

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS	MAXIMUM AWARD	REQUIREMENTS	HOW TO APPLY
Amounts subject to change without notice.			
FEDERAL PELL GRANT	\$7,395	DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED	COMPLETE THE FAFSA
FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY GRANT	AMOUNT DEPENDS ON FUNDING AVAILABLE	DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED	COMPLETE THE FAFSA
FEDERAL COLLEGE WORK STUDY	VARIABLE	DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED	COMPLETE THE FAFSA
FEDERAL SUBSIDIZED DIRECT LOAN	ANNUAL MAXIMUM LIMITS 1ST YEAR - \$3,500 2ND YEAR - \$4,500 3RD & 4TH - \$5,500	DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED	COMPLETE THE FAFSA
FEDERAL UNSUBSIDIZED DIRECT LOAN	ANNUAL MAXIMUM LIMITS 1ST YEAR - \$3,500 2ND YEAR - \$4,500	3RD & 4TH - \$5,500 GRADUATE - \$20,500	NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS COMPLETE THE FAFSA
FEDERAL ADDITIONAL UNSUBSIDIZED DIRECT LOAN	ANNUAL MAXIMUM LIMITS DEPENDENT: \$2,000/YR INDEPENDENT: FR & SOPH - \$6,000 JR & SR - \$7,000	NOT NEED BASED	COMPLETE THE FAFSA
FEDERAL PLUS LOAN (FOR PARENT BORROWERS)	ANNUAL MAXIMUM LIMITS \$20,000	NOT NEED BASED	COMPLETE THE FAFSA & THE SCHOOL'S PLUS APPLICATION AT STUDENTAID.GOV
VETERANS ASSISTANCE & GI BILL	VARIABLE	ELIGIBLE PER VETERANS AFFAIRS	OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES (479) 968-0445 GIBILL.VA.GOV
NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE (AMERICORPS)	VARIABLE	HIGH SCHOOL GRAD OR GED	CONTACT 1(800) 942-2677 AR OFFICE (501) 324-5234
ATU ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS	VARIABLE	VARIABLE	COMPLETE ATU'S ADMISSIONS APPLICATION
ATU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS	VARIABLE	VARIABLE	COMPLETE ATU'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APP (479) 968-0400
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS	VARIABLE	DOCUMENTED DISABILITY	CONTACT THE LOCAL VOCATIONAL REHAB OFFICE

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ARKANSAS GOVERNORS DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS (RENEWABLE FOR UP TO 3 YEARS)	UP TO \$10,000 PER YEAR	MINIMUM ACT SCORE OF 32 OR SAT SCORE OF 1410 AND GPA OF 3.50 OR BE A NTL MERIT FINALIST OR NTL ACHIEVEMENT FINALIST	SAMS.ADHE.EDU
ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP (RENEWABLE FOR UP TO 3 YEARS)	SET BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	TRADITIONAL: COMPOSITE OF 19 ON ACT OR 3.0 GPA OR "DIPLOMA OF MERIT" NON-TRAD: 2.5 GPA ON 12 COLLEGE HOURS	SAMS.ADHE.EDU
ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANT (ARFUTURE)	TUITION & FEES MINUS FREE AID	SEEKING A CERTIFICATE OR AAS IN A STEM OR REGIONAL HIGH DEMAND FIELD	SAMS.ADHE.EDU



UNDERSTANDING

FINANCIAL AID

AT ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

HELPFUL TERMS

WHAT IS THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required to be considered for any financial aid from the federal government for college expenses. There is no income cut-off to qualify for federal student aid, and many factors are taken into account to determine eligibility.

Note: The FAFSA must be completed to receive the Arkansas Academic Challenge/Lottery scholarship.

WHAT IS GIFT AID?

A form of financial aid that does not have to be paid back.

WHAT IS A GRANT?

GIFT AID

Grants are awarded based on financial need, and you must complete the FAFSA to be considered for grant funding.

WHAT IS AN ATU ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP?

GIFT AID!

ATU Academic Scholarships are awarded based on high school GPA and possibly ACT, SAT, CLT, or Accuplacer test scores. This funding is awarded each year for up to four years (if renewal requirements are met).

Note: High school seniors are automatically considered for an ATU Academic Scholarship once admitted to ATU.

WHAT IS AN ATU FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP?

GIFT AID!

Foundation Scholarships are for current and incoming ATU students, and there are over **230 available**. One application is all it takes to be considered.

CONTACT

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

☎ (479) 968-0343
✉ scholarships@atu.edu
🌐 atu.edu/scholarships

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

☎ (479) 968-0400
✉ advancement@atu.edu
🌐 atu.io/foundation-scholarships

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

☎ (479) 968-0399
✉ fa.help@atu.edu
🌐 atu.edu/finaid

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the application for financial aid at ATU.

BASIC FEDERAL AID ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE THAT A STUDENT:

- ☐ has a valid social security number (SSN)
- ☐ is a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen and
- ☐ is enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program at an eligible college or career/trade school

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

THERE ARE 4 TYPES YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR UPON SUBMITTING THE FAFSA.

1. FEDERAL PELL GRANTS

Awarded to **undergraduate students** with exceptional financial need who do not hold a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree. Congress sets the maximum Pell amounts each year, and Pell eligibility is determined by:

- ☐ Student Aid Index (SAI) (determined by the FAFSA)
- ☐ Information provided on the FAFSA
- ☐ Enrollment status (full-time or part-time)

2. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS (FSEOG)

Administered directly by the ATU Financial Aid Office to students with unmet need. Priority is given to early applicants who are eligible for the maximum Pell Grant. *Award amounts are dependent on funding from the FSEOG grant.*

3. FEDERAL WORK-STUDY

Provides part-time jobs for undergraduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay cost of attendance expenses. Funding for work-study positions is limited, and students are responsible for finding their own positions.

With the help of Norman Career Services you can search and apply for student employment via Handshake (atu.io/handshake), ATU's online career platform.

4. FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

Must be repaid with interest and include:

- ☐ **Direct Subsidized Loans:** made to eligible undergraduate students with financial need
- ☐ **Direct Unsubsidized Loans:** made to eligible undergraduate students, graduate students, and professional students
- ☐ **Direct PLUS Loans:** made to parents of dependent undergraduate students to help pay for educational expenses not covered by other financial aid



APPLY FOR THE FAFSA