpha Kappa Lambda Scholarship - Deadline June 15th.** Scholarship for a male high school senior who will attend UCA, has a 3.0 GPA and a minimum ACT score of 24.

**UCA Privately Funded Scholarships - Due in March.** Anyone attending UCA should apply. For more information visit [www.uca.edu/foundation/scholarships/](http://www.uca.edu/foundation/scholarships/)

**University of Arkansas Alumni Scholarship - Deadline February 15th.** Three types of scholarships based on academic achievement involvement in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership. High school seniors who have been accepted to the University of Arkansas, are eligible to apply. Requires three letters of recommendation (two from school and one from outside of school). **Students planning to attend U of A should apply for this scholarship!** For more information, visit <http://arkalum.org/?page=students/scholarships/scholarships.inc&sub=sf1>.

**UALR Chancellor's Leadership Corps Scholarship - Deadline March 1st.** Full tuition and fees, plus \$125 per semester for four years. Requirements: excellence in leadership, scholarship, and character. For more information, please visit <http://ualr.edu/admissions/scholarships/awardamounts.asp>.

**UALR Construction Management Scholarship - Deadline May 3rd.** Requirement: Must apply for admission to UALR. Selection committee will consider need, career goals, community and school involvement, and GPA. For more information, please visit <http://cmdept.ualr.edu/forms.html>.

**UALR Cyber Scholars Program Scholarships - Deadline March 15th.** For majors in Computer Science, Information Science and Systems Engineering. Full tuition and fees, housing, book stipend, \$500 stipend per semester, renewable. For more information, please visit <http://ualr.edu/admissions/scholarships/awardamounts.asp>.

**UALR Private Scholarships - Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Any student attending UALR should apply. For more information, contact the Office of Development (phone number: 501-569-3194). For more information, please visit <http://www.ualr.edu/development/category.asp?ID=8>.

**UALR Donaghey Scholars Program - Deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>, but application accepted through March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Scholarship opportunity based on academic achievement. Selective scholarship, but provides opportunity to study abroad and is a package that may total between \$40,000 – \$60,000. For more information, please visit <http://www.ualr.edu/dsp/>.

**UCA Privately Funded Scholarships - Deadline March 19<sup>th</sup>.** Application, transcript, copy of parent's tax return to be sent to UCA Foundation Scholarship Committee. Leadership, ACT financial need, achievement considered. For more information, please visit [www.uca.edu/foundation/scholarships.php](http://www.uca.edu/foundation/scholarships.php).

**University of Missouri-Rolla Gerald L. and Eugenia Bradford Stevenson Scholarship - November deadline.** For students majoring in Chemical Engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla. The scholarship is primarily for an out of state student and is intended to assist with tuition and fees. For more information, please visit <http://chemeng.UMR.edu/currentstudents/scholarships.html>.

**University of Ozarks Alumni Scholarship - Deadline January.** \$500 scholarships. Good moral character and at least a 3.0 GPA. List of three references and phone numbers required.

**USA Today All-USA High School Academic Team** USA TODAY's All-USA High School Academic Team honors high school seniors as representatives of all outstanding high school students in the country. The 20 First Team members each receive a trophy and a \$2,500 cash award and have their photographs published and high school accomplishments noted in USA TODAY. For more information, please visit <http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/hs-request-form.htm>.

**US Bank Internet Scholarship Program** – this is a lottery type of scholarship program. Students must register at the website to be eligible for the scholarship. The information was posted last year around December on [www.usbank.com/studentbanking](http://www.usbank.com/studentbanking).

**VFW Voice of Democracy - Deadline November 1st.** Audio essay competition offered to 9th - 12th grade students. State finalist receives a trip to Washington D.C. to compete for a share of \$125,000 in National Scholarships (top scholarship is \$25,000) Three to five minute audio essay cassette tape. For more information, please visit <http://vfw11508.brinkster.net/VOD.html>.

