

2022 - 2023 UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

STUDENT AFFAIRS OPERATIONS

Campus Life

While academic achievement leading to graduation is the reason for attending Arkansas Tech University, the experiences that students have outside the classroom prove to have a lifelong impact. Experiences offered through Campus Life enhance maturity, leadership, time management, friendships, career development, and civic engagement along with many other essential life skills.

Campus Life offers programs and services in the following areas: campus recreation, co-curricular experience, facilities, Fraternity and Sorority, leadership programs, new student orientation, outdoor recreation, registered student organizations, service initiatives, spirit squads, and student activities.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/campuslife

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation provides participation in a variety of sport, fitness and recreation events that stimulate student learning and personal development while enhancing the quality of life for Arkansas Tech University students. Campus Recreation achieves this mission by providing opportunities for a diversified population to recreate, exercise and socialize through a variety of programs within intramural sports, fitness, outdoor recreation, club sports, and various special events.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/campusrecreation

Civic Engagement

Arkansas Tech University collaborates with community-based organizations to prepare students to be socially responsible leaders and citizens through active service and participation in democracy. Students will learn to build a culture of civic responsibility through experiential learning and volunteerism. Arkansas Tech University broadens and deepens students' thinking about complex and interconnected social issues affecting our world today.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/service

Co-Curricular Experience (On Track)

On Track is a co-curricular experience designed to enhance student development beyond the classroom setting, encourage students to network socially among peers and to include students in traditional and signature University events. Each semester, a map of events and activities will be available to students categorized by interest.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/ontrack

Commuter Student Services

Commuter Student Services is committed to providing support services to help facilitate commuter student success and foster a connection to the Arkansas Tech University community. Our goal is to ensure that the unique needs of commuter students are acknowledged and addressed by our campus community. In conjunction with OnTrack, we provide quality programming and support to students who don't live on campus.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/commuter

First-Generation Students

Did you know there are thousands of students at Arkansas Tech University who are the first in their family to attend college? While being the first to do anything can be a bit scary, going off to college is also a major life milestone. Being a first-generation student is a very proud accomplishment! We recognize that you will face unique experiences as you begin this exciting journey. Thankfully, there are many resources here at TECH that can help you connect and thrive on campus.

There are many ways to define the term "first-generation." At Arkansas Tech University, we define first-generation students as those whose parents or legal guardian did not graduate from a four-year institution. First-generation students may be the very first person in their families to attend a four-year university, or they may have older siblings who have attended college. First-generation students make up approximately one-third of our student body! We also have numerous faculty and staff who were first-generation college graduates!

Whether you are a freshmen starting your college journey or a junior exploring career options, we are here to help you discover your path, take advantage of resources and become a college graduate. Because at Arkansas Tech University, Every Student Counts.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/firstgen

Fraternity and Sorority Life

By emphasizing academic excellence, active participation in community service and philanthropic activities, ongoing leadership development, and social excellence, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life helps promote fraternities and sororities as an integral and productive part of the Arkansas Tech community. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life provides guidance and support for governing councils (Interfraternity Council and College Panhellenic Council), Greek organizations, and the Order of Omega Honor Society.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/fsl

Leadership

To fully reach one's potential in their chosen field, our students will need a more than a baseline understanding of their personal leadership skills in addition to an understanding of how they function within a group. Programs and services offered in this area will allow students the space to learn and experiment with different leadership styles to gain a better personal understanding of how they can be most impactful currently and in their career. Designed for all levels of students, from freshmen to graduate students – these experiences are a must have with all degree programs.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/leadership_programs

Orientation [Tech Connect]

Orientation is a mandatory program held before classes begin in the fall semester (in spring for transfer students). Orientation is designed to help incoming freshman and transfer students transition into college and outlines the University's academic, social and developmental opportunities. The program includes information about resources available on campus and focuses on preparing students for academic and personal success at Arkansas Tech.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/orientation

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation exists to provide students an outlet to develop their physical and emotional health in the outdoors. Through being active, students will gain a mutual respect for themselves, one another and the environment. To better experience the natural beauty that Arkansas has to offer, hiking, rock climbing, canoeing and other outdoor recreational trips are offered each semester. In addition to free trips, the outdoor recreation department also provides outdoor gear check-outs for mountain bikes, hammocks, tents, canoes and kayaks. Outdoor Recreation brings students from all backgrounds together to play in natural team settings, further promoting the global community at Arkansas Tech University.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/outdoorrecreation

Registered Student Organizations

Arkansas Tech has over one hundred Registered Student Organizations. These organizations are run by students who produce their own programming and initiatives to fulfill their individual purposes. This is an opportunity for students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to real world experiences.

For more information, please visit www.atu.edu/rso

Spirit Squads

The Tech Cheer squad is composed of up to sixteen members. The Golden Girls dance team is composed of up to fourteen members. The squads are selected each spring to serve for the following academic year. Tech Cheer participates in all home and selected away football, basketball, and volleyball games. The Golden Girls participate and perform at all home football and basketball games. Both squads participate in pep rallies throughout the year as well as campus and community related events.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/spirit

Student Activities

Fully engaging students in their college experience requires not only academic experiences but also a diverse offering of activities and programs to meet their social and personal needs. Student Activities meets these needs by providing various events throughout the year to include comedians, movies, carnivals, dances, educational speakers, spirit programs, and many more! There are numerous leadership opportunities available through the Student Activities Board.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/sab

Counseling Services

Counseling services provides counseling, consultation, and outreach to the Arkansas Tech University community. The counseling staff is committed to promoting the educational mission of the university by working with the campus community to establish and maintain healthy and effective behavior patterns and lifestyles that enhance learning and personal development. The range of services provided includes personal counseling for students in individual, couples, or group sessions. The staff provides consultations to students, parents, staff, faculty and administration. There is a small library of self-help books and videos, and a variety of informational brochures available. Presentations and outreach programming are scheduled throughout the year and are available upon request.

Services are provided Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm year round. Counseling Services is staffed by licensed counselors trained to provide professional counseling services. For additional information, please visit the Health and Wellness Center in Doc Bryan 119 or call 479-968-0389.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/hwc/counseling

Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety is located at 716 North El Paso Avenue. To report a crime or request information, contact Public Safety at 479-968-0222. In an **Emergency, Call 911**. Public Safety maintains direct contact with the Pope County 911 Communications Center for all emergency services. It is the responsibility of Public Safety to investigate all reports of criminal activity and accidents that occur on University property.

Visit Public Safety's website at www.atu.edu/psafe for information on services provided.

Disability Services for Students

The Office of Disability Services (DS) facilitates reasonable accommodations in programs, services, and activities to enable students with disabilities access to the same opportunities as their peers. Disability Services staff make accommodation determinations based on documentation provided by the student, including medical and psychological evaluations. Students must self-identify through an application process and meet with a Disability Services staff member for determination and facilitation of reasonable and appropriate accommodations. For information on registering with the Disability Services office or to make an appointment with a staff member, please call (479) 968-0302, TTY: (479) 964-3290, email at disabilities@atu.edu, or stop by the office located in the Doc Bryan Student Services Building, Suite 141. An online application for services can be found at <https://www.atu.edu/disabilities/>

Diversity and Inclusion

The Department of Diversity and Inclusion (DDI) focuses on enhancing and supporting the experiences of students within underrepresented populations. While promoting a campus environment and culture that celebrates inclusiveness and multiculturalism, DDI aims to support students from their first-year until graduation by executing equity over equality.

For more information, please visit our website at www.atu.edu/diversity or contact us by phone at 479-880-4358 or by email at diversity@atu.edu

Health and Wellness Center

Recognizing that optimum health is essential to effective learning, the university maintains health services available to all students. The Health and Wellness Center, located in Doc Bryan, Suite 119, provides confidential treatment of minor injuries and illnesses through a well-equipped facility and within the scope and practice of the nursing staff. The nurses make appropriate referrals to local health care providers when necessary.

The university assumes no financial responsibility for student care other than that provided by the Health and Wellness Center. Students are urged to carry their own health insurance.

In addition to clinical services, a wide range of health promotion and educational programs are provided in a variety of campus settings.

Patient Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Students are strongly encouraged to make appointments; however, available walk-in times are from 8:20 am to 4:00 pm on Monday - Friday on a first call basis.

The Health and Wellness Center staff can be contacted by phone at 479-968-0329. More information is available at www.atu.edu/hwc.

International Student Services

The Department of International Student Services (ISS) provides support services designed to enrich the college experience for international students. The office provides the opportunity for cultural exchange and aids in helping all Tech students develop global competence to appreciate cultural differences.

The ISS offers a wide range of services for international students, including orientation, immigration updates, cross-cultural programming, and other support services necessary to ease the transition of international students into the U.S. culture.

For more information, please visit: www.atu.edu/imss

Office of Student Success

Norman Career Services

Career planning is an integral component of a student's educational experience. Norman Career Services is committed to helping students research major and career options that correspond with their individual skills, personal values, interests, and goals. Norman Career Services also provides an online career management program, Handshake, for students and graduates who are searching for internships, on-campus, part-time, and/or full-time positions. Norman Career Services strives to guide students as they embark on a journey to discover their true potential and develop the professionalism required to fulfill their career goals. You can visit [Norman Career Services](#) in Rothwell Suite 107, call at (479) 968-0278, or email at career.services@atu.edu.

Services include: career planning and development (resume reviews, mock interviews, career action plans, etc.), as well as major and career exploration.

Events include: career fairs, workshops, etiquette dinners, information sessions, and on-campus recruiting and interviews.

Follow us on Twitter & Insta @ATUCareers. Online at www.atu.edu/career. Check us out on Facebook at Arkansas Tech University-Career Services. atu.joinhandshake.com

Residence Life

The Department of Residence Life exists as a vital part of the educational program and academic support services of the University. The Department of Residence Life strives to provide a clean, well-maintained, and safe living environment that is conducive to study and will foster a meaningful growth experience. Activities and programs presented within the residence halls are designed to develop a community which encourages educational opportunities while promoting maturity, responsibility, and above all, academic success.

Single students between the ages of 18 and 21, and with fewer than 60 earned credit hours of college work, who are University main campus (Russellville, Arkansas) students are required to live on campus, as space permits, in University owned housing facilities. These students are required to purchase a meal plan unless living in the University Commons Apartments. Exemptions to the On-Campus Residency Requirement include: students living in their parent or legal guardian's permanent home within 30 miles driving distance of the Russellville, Arkansas campus, married students, or students with dependent children. Students under the age of 18 between August 17, 2022 and December 31, 2022 must sign the Arkansas Tech University Waiver and Release of Liability for a Minor Living on Campus prior to being allowed to sign a housing contract and live in On-Campus housing. The Arkansas Tech University Waiver and Release of Liability for a Minor Living on Campus is available through the Office of Residence Life at www.atu.edu/reslife/. Students 17 or under on or after January 1, 2023 are not permitted to live in University owned housing facilities.

Students who are Arkansas Tech University Ozark campus (Ozark, Arkansas) students, who meet the aforementioned requirements, may live on-campus at the University main campus (Russellville, Arkansas). However, Arkansas Tech University Ozark campus (Ozark, Arkansas) students are not required to live on-campus. Online Only students are eligible to live on campus, but are not required.

Applications for University housing, housing contracts, room assignments, and questions concerning housing are managed by the Department of Residence Life.

Students may begin the housing application process online at www.atu.edu/reslife. The Residence Life staff may be contacted by phone at 479-968-0376, or email at housing@atu.edu.

Housing rules and regulations for all students contracted with the Department of Residence Life can be found in the Arkansas Tech University Student Handbook under the section "Rules and Regulations for all Residence Life Facilities," located online at www.atu.edu/studenthandbook. Students residing in any facilities maintained by the Department of Residence Life are responsible for understanding all policies contained in the guide. Questions should be directed to the Department of Residence Life at 479-968-0376 or housing@atu.edu.

Residence Life Housing Facilities

Arkansas Tech University offers twelve living facilities for our students. Residence halls and apartments are air-conditioned and are constructed to accommodate two to four students per room (Caraway, Hughes, M Street, Stadium Suites, Jones Hall, Nutt Hall, Tucker, and Wilson Hall have some designed single rooms available). All residence halls and apartments are completely furnished. Amenities include cable television, internet access, and wireless internet. Laundry facilities are located in all residence halls and apartments. Laundry fees are included with student housing fees. Arkansas Tech University is a Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus; this includes all residence hall and apartment rooms.

To be eligible to be a Resident in a University residence hall, a person must carry a meal plan (for residents of University Commons Apartments; a meal plan is optional) and be enrolled at the University campus in a minimum of (9) undergraduate semester hours each semester or a minimum of six (6) graduate hours each semester. The University reserves the right not to contract with persons who are currently violating or have previously violated the terms and conditions of a housing contract or other University rules or regulations, or who have a past due balance with the University.