**Washington Crossing Foundation - Deadline January 1st.** Scholarships of \$1,500 to \$10,000 for students planning careers in government service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. For additional information and application instructions, visit the web site at <http://college.enotes.com/scholarships-loans/washington-crossing-foundation>.

**Wells Fargo College STEPS Scholarship Program.** \$1,000 scholarships to 100 seniors, 2 random drawings. Sign up at <http://www.wellsfargo.com/student/planning/started/scholarships/steps.jhtml>

#### **Yvonne Keaton-Martin Scholarship Application**

**February deadline.** For students planning to attend U of A. Selection committee will give consideration to students with solid academic backgrounds, strong recommendations, community service, leadership experiences and financial need. The committee will also give preference to students that intend to major in business, health-related studies, communications, or information technology. Students must be a resident of Fort Smith or in the geographic area within 25 miles.

- **Two grant programs have also been established for Pell grant eligible students.**
- **One is called the Academic Competitiveness Grant and the other is the National SMART grant.**
- **For more information and eligibility requirements on the National SMART grant, please visit <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/SmartGrants.jsp?tab=funding>**
- **For more information and eligibility requirements of the Academic Competitiveness Grant, please visit <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/AcademicGrants.jsp>**

## **Military Scholarships**

These scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit rather than financial need.

### **Army Reserve Officer Training Corps**

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarships are offered at hundreds of colleges. Application packets and information about eligibility can be obtained by telephone (1-800-872-7682) or at [www.armyrotc.com](http://www.armyrotc.com)

### **Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps**

AFROTC college scholarship program targets students pursuing technical degrees, such as certain engineering and science programs, although students entering a wide variety of majors may be accepted. Information about AFROTC scholarships is available from: 1-866-423-7682 or on line at [www.afrotc.com](http://www.afrotc.com)

### **Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps**

NJROTC offers both two-year and four-year scholarships. For information call 1-800-NAV-ROTC or visit <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil>

## **Financial Aid Web Sites**

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) – The Financial Aid Information Page, Comprehensive information on financial aid.

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/> – Information to help plan your career, select a school, pay for college

[www.ed.gov/prog\\_info/SFA/StudentGuide - W.S](http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide-W.S)> Department of Education's Student Financial Aid Guide (also available in Spanish

[http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/FundingEduBeyondHighSchoolSp\\_0708.pdf](http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/attachments/siteresources/FundingEduBeyondHighSchoolSp_0708.pdf))

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>. Department of Education's site on Financial Aid

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) – FAFSA on the web. Fill out the financial aid application on-line.

[www.Collegeispossible.org](http://www.Collegeispossible.org) – College affordability and financial aid.

[www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com) – National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and Peterson's jointly sponsored web site for financial aid and college admissions

## Scholarship Searches:

[www.arkansasscholarshipconnection.org](http://www.arkansasscholarshipconnection.org) – Free Arkansas scholarship database

[www.asla.state.ar.us](http://www.asla.state.ar.us) – Arkansas Student Loan Authority. Free scholarship search and links

[www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchttop.html](http://www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html/ssrchttop.html) - ExPAN database

[www.srnexpress.com/scholarships/index.cfm](http://www.srnexpress.com/scholarships/index.cfm) - Scholarship Research Network

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com) –Mach25 Database

[www.iasf.org/index.htm](http://www.iasf.org/index.htm) - Scholarships for Native American Students

<http://www.heath.gwu.edu/links> – Lists organizations that offer disability-related grants and scholarships

<http://www.arkansashighered.com/aidprograms.html> – Lists scholarship info. For Arkansas Department of Higher Education

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) – Free scholarship search engine

\*Please be aware that some of the above scholarship searches may request your name and other personal data. This information may be used by that company or other companies for advertising purposes, etc.