To be eligible to be a Resident in the University Commons Apartments, a person must be enrolled at the University campus in a minimum of (9) undergraduate semester hours each semester or a minimum of six (6) graduate hours each semester. Initial preference for University Commons Apartment assignments will be given to those students who have earned a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours of college work and have a minimum (2.5) cumulative grade point average. The University reserves the right not to contract with persons who are currently violating or have previously violated the terms and conditions of a housing contract or other University rules or regulations, or who have a past due balance with the University. The maximum number of persons occupying an apartment shall be no more than four (4) persons in a four-bedroom apartment, and no more than two (2) persons in a two-bedroom apartment. No other occupants are permitted.

Photos and descriptions of the residence halls and apartments are available at www.atu.edu/reslife

Title IX

Title IX was passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. This federal civil rights law prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX states:

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

Arkansas Tech University is committed to fostering a safe and caring environment free from sexual and gender-based discrimination where all students, faculty, and staff can thrive in their educational and professional pursuits. Consistent with University values and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Arkansas Tech University prohibits discrimination against students, faculty, and staff based on sex in any of its programs or activities.

Harassment (sexual misconduct) is a form of sexual discrimination prohibited by the University and by Title IX. Harassment (sexual misconduct) is any sexual act which violates criminal laws of the State of Arkansas or laws of the United States, including but not limited to: sexual assault (non-consensual sexual contact or intercourse), domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual harassment.

The University is dedicated to promptly and effectively addressing cases of possible sex-based discrimination. Individuals with questions or concerns regarding possible sex-based discrimination should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Amy Pennington. More information about the University's Equal Opportunity, Harassment (Sexual Misconduct), and Nondiscrimination Policy can be found online at www.atu.edu/titleix.

Testing Services

Testing Services administers standardized and institutional examinations including the ACT, ACCUPLACER, Miller Analogies Test, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), PRAXIS, TEAS, and credit by examination (CLEP). Testing Services is located in Doc Bryan, Suite 211. Students may contact testing center staff via phone (479) 968-0302, TTY: (479) 964-3290, or via email: utds@atu.edu. Tests that require payment through Arkansas Tech University may be paid by credit card in the Testing Services office, and cash payments may be accepted in the Office of Student Accounts, Brown Hall, Suite 241. For additional information regarding testing schedules, students may visit www.atu.edu/testing.

Veteran Services

Veteran's Benefits - Arkansas Tech University is approved by the State Approving Agency (SAA) as a school whereby eligible veterans and veterans' beneficiaries may use educational benefits while working toward a degree. Eligible students should contact the Office of Veteran Services to obtain information regarding school attendance under the following programs: Title 38, Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® (*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)*). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>); Title 38, Chapter 30, Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty; Title 38, Chapter 32, Veterans Educational Assistance Program; Title 38, Chapter 35, Survivors and Dependents Education; and Title 10, Chapter 1606, Montgomery GI Bill® for Selective Reserves.

All students must be working toward a degree and should follow the curriculum outline for their objectives, since only specific courses may be applied toward VA certification and graduation. Enrollment certification will not be sent to the Department of Veteran's Affairs until the person applying for veteran's benefits has been admitted to the University and prior credit evaluated. Students must request certification for each term to be certified and are responsible for notifying the certifying official of any changes in enrollment status or eligibility. Veterans may be given placement credit for prior military training by providing an official military transcript or DD-214.

All active duty military service persons and veterans eligible under the GI Bill® as determined by the VA who are classified as "out-of-state" for tuition purposes shall receive a waiver of out-of-state tuition charges. Arkansas Tech University complies with Section 702 of the Veterans Choice Act. For additional information, please contact the Office of Veteran Services. See also "In-State Tuition for Military Personnel, Veterans and Dependents" in the Fees and Expenses section of this catalog.

The Office of Veteran Services is located in the Doc Bryan Student Services, Suite 104. Students may stop by the Office of Veteran Services or call (479) 968-0445 if they have questions or need assistance in applying for their benefits.

Service Member and Veteran Scholarships

Arkansas National Guard

Act 82 of 2005 provides a tuition and waiver assistance program for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard. Members of the Arkansas National Guard should contact the Student Accounts Office for information.

Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program (formerly G-TIP)

The Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver program provides a tuition and fees-only waiver to Arkansas residents who are active members of the Arkansas Army/Air National Guard that have not already obtained a Bachelor's degree. Applications and additional information may be obtained from the unit commander or online at <https://arkansas.nationalguard.mil>.

Military Activation

Students who cease attendance at Arkansas Tech University without completing and receiving a grade in one or more courses due to military activation or deployment may receive compensation for the resulting monetary loss as provided by Act 85 of 2005. Please contact the Registrar's Office for information.

Military Dependent's Scholarship

The Military Dependent's Scholarship Program provides a waiver of tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board, minus three (3) months of Dependents Education Assistance (DEA) or Chapter 35 benefits, to full-time students at any public college, university, or technical institute in Arkansas for dependents and spouses of Arkansans who were killed or missing in action or who were prisoners of war or who are totally and permanently disabled. All applicants must also apply for and show acceptance or denial of the Federal dependent's Educational Assistance Program. Application deadline is June 1.

Academic Operations

English Language Institute

The mission of the ATU English Language Institute (ELI) is to provide classes that assist non-native speakers of English in developing the English language skills necessary to successfully pursue academic work in a United States college or university. The ELI accomplishes the mission by delivering non-credit English as a Second Language (ESL) academic reading, writing, speaking and note-taking instruction for English language deficient students. As part of the Department of English and World Languages, ELI welcomes students from diverse backgrounds whether international or U.S. resident. Additional information may be obtained by calling (479) 890-5025, faxing (479) 880-2039, or writing to the Coordinator of the English Language Institute, Tomlinson Hall, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas 72801, U.S.A.

Study Abroad Office

The Study Abroad Office enables students to gain global experiences through several types of international and national study opportunities, including faculty-led programs, exchange programs, and internship abroad programs. Applicants must have good academic standing. Foreign language requirement varies by the host university. Costs include, but are not limited to, Arkansas Tech tuition and fees (students are exempt from the host university's tuition), transportation, and living expenses. For more information, please contact the Study Abroad Office, Dean 116E, phone (479)964-0527; studyabroad@atu.edu.

Tech Learning Center (TLC)

The Tech Learning Center (TLC) offers a variety of services in a welcoming environment that helps ATU students achieve their goals. Through peer-tutoring, academic coaching, workshops, and one-on-one consultations, the TLC is designed to holistically assist students in their academic and professional development.

Tutoring

The TLC's peer tutors provide free support in over 90 courses. Centrally located in the Ross Pendergraft Library, appointments are available Sunday through Thursday during the fall and spring semesters. Online appointments are available to students not on campus.

Academic Coaching

Academic Coaching helps any ATU student looking for a personalized plan for academic success. Peer and professional coaches help students create study plans, improve note-taking and study skills, interact with professors, take advantage of resources on campus, and recognize their own ability to succeed in college. Academic Coaching is a voluntary program that last as long as the student feels the need for support.

For more information on any of TLC's programs or services, stop by our office in RPL 124 (behind the reference desk), call (479) 968-0249, email tlc@atu.edu, or visit <https://www.atu.edu/tutoring/>.

Administrative Operations

Textbook Brokers

Your campus bookstore is located in the Young Building. Barnes & Noble College carries all required course materials, including textbooks. Here, you can buy, rent, or digitally download most titles. The bookstore price matches with Textbook Brokers Russellville, Amazon.com, and bn.com (must be shipped and sold by Amazon and Barnes & Noble). The Bookstore has a large selection of Tech gear and apparel. School supplies, electronics, and graduation regalia are also available. atu.bncollege.com

Textbook Refund Guidelines

The Bookstore will issue full refunds in the original form of payment for textbooks purchased at the Bookstore if returned in the original condition, with an original receipt and within the first week of classes. Within 30 days of the first day of classes, textbooks will be refunded with an original receipt and with a valid proof of add/drop.

BuyBack/Rental Return Information

The Bookstore will buy back some textbooks at the end of each semester (fall, spring, and summer) during finals week. Rentals are due at the end of each semester they are issued, on the last day of finals.

Office of Events

Arkansas Tech University offers a centralized office to both external and internal users for scheduling events. [The Office of Events](#) is the primary point of contact for all departments, groups, and individuals who are interested in reserving the use of facilities on the Arkansas Tech campus. By centralizing the reservation process, we are able to provide efficient and effective service for scheduling an event.

[The Office of Events](#) works with students, faculty, administrative staff and external customers to reserve space on campus for their events. This office reserves the most appropriate space for each event based on location, anticipated attendance, and time of year and day. This office also maintains the University Master Calendar.

As of January 2, 2018, Arkansas Tech utilizes Ad Astra Scheduler for all space reservations on campus. Please use Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser. For more information or to schedule an event, go to www.atu.edu/events/index.php

Enrollment Management Operations**Student Financial Aid**

The primary purpose of student financial aid at Tech is to provide assistance to students who, without aid, would be unable to attend college. Financial assistance consists of scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment, which may be offered to students singularly or in various combinations, depending upon the degree of need. In determining the extent of a student's need, the University must consider the financial support which may be expected from the income, assets, and other resources of the parents and the student as reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Aid awards by the University are considered supplementary to the efforts of the student's family in assisting their children with college expenses. All awards are administered by the Financial Aid Office in accordance with the University's equal educational opportunity policy. The University does not participate in individual financial aid agreements with other institutions, including study abroad programs. Study abroad in a Tech sponsored program approved for academic credit is considered for federal aid in the same manner as all other for academic credit classes.

Application forms for all types of aid may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office on the second floor of the Brown Building or on the Financial Aid website at www.atu.edu/finaid.

Cost of Attendance

A student's cost of attendance (also called the financial aid budget) is the total of required tuition and fees allowances for books and supplies, room and board, travel, and personal expenses. Federal regulations allow the cost of a computer to be added to the cost of attendance one time during the college career of a student. The cost of a computer and related accessories up to \$1,500 purchased no earlier than four months prior to enrollment will be added to the student's cost of attendance budget upon the student's submission of an itemized paid-in-full receipt. This will be a one-time adjustment with the costs being spread over the school year. No further adjustments will be made for upgrades or additional software at any time during the student's career. Other adjustments to the cost of attendance allowed by federal regulations include Tech sponsored study-abroad programs approved for academic credit, child care costs, purchase of equipment required for all students in the same course of study, and reasonable expenses incurred related to a student's disability. These adjustments may result in additional financial aid if the student was not already receiving the maximum amount of every type of aid for which they were eligible. There is no guarantee this adjustment will increase aid eligibility. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office: (479) 968-0399.

Scholarship Stacking Policy

Act 1180 of 1999 prohibits postsecondary institutions from using public funds in a student aid package which may contain a combination of state, institutional, private and federal funds which exceeds the cost of attendance at the institution. Arkansas Tech follows the Arkansas Department of Higher Education regulations by reducing scholarship amounts which cause awards to exceed cost of attendance. In absence of direction from a private donor, private scholarship funds over \$500 will be divided equally between the fall and spring semester. In the event of an overaward aid will be reduced following ADHE policy in repaying public funds. For more information on the scholarship stacking policy, contact the Financial Aid Office: (479) 968-0399.

Academic Policy for Students Receiving Federal Student Financial Aid

This policy applies to funds received through the Federal Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity (FSEOG), the Federal Work Study, the Federal Subsidized Direct Loan, the Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan and the Federal Direct PLUS loan programs.

This policy will be applied automatically and without favor or prejudice. With the exception of certificate and clock hour students, all federal aid recipients' progress is reviewed annually at the end of each spring semester, after a term with grades of all "F", with academic suspension from the

university, upon the receipt of each new financial aid application, and upon a student's full withdrawal from a semester. Certificate and clock hour students are reviewed at the end of each semester upon receipt of each new financial aid application, and upon a student's full withdrawal from a semester.

Any appeal of this policy must follow the instructions on the appeal form and be sent to the Financial Aid Office fa.appeals@atu.edu, in person, by mail to 105 West O Street, Suite 206, Russellville, AR 72801, or by fax to (479) 968-0857. If applicable, attach any relevant documentation to the appeal. The appeal must be submitted to the Financial Aid Academic Policy Appeal Committee prior to the deadlines listed below in order to be considered for the term. A maximum of 2 appeals may be submitted. A student must attend without financial aid for a period of one academic year to be eligible to appeal for a third time.

Students who have filed a successful appeal will be placed on an academic plan which will be monitored each semester throughout the course of the plan. Individual students will be reviewed within the semester if notification of a grade change is received by the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid will not be paid retroactively for any semester's lost eligibility.

Students must meet all conditions of the policy. Violation of any section will result in loss of aid.