## Save Your Money, Save Your Identity: Avoid Financial Aid Fraud and Identity Theft

\* obtained from: <http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/Fraud.jsp>

**Save Your Money - Don't Pay for Help Finding Money for College - Commercial financial aid advice services can cost well over \$1,000. You might have heard or seen these claims at seminars, over the phone from telemarketers, or online:**

- **"You can't get this information anywhere else."** If you are patient and organized, you can find all the information you need yourself — free. We've provided a list of sources below.
- **"Give me your credit card or bank account number and I will hold financial aid for you."** Never give out a credit card or bank account number unless you know the company or organization you are giving it to is legitimate.
- **"Buy now or miss this opportunity."** Don't give in to pressure tactics. Remember, the "opportunity" is a chance to give a company money for information you could find for free elsewhere.

### **Try these free sources of information:**

- a college or career school financial aid office
- a high school counselor
- the U.S. Department of Education's [Web site](#)
- the [Federal Student Aid Information Center](#)
- [other federal agencies](#) (including the military, if appropriate)
- your state education agency
- the reference section of your school or public library
- FREE online scholarship searches
- foundations, religious organizations, community organizations, local businesses and civic groups
- organizations (including professional associations) related to your field of interest
- ethnicity-based organizations
- your employer or your parents' employers

***Don't Pay for the FAFSA*** - Several Web sites offer help filing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) for a fee. These sites are not affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education. We urge you not to pay these sites for assistance that is provided free elsewhere. The official FAFSA is at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov), and you can get free help from:

- the financial aid administrator at your college
- the FAFSA's online help at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov)
- the [Federal Student Aid Information Center](#)

If you are asked for your credit card information while filling out the FAFSA online, you are not at the official government site. Remember, the FAFSA site address has **.gov** in it!

### **Save Your Identity - Keep Your Information Safe - How Does Identity Theft Happen?**

Criminals use their access to personal data such as names, Social Security numbers, and bank and credit card information. Using the stolen data, the criminal can fraudulently obtain credit cards, buy items over the Internet, and even establish cellular phone accounts.

### **Reduce Your Risk**

- Apply for federal student aid by filling out the FAFSA at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).
- After completing the FAFSA online, exit the application and close the browser.
- Get your PIN by clicking on the FAFSA link at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).
- Don't reveal your PIN to anyone, even if that person is helping you fill out the FAFSA.
- Review your financial aid award documents and keep track of the amount of aid applied for and awarded.
- Shred receipts and copies of documents with personal information if they are no longer needed.
- Immediately report all lost or stolen identification (credit card, driver's license, etc.) to the issuer.

**Report Financial Aid Fraud-** A company charging for financial aid advice is not committing fraud unless it doesn't deliver what it promises. For more information about financial aid fraud or to report fraud, call the Federal Trade Commission toll free at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or go to

[www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams).

**Report Identity Theft-** If you become a victim of identity theft or suspect that your student information has been stolen, contact your local police as well as:

**U.S. Department of Education**  
Office of Inspector General Hotline  
1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733)  
[complain online](#)

**Federal Trade Commission**  
1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338)  
[complain online](#)

**Social Security Administration**  
1-800-269-0271  
[www.ssa.gov/pubs/idtheft.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/idtheft.htm)

**Equifax Credit Bureau**  
1-800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian Information Solutions (Formerly TRW)**  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**TransUnion Credit Bureau**  
1-800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

## Arkansas State Colleges and Universities

### **Four Year Public Universities**

Arkansas State University....[www.astate.edu](http://www.astate.edu)....1-800-382-3030  
Arkansas Tech University....[www.atu.edu](http://www.atu.edu)....1-800-582-5963  
Henderson State University....[www.hsu.edu](http://www.hsu.edu)....1-800-228-7333  
Southern Arkansas University....[www.saumag.edu](http://www.saumag.edu)....1-800-332-7286  
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville....[www.uark.edu](http://www.uark.edu)....1-800-377-8632  
University of Arkansas, Fort Smith....[www.uafortsmith.edu](http://www.uafortsmith.edu)....1-888-512-5466  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock....[www.ualr.edu](http://www.ualr.edu)....1-800-482-8892  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences....[www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu)....501-686-5730  
University of Arkansas at Monticello....[www.uamont.edu](http://www.uamont.edu)....1-800-844-1826  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff....[www.uapb.edu](http://www.uapb.edu)....1-800-264-6585  
University of Central Arkansas....[www.uca.edu](http://www.uca.edu)....1-800-243-8245