DEADLINE FOR APPEAL: FALL - JULY 27; SPRING - JANUARY 5; SUMMER TERMS - ASAP.

The appeal decision is final and will be communicated via official ATU email.

Changing Majors

When students change majors they are required to continue meeting all sections of this policy. If the major change causes the student to exceed the maximum number of hours attempted, they may appeal. The cumulative grade point average will still be considered as the student's grade point.

Institutional Academic Suspension

Any student whose name appears on the institutional suspension list will not be eligible to receive aid for their next period of enrollment even if they re-enroll with the approval of the appropriate college dean.

It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office when they are no longer on the suspension list.

Withdrawals/All "F" Grades

Federal regulations require a calculation to determine how much aid, if any, must be returned to the federal program when a student withdraws or receives all grades of "F". Students who must repay funds will be notified of the amount by the Financial Aid Office within 45 days of grades posting. These repayments must be made through the Student Accounts Office. The student will be ineligible to register for additional courses until the required payments are made. Academic progress will also be calculated on any student who withdraws or receives grades of all "F".

First Undergraduate Degree

A student is required to pass 67% of all attempted hours. This is calculated as shown: $\text{Hours passed} \div \text{by hours attempted} = 67\%$ or greater. Note: Accepted transfer hours are counted as both attempted and earned and are considered in this calculation. Students granted academic clemency will have all semesters attended counted on the basis of attempted hours.

Incomplete, repeat, withdrawn, and audit classes are counted as hours attempted, but do not increase hours earned. For repeated courses, only the grade from the best attempt of the repeated course is calculated into a student's cumulative grade point although all grades and all attempts are recorded on the student's academic record. Students may not repeat a course in which the highest grade possible has already been earned. Federal financial aid will pay for only one repeat of a class with a grade of "D" or better. If an incomplete grade is not replaced by an earned letter grade by the end of the next regular semester it will become a grade of "F" and will be considered in the next regular determination of policy progress.

Hours taken during high school (concurrent classes) will be counted on the basis of attempted hours and cumulative GPA.

A student must receive a bachelor's degree by the end of 180 attempted credit hours, an associate's degree by the end of 90 attempted credit hours and a certificate by the end of 45 attempted credit hours. Allowances will be made for semesters involving required remedial course work, bachelor's degrees which require more than 120 earned hours, associate's degrees which require more than 60 earned hours, and certificates which require more than 30 earned hours. All semesters attended will be counted whether a student received financial aid during the semester or not. Clock hour students must complete their program by the end of 150% of the published length of the program.

Required Grade Point Average First Undergraduate Degree

With the exception of certificate and clock hour students, all students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 at the end of their fourth and all subsequent undergraduate semesters or "equivalent transfer semesters." (Transfer students will be assigned "equivalent transfer semesters" based on the number of hours accepted by the Registrar's Office. Adjustments to Tech cumulative grade points are not made for courses transferred from other colleges or universities, but transfer grades may be used to meet the financial aid grade point requirement.) Certificate and clock hour students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 at the end of their second and all subsequent semesters. No appeal will be granted for anyone in violation of the required cumulative 2.0 GPA. Students granted academic clemency will have a "financial aid GPA" based on all hours completed and will not receive aid until that GPA reaches at least 2.0.

Any student who fails to meet the required 2.0 GPA will be reinstated once the required GPA is met. However, financial aid will not be paid retroactively for any aid lost because of this requirement. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office when they have attained the required GPA.

Subsequent Credentials OR Teacher Certification

Any subsequent associate's degree must be completed by the end of 45 additional attempted hours. Any subsequent bachelor's degree must be completed by the end of 70 additional attempted hours.

Required Grade Point Average Subsequent Credentials or Teacher Certification

Students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA.

Application for Federal Student Aid

General - Students use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and list Tech's school code (001089) as one of the schools to receive information. With the exception of Unsubsidized and PLUS loans, students must demonstrate financial need to receive funds from federal financial aid programs.

Deadline - To receive equal consideration, a student must have a complete application on file by January 15. All remaining funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis until depleted. Note: All requested information must be returned to the Financial Aid Office by July 15 to ensure aid availability at the beginning of the fall semester.

Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant provides direct grants from the government to the undergraduate student for educational expenses. The student does not have to repay the amounts received, unless the semester for which a grant is received is not completed or the student receives grades of all F(s).

Under current guidelines, only students who have never received a bachelor's degree and who have not already received the equivalent of twelve full-time semesters of the grant are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. The university does not determine whether a student is financially eligible. The amount of the grant given to an individual student is based on a schedule provided to the university by the government. No eligible student will be denied a grant.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program

The purpose of the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program is to provide additional funds to qualified students of exceptional need. Each grant is awarded according to federal guidelines.

Student Employment

The University uses student employees when practical, but students are not encouraged to work to an extent which would hinder their scholastic program. Employment assignments are made under both the Federal College Work-Study Program and the institutional Non-Work-Study Program. To be eligible for student employment, the student must be enrolled at least half-time, adhere to the academic progress policy, maintain satisfactory employer-employee relations and have conduct and personal appearance which reflects positively on the student and the University.

William D. Ford Direct Loan Program

Federal regulations require a delayed disbursement of thirty (30) days for all first-year, first-time undergraduate student borrowers in any Federal Direct Loan program. Additionally, all student borrowers must be enrolled in a minimum of six hours.

Federal Direct PLUS Loans

Parents of students may borrow annually the amount of the student's cost of education minus other aid for each child who is a dependent undergraduate student enrolled at least half time with a completed FAFSA on file. PLUS loans require a separate application and credit check. The interest rate is determined each June with the borrower beginning payment within sixty (60) days after the full disbursement of the loan. Graduate students may also borrow under the PLUS loan program. They must meet the same credit history requirements, must apply for federal financial aid and may borrow up to the cost of attendance less other financial aid. As with the Parent PLUS, the interest rate is determined each June.

Federal Direct Subsidized Loans

The Federal Direct Loan program authorizes loans up to \$3,500 per year for freshman undergraduates, \$4,500 for sophomore undergraduates, and \$5,500 per year for junior and senior undergraduates. The maximum an undergraduate student may borrow is \$23,000. Under this program a student must financially qualify for the loan. The interest rate is determined each June.

Repayment of principal and interest ordinarily begins six months after the student leaves school or ceases to be at least a half-time student. However, interest will begin to accrue as of the date the student ceases to be at least half-time. The amount of the monthly payments will be based on the total amount borrowed.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans

The Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan has the same loan limits and deferments as the Direct Subsidized Loan. However, the student does not have to demonstrate need for the loan and must either pay the interest while in school or have it capitalized for repayment with the loan principal. The total borrowed in Subsidized and Unsubsidized Direct undergraduate loans may not exceed the student's yearly maximum as shown above. Graduate students may borrow up to \$20,500 for a school year, not to exceed the total undergrad and grad maximum of \$138,500. The interest rate is determined each June.

Federal Direct Additional Unsubsidized Loan

Dependent students may borrow \$2,000 per year for four years with an undergraduate maximum of \$31,000. Independent students may borrow up to \$6,000 per year for the first two years of undergraduate study and \$7,000 per year thereafter with an undergraduate maximum of \$57,500. Borrowers do not have to show need but do have to apply for financial aid. The interest rate is determined each June. Students are responsible for paying the interest which accrues on the loan from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full but have the option to defer interest payments while in school and have the interest added to the amount borrowed.

Maximum lifetime loan limits for Federal Direct loans are as follows:

- **Dependent, undergraduate students:** \$31,000, with a maximum of \$23,000 subsidized.
- **Independent, undergraduate students:** \$57,500, with a maximum of \$23,000 subsidized.
- **Graduate students:** \$138,500 which includes both undergraduate and graduate loan amounts.

Scholarships

Academic Scholarships

Freshman Academic and Transfer Scholarships

All scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. The priority deadline to apply for all Freshman Academic Scholarships is November 15 of the current award year and the final deadline for consideration is February 15. The undergraduate application for admission serves as the scholarship application for the above-mentioned scholarships. The deadline to apply for transfer scholarships is April 1 for a fall term and December 1 for a spring term of the current award year. In addition to an early admission status, students wanting transfer scholarship consideration must submit a Transfer Scholarship application. The amount of total funds received by each student will be contingent on the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Scholarship Stacking Policy, Arkansas Act 1180 of 1999.

All scholarship recipients must be admitted on the Russellville campus and be enrolled in a minimum of 15 credit hours. Students may receive only one Tech-funded freshman Academic Scholarship or Transfer Scholarship in any semester. Scholarship recipients must live in a residence hall or receive an exemption to the residency requirements from the Office of Residence Life in accordance with established university policy. Recipients are responsible for making on-campus housing arrangements. Students who live in Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas are considered in-state for tuition purposes and are therefore eligible for Academic Scholarship awards. A traditional-aged high school student who opts to take the GED may apply for freshman Academic Scholarships. Students receiving scholarships must be U.S. citizens.

All scholarship recipients must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file before a scholarship will be credited to a student's account. All additional information requested by the Financial Aid Office must be submitted by December 1 in order to meet the aid application requirements for second semester renewal. For all subsequent semesters, the FAFSA and all requested documentation must be on file by August 1 each year.

Scholarships are awarded for consecutive fall and spring terms only and do not cover summer terms. Scholarships may be deferred for up to one year upon Institutional Scholarship Appeals Committee approval. A deferment must be requested in writing prior to the semester for the scholarship award.

Students who receive scholarship awards are responsible for knowing the renewal requirements found online at <https://www.atu.edu/scholarships/renewal.php>. Receipt, continued receipt, or renewal of all academic scholarships is also contingent upon the student honoring the Arkansas Tech University Student Code of Conduct as well as local, state, and federal laws. Transfer, CLEP, AP, and IB credit cannot be used to qualify for scholarship renewal.

Freshman Academic Scholarships

Freshman Academic Scholarships are awarded based on cumulative high school grade point average. These scholarships must be used the fall semester following high school graduation and are renewable up to seven semesters after the first, or the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.

\$1000 per year award for students with a 3.0 – 3.49 cumulative HS GPA

\$3000 per year award for students with a 3.5 – 3.74 cumulative HS GPA

\$7000 per year award for students with a 3.75 – 3.99 cumulative HS GPA

\$11,000 per year award for students with a 4.0+ cumulative HS GPA

Concurrent Advantage Scholarship

Concurrent Advantage Scholarship recipients receive a maximum award of \$500 per year for up to eight semesters or until the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. Incoming freshmen who have earned concurrent credit from ATU as a high school student are eligible for consideration. Concurrent Advantage Scholarships can be bundled with freshman Academic Scholarships. This scholarship must be used the fall semester following high school graduation on the Russellville campus.

Supplemental Scholarships - ATU First Generation Scholarship, ATU Promise Scholarship, ATU Family Scholarship

Students may receive one supplemental scholarship award which can be bundled with a freshman Academic Scholarship and Concurrent Advantage Scholarship. Supplemental scholarships are renewable up to seven semesters after the first, or the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.

ATU First Generation Scholarship

Incoming freshmen who identify as first-generation college students are eligible for consideration. Recipients receive a maximum award of \$1000 per year. The scholarship can be bundled with a freshman Academic Scholarship and must be used the fall semester following high school graduation on the Russellville campus.

ATU Promise Scholarship

Incoming freshmen with demonstrated financial need are eligible for consideration. Recipients receive a maximum award of \$1000 per year. The scholarship can be bundled with a freshman Academic Scholarship and must be used the fall semester following high school graduation on the Russellville campus.

ATU Family Scholarship

Incoming freshmen who have family members who attended Arkansas Tech University are eligible for consideration. Recipients receive a maximum award of \$1000 per year. The scholarship can be bundled with a freshman Academic Scholarship and must be used the fall semester following high school graduation on the Russellville campus.

Advanced Scholars Stipend

The Advanced Scholars Stipend is a \$1,000 per semester award made in recognition of students who receive Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholar awards. All students who are awarded an Advanced Scholars Stipend must retain their freshman Academic Scholarship award to remain eligible for the stipend. Students who fail to retain their academic award forfeit the Advanced Scholars Stipend. Students may not receive an Advanced Scholars Stipend and a University Honors Stipend.

University Honors Program

University Honors participants receive University Honors Stipends of up to \$2,000 per semester. Stipends are bundled with the participants' academic scholarships and are renewable to a total of eight semesters or until the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first.

An applicant must have a 3.50 cumulative high school GPA and either a minimum 27 ACT composite or be ranked in the top 10% of his or her graduating class to receive consideration for the University Honors Program. The University Honors application deadline is noon on December 15. Students who are chosen to interview will be notified in December and January. Invitations to join the University Honors Program will be sent to selected interview candidates by February 1.