### **Two Year Public Colleges**

Arkansas Northeastern College....[www.anc.edu](http://www.anc.edu)....870-762-1020  
Arkansas State University - Beebe....[www.asub.edu](http://www.asub.edu)....501-882-3600  
Arkansas State University - Newport....[www.asun.edu](http://www.asun.edu)....870-512-7800  
Arkansas State University - Mountain Home....[www.asumh.edu](http://www.asumh.edu)....870-508-6100  
Black River Technical College....[www.blackrivertech.edu](http://www.blackrivertech.edu)....870-248-4000  
Cossatot Community College of U of A....[www.cccua.edu](http://www.cccua.edu)....870-584-4471  
East Arkansas Community college....[www.eacc.edu](http://www.eacc.edu)....870-508-6100  
Mid South community College....[www.midsouthcc.edu](http://www.midsouthcc.edu)....870-733-6722  
National Park Community College....[www.npcc.edu](http://www.npcc.edu)....501-760-4222  
North Arkansas College....[www.northark.edu](http://www.northark.edu)....870-743-3000  
Northwest Arkansas Community College....[www.nwacc.edu](http://www.nwacc.edu)....1-800-337-0266  
Ouachita Technical College....[www.otcweb.edu](http://www.otcweb.edu)....501-337-5000  
Ozarka College....[www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu)....1-800-821-4335  
Phillips Community College of the U of A....[www.pccua.edu](http://www.pccua.edu)....870-338-6474  
Pulaski Technical College....[www.pulaskitech.edu](http://www.pulaskitech.edu)....501-812-2200  
Rich Mountain Community College....[www.rmcc.edu](http://www.rmcc.edu)....479-394-7622  
South Arkansas Community College....[www.southark.edu](http://www.southark.edu)....870-862-8131  
University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville....[www.uaccb.edu](http://www.uaccb.edu)....870-793-7581  
University of Arkansas Community College at Hope....[www.uacch.edu](http://www.uacch.edu)....870-777-5722  
University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton....[www.uaccm.edu](http://www.uaccm.edu)....501-354-2465

### **Independent Colleges and Universities**

Arkansas Baptist College....[www.arkansasbaptist.edu](http://www.arkansasbaptist.edu)....501-374-7856  
Central Baptist College....[www.cbc.edu](http://www.cbc.edu)....1-800-205-6872  
Crowley's Ridge College....[www.crowleysridgecollege.edu](http://www.crowleysridgecollege.edu)....1-800-264-1096  
Harding University....[www.harding.edu](http://www.harding.edu)....1-800-477-4407  
Hendrix College....[www.hendrix.edu](http://www.hendrix.edu)....1-800-277-9017  
John Brown University....[www.jbu.edu](http://www.jbu.edu)....1-877-JBU-INFO  
Lyon College....[www.lyon.edu](http://www.lyon.edu)....1-800-423-2542  
Quachita Baptist University....[www.obu.edu](http://www.obu.edu)....1-800-342-5628  
Philander Smith College....[www.philander.edu](http://www.philander.edu)....1-800-446-6772  
University of the Ozarks....[www.ozarks.edu](http://www.ozarks.edu)....1-800-264-8636  
Williams Baptist University....[www.wbcoll.edu](http://www.wbcoll.edu)....1-800-722-4434

## **Athlete Information**

**Students who plan to play college sports – and especially those who plan to play for NCAA Division I or II schools, need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Eligibility requirements and registration documents are available at the following address:**

**<https://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net/NCAA/common/index.html>**

## **Student Loan Information**

For information on student loans please visit:

<http://www.finaid.org/loans/>

## **Cancellation/Forgiveness of student loans**

There are some careers that are in such high demand that the state and federal government are doing all they can to recruit and retain people in these fields. Students who will be working in Advanced Manufacturing, Computer/Information Technology, and Biomedical/Biotechnology should check into the options for loan forgiveness at <http://dwe.arkansas.gov/LoanForgiveness/atcslfp.htm>.