All University Honors students must participate in University Honors curriculum requirements, the sophomore service requirement, and all Honors functions. University Honors students must enroll in a minimum of 15 hours during the fall semester of the freshman year and complete a minimum of 12 hours with a 3.00 semester GPA to be eligible for membership renewal for the following semester. Recipients must enroll in a minimum of 15 hours for the spring semester and complete a total of 27 hours for the freshman year with a 3.25 semester GPA to be eligible for continuation in the University Honors Program and the Honors stipend for subsequent semesters.

Transfer, CLEP, AP, and IB credit cannot be used to qualify for scholarship renewal. Renewal for subsequent semesters requires a 3.25 semester GPA on a minimum of 15 hours. For additional information on the University Honors Scholarship, contact Dr. Georgeanna N. Wright, Director of Honors, at (479) 968-0443.

Tech Transfer Scholarships

Students who have completed 12 or more transferable, for-credit hours at their most recent accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA are encouraged to apply. The award amount for students with a 3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA at their most recent accredited college or university is \$1500 per semester. The award amount for students with a 3.5+ cumulative GPA at their most recent accredited college or university is \$2000 per semester. The scholarship is renewable for up to five semesters or until the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. High school seniors with concurrent college credit are not eligible for Transfer Scholarship consideration.

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship

Students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and have completed 12 or more transferable, for-credit hours at their most recent accredited college or university with a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA are encouraged to apply. The \$3000 per semester award is renewable for up to five semesters or until the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. High school seniors with concurrent college credit are not eligible for Transfer Scholarship consideration.

Presidential Honors Transfer Scholarship

This scholarship allows any Arkansas two-year college president/chancellor the opportunity to name one student each fall and spring for a transfer scholarship with a value of \$3000 per semester. The award is renewable for up to five semesters or until the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. Students must have completed 12 or more transferable, for-credit hours with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Interested students should check with their current two-year school's Financial Aid Office or President's/Chancellor's Office for further details. High school seniors with concurrent college credit are not eligible for Transfer Scholarship consideration.

Arkansas Academic All-Star Transfer Scholarship

Transfer students who are selected as Arkansas Academic All-Stars by their two-year institution are encouraged to apply. The \$4500 per semester award is renewable for up to five semesters or until the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. High school seniors with concurrent college credit are not eligible for Transfer Scholarship consideration.

Transitions Scholarships

Students who have completed an ATU Ozark campus Associate of Applied Science, Associate of General Studies, or Technical Certificate are encouraged to apply. The award amount for students with a 3.0-3.49 cumulative GPA is \$1500 per semester. The award amount for students with a 3.5+ cumulative GPA is \$2000 per semester. The Transitions Scholarship application can be obtained through the Student Services Office on the ATU Ozark Campus. High school seniors with concurrent college credit are not eligible for Transitions Scholarship consideration.

Senior Service Fellowships

Fellowships within the various colleges of the university are open to a limited number of outstanding advanced students. These service fellowships are awarded at the discretion of college committees when the caliber of the applicant justifies such assistance. Candidates for the fellowship must have earned 90 semester hours of credit, have a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on all work, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours for the semester(s) for which the fellowship is granted. Any deviation or exception to this policy must be approved by the Office of Academic Affairs. Students who would like to be considered for a Senior Service Fellowship must make written application by April 1 to the appropriate dean.

Freshman Academic Scholarship Renewal Requirements

Academic Scholarship recipients must enroll in a minimum of 15 hours during the fall semester of the freshman year and complete a minimum of 12 hours with a 2.75 cumulative GPA to remain on track for scholarship renewal at the end of the academic year. Students who do not meet first semester renewal requirements will retain the scholarship awards but receive notification from the Financial Aid Office they are at risk of losing their awards.

Students must enroll in a minimum of 15 hours for the spring semester and complete a total of 27 hours for the freshman year (fall/spring) with a 2.75 cumulative GPA to be eligible for the scholarship for the sophomore year. Transfer, CLEP, AP, and IB credit cannot be used to qualify for scholarship renewal. Renewal for subsequent semesters requires enrollment in 15 hours each semester and completion of 30 hours each year (fall/spring) with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA. Students who completely withdrawn from classes forfeit their scholarships for any remaining semesters of eligibility.

The Summer Earn Back Program is available for students who do not meet the requirements at the end of the spring term. Academic Scholarship awards must be used on the Russellville campus. Renewal requirements for University Honors stipends are available on the University Honors website.

The Summer Earn Back Program cannot be used to maintain University Honors stipends.

Transfer & Transitions Scholarship Renewal Requirements

Scholarship students must enroll in a minimum of 15 hours each semester and complete a minimum of 30 hours each year (fall/spring) with a 2.75 cumulative GPA to be eligible for scholarship renewal. The Transitions Scholarship and all transfer scholarships are renewable for five consecutive semesters or until the completion of an undergraduate degree, whichever comes first, provided the student maintains all scholarship requirements. Transfer, CLEP, AP, and IB credit cannot be used to qualify for scholarship renewal. Students who completely withdrawn from classes forfeit their scholarships for any remaining semesters of eligibility. Transfer Scholarship awards must be used on the Russellville campus.

Single Term Renewal Requirements

Students whose scholarships begin with the spring term or who only complete one term during the academic year based on special circumstances such as military training or medical conditions must complete a total of 15 hours for the academic year (fall/spring/summer) with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA. Transfer, CLEP, AP, and IB credit cannot be used to qualify for scholarship renewal. Summer courses taken to meet renewal requirements must be through Arkansas Tech University and are at the student's expense.

Summer Earn Back Program

This program is available for students receiving the following scholarships: Freshman Academic, Concurrent Advantage, ATU First Generation, ATU Promise, ATU Family, Transitions, and all transfer scholarships. The program cannot be used to maintain University Honors Stipends. Scholarship students who received their academic scholarship awards in the spring term, but fail to maintain the required number of hours and/or cumulative GPA, may take summer courses to make up deficiencies. Summer courses may be used to meet either the hour or cumulative GPA requirement for continued renewal. Summer courses taken to reinstate awards must be through Arkansas Tech University and are at the student's expense.

To remain in compliance with Act 323 of 2009, the university reserves the right to cancel or modify any scholarship funded by the institution at any time.

Foundation Scholarships

Arkansas Tech University Foundation Scholarships will be awarded if funds are sufficient. To be considered for an Arkansas Tech University Foundation scholarship where need is a determining factor, a Federal Financial Aid Application (www.fafsa.ed.gov/) must be on file in the Financial Aid Office. Federal and state regulations do not permit students to receive financial aid in excess of their cost of attendance. For complete details regarding scholarship stacking regulations, contact the Financial Aid Office.