Students who plan to go into nursing should check into the following programs: NELRP (Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program) is a competitive program that repays 60 percent of the qualifying loan balance of registered nurses selected for funding in exchange for 2 years of service at a critical shortage facility. Participants may be eligible to work a third year and receive an additional 25 percent of the qualifying loan balance. Authorized by Section 846 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the purpose of the NELRP is to assist in the recruitment and retention of professional nurses dedicated to providing health care to underserved populations.

Web address: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm>,

Another option for students going into nursing, teaching, medical fields, peace corps, military, and community service occupations should check out Stafford Loan Discharge, visit:

[http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/repaying\\_loans/2003\\_2004/english/loan-discharge-cancellation.htm](http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/repaying_loans/2003_2004/english/loan-discharge-cancellation.htm).

## **Arkansas Department of Higher Education Scholarship Stacking Policy**

No postsecondary institution shall use public funds in a student aid package, which exceeds the recognized cost of attendance at the institution where the student enrolls. Public funds are defined to include Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) scholarships and grants, state general revenues, tuition, or local tax revenue. All postsecondary institutions shall report to ADHE the total amount of financial aid from all sources for any student who receives an award from an ADHE program. When a student receives a total aid package that includes public funds and exceeds the cost of attendance, the institution shall repay public funds in the amount exceeding total cost of attendance. Such funds repaid shall be credited to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account.

(Section 14, Act 1180 of 1999)

For purposes of this policy, Federal Pell Grants shall not be counted in the computation of a student's total financial aid package. The Federal Cost of Attendance (COA) method shall be used for all students receiving public funds, regardless of whether the student is receiving federal financial aid. Public funds are defined to include Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) scholarships and grants, state general revenues, tuition, or local tax revenue. Costs that would not be included in Federal COA may not be included in the package of any student who receives public funds. Exceptions to the normal COA allowances as set forth in federal regulations may be included in COA calculations. Institutional work study is not included in COA unless it is need based. This policy shall apply to students entering college in the 1999-2000 academic year and subsequent years. If total financial aid funds exceed the COA, the school may reduce institutional funds first. In cases where the only funds to be reduced are ADHE programs, the school may reduce awards in this order:

1. Emergency Secondary Education Loan
2. Minority Teacher Scholarship
3. Student Assistance Grant
4. Academic Challenge Scholarship
5. Governor's Scholars
6. Other Public Funds

On September 30 of each year, all public and private institutions shall report to ADHE the total amount of financial aid from all sources for any student who receives an award from an ADHE program for the previous academic year. Proprietary institutions and state technical institutes shall be exempt from this reporting requirement. The report shall be in an electronic format as defined by ADHE. The Department shall seek advice from institutions in developing the format of the report. If the student's total financial aid package exceeds the cost of attendance, the institution shall pay the difference to the Arkansas Higher Education Grants Fund account on behalf of the student. Institutions cannot require the student to repay this amount, either in cash or by reducing the amount of the student's future award.

*As adopted by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board on July 23, 1999.*

## Testing Information

College entrance exam scores have a big impact on scholarships. The old adage of “practice makes perfect” applies to test taking skills. There are numerous ways to improve your child’s test score. Taking a rigorous curriculum which requires frequent homework is one way to improve your child’s score. Exposing him or her to the type of questions asked on the tests is another important factor. Books and on-line test practice are available for every college entrance exam.

The **PSAT/NMSQT** is important for two reasons. The first reason is that this test is for the National Merit Finalist competition, which is a very prestigious academic award – which happens to come with priority scholarships. The test, however, is also important for preparing students to take the type of tests for college entrance which require finely honed critical thinking skills. Students take this test for competition in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade; however, students can take the PSAT/NMSQT as early as their freshman year for practice. If a child is able to take the test in both their freshman and sophomore years, they have a much better understanding of the format on the test and a much better chance of becoming a semi-finalist or finalist. The test does cost – it will vary between \$12-16; however, the benefits are worthwhile.

The **ACT** is the most standardized college entrance exam used in Arkansas. There is a writing portion to the ACT; however, colleges in Arkansas at this time do not require the writing portion. The ACT can be taken as early as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade – although most students wait until they have more math and science. It is a good idea to take the test once in the ninth grade, once or twice in the tenth grade, and then a few times in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The latest ACT score that will count for scholarships is usually offered in October or December of a student’s senior year. If they have a good ACT score going into their senior year – then the pressure is off.

The **SAT** is another college entrance exam which is popular in a lot of Northern and Midwestern colleges. Both ACT and SAT scores are generally accepted at any college nation wide, so the main difference in the tests is the type of testing. ACT is a little heavier on math and science, whereas SAT is concentrates more on the verbal or reading and writing portion. Bottom line – if you have a student stronger in math and science – ACT is your best bet. If you have a student who is stronger in English and reading – SAT may be a better option.

**CPEP** is a course offered in the summer to help students raise their ACT scores. The course is four weeks, four hours per day, five days per week. The class is free! Most students see a big improvement in their test scores as a result of participating in this course.

There are numerous other options for raising your child’s ACT score. Sylvan Learning Center in Ft. Smith offers a program (very similar to CPEP) and it comes with a guarantee – however, it is expensive – approximately \$500. There are other means that may serve your student well which are not as expensive. Many of these resources are listed on Tasseltime and I would encourage you to visit the test preparation section of the website. It has some great links and suggestions. March 2 Success is a free test prep website:

[www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com). ACT offers an on – line test prep which can be purchased for \$19.95 and a test prep book (which has had good reviews) is also available to order on-line (although it can also be purchased locally at book stores) called The REAL ACT Prep Guide. Sample test prep books are also available on line for \$5.00 each. The website to visit for more information is: <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/index.html>

## 2007-2008 ACT Test Dates

### For the United States, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico, and Canada

[For other countries](#)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 15, 2007*	August 16, 2007	August 17–24, 2007
October 27, 2007	October 1, 2007	October 2–October 5, 2007
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	November 3–15, 2007
February 9, 2008**	January 4, 2008	January 5–18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8–21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10–23, 2008



\* The September 15, 2007, test date is available only in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia.

\*\* Due to the special requirements of legislation in effect in New York, a February 2008 test is not scheduled in that state. This restriction may continue for the 2008–2009 testing year.

## 2007-2008 ACT Fees



All fees are **nonrefundable** unless otherwise noted.

For information on fee waivers, see [Am I eligible for a fee waiver?](#)

### Basic registration fee (determined by the test option selected)

<b>ACT (No Writing)</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
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Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges requested as part of registration.

<b>ACT Plus Writing</b>	<b>\$44.50</b>
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Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges requested as part of registration. The \$14.50 Writing Test fee is refundable, upon request, if you are absent on test day or you remove the Writing Test option before you begin testing.

### Additional registration fees (add to the basic fee for your test option)

<b>5th and 6th college choices</b>	<b>add \$8.50 each</b>
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Requested online before the test date; refundable upon request, if you do not test. Find out how much it costs to [send your scores](#) after you've tested.

<b><u>Telephone re-registration for repeat testers</u></b>	<b>add \$12.00</b>
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<b>Late fee (U.S. or Canada)</b>	<b>add \$19.00</b>
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For registration or test date change submitted during the late period for a national [test date](#).

<b><u>Standby testing on test day (U.S. or Canada)</u></b>	<b>add \$39.50</b>
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**International testing (other than the U.S. or Canada)**

**add \$22.00**

The optional Writing Test is available at international test centers only on the October and April test dates.

**Test date change**

**add \$20.50**

For different date if absent on original date. If you request a test date change after the regular deadline for the new date, you must also add a late fee.

**Test center change**

**add \$20.50**

For the same test date.

**Viewing scores online**

**FREE**

**Test information release service**

**add \$16.00**

On selected national test dates; refundable if not available.