Students who receive privately funded scholarships will be asked to write a thank you note. Expressing appreciation to donors for their interest in and support of higher education is an important part of receiving a scholarship.

The Arkansas Tech University Foundation reserves the right to amend scholarship requirements and criteria.

Applying for Foundation Scholarships

The student is responsible for submitting the Foundation Scholarship Application and all documentation listed in the scholarship criteria to the Office of Advancement.

The applicant will be considered for all scholarships through the Office of Advancement where all the criteria requirements have been fulfilled.

Scholarships may be viewed and applications submitted at arkanstech.awardspring.com. The log-in is the student's ATU email and password.

Please contact the Office of Advancement at 479-968-0400 with any questions.

Athletic Scholarship

The maximum number and maximum value of such scholarships will be determined by the constitution and by-laws of the NCAA Great American Conference. Applicants should contact the Arkansas Tech University Athletic Director at 479-968-0245.

Privately Supported Scholarships

Arkansas Community Foundation Scholarships

Arkansas Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization that fosters smart giving to improve communities. The Community Foundation offers tools to help Arkansans protect, grow and direct their charitable dollars as they learn more about community needs. By making grants and sharing knowledge, the Community Foundation supports charitable programs that work for Arkansas. <https://www.arcf.org/apply/scholarships/>

Arkansas Education Association Scholarships

Emma Scott - Scholarship for Future Teachers

The Emma Scott Memorial Scholarships were established in 1961 by the Arkansas Education Association to honor Emma Scott. Miss Scott was a former English teacher in Little Rock and AEA staff member who is credited with establishing Future Teachers of America programs in Arkansas. <http://www.aeaonline.org/awards/>

TE Patterson - Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is awarded yearly to five African-American college students in Arkansas. Each year this scholarship also honors the memory of a distinguished African-American educator. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1st. All applications must be completed with documents by the deadline. Otherwise the committee will not consider it. <http://www.aeaonline.org/awards/>

Arkansas Health Information Management Association Scholarship

An annual scholarship fund has been established by the Arkansas Health Information Management Association. The scholarship is awarded each spring to a deserving health information management major in his/her junior or senior year. The recipient is determined by the Executive Board of the Arkansas Health Information Management Association. Interested students should contact the Health Information Management Program office in Dean Hall Suite 201 to obtain an application. Application deadline is January 31st.

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund

Single parents who reside in counties other than those listed below may find information for their county at <http://www.aspsf.org/>

Logan County Single Parent Scholarship Fund

LCSPSF offers approximately \$500 per semester (spring, fall, summer), which may be used to support the needs of the scholar - pay for gasoline, pay for babysitter, pay for food, clothing, utilities, rent etc. Half the scholarship is provided at the beginning of the semester and the remainder after submission of the mid-semester grades, which must be passing grades. Students can apply for the scholarships on-line. Contact: Christy McCollough, Scholarships, 479-675-4326 email: cmccollough@atu.edu . Mailing address: Jessica Philmon, First National bank, P.O. Box 31, Paris, AR 72855.

Pope-Yell County Single Parent Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded each semester to single parents who are residents of Pope or Yell counties. Recipients must have applied for federal financial aid and be eligible for a federal Pell Grant. Application deadline is July 15 for the fall semester and January 15 for the spring semester. Applications

are available from Pope-Yell County Single Parent Scholarship Board, River Valley Shelter for Battered Women and Children, Inc. P.O. Box 2066, Russellville, Arkansas 72811.

J.D. Knight Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mrs. J.D. Knight in memory of her late husband, Mr. J.D. Knight, a former member of the Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees. The recipient must be majoring in accounting, business, or economics and must have an interest in banking as a possible career. An application may be obtained from the Accounting Department in the College of Business.

Cora McHenry Scholarship for Teaching Excellence

Three partial tuition scholarships available to African-American students committed to teaching in the public school of Arkansas at either the early childhood/middle or secondary level. To be eligible, a student must be eligible for the teacher education program, be a member of SNEA or CMLA, be enrolled in a 15 credit hour course load, and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better. To apply a student should submit a letter of application, two letters of recommendation from school officials, a brief essay on why the applicant is interested in teaching, and including a record of activities in school, church, and the community to Dr. V. Carole Smith, College of Education, Arkansas Tech University. Application deadline is February 15.

R. Lewis Urton Senior Rehabilitation Scholarship

An annual grant provided by the Arkansas Rehabilitation Association to a senior major in rehabilitation science. Applications for the scholarship are received during the spring semester. Students interested in applying should contact the Director of the Rehabilitation Science program. Each applicant will be interviewed by a committee made up of members of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Association.

Arkansas Department of Higher Education Programs

The programs listed below are awarded and administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). Further information may be obtained by writing to: Arkansas Department of Higher Education, 423 Main Street, Suite 400, Little Rock, AR 72201, or by calling (501) 371-2050 or at scholarships.adhe.edu. The application for all programs is available on-line.

Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program

The Academic Challenge Program provides scholarships to Arkansas residents pursuing a higher education. Funded in large part by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, the Academic Challenge Scholarship is available to students regardless of their academic status, whether just graduating from high school, currently enrolled in college, enrolling in college for the first time, or re-enrolling after a period of time out of college. There are no income restrictions but students still must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by July 1. The scholarship award amount will be determined annually in early Spring. The application deadline is July 1.

Arkansas Future Grant (ArFuture)

The Arkansas Future Grant (ArFuture) will cover tuition and fees for qualifying certificate and Associate degree programs at Arkansas' public institutions. The grant applies to students enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) or regional high demand areas of study. Students must have either graduated from an Arkansas public school, private school, home school or received a high school equivalency diploma; or verify that the student has resided within the state for the three (3) years immediately preceding application as well as meet one of the high school graduation or diploma requirements. Additional requirements and a list of qualifying degree programs can be found online at <http://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/> Applicants must complete the free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and application by July 1.

Arkansas National Guard Tuition Assistance (formerly G-TIP)

The Arkansas National Guard Tuition Assistance program provides a tuition-only waiver to Arkansas residents who are active members of the Arkansas Army/Air National Guard that have not already obtained a Bachelor's degree. Applications and additional information may be obtained from the unit commander.

Governor's Distinguished Scholars

The Governor's Distinguished Scholars Program will pay up to \$10,000 per year for tuition, mandatory fees, room and board to students who achieve 32 or above on the ACT or 1410 on the SAT, have a 3.50 academic grade point average, are a National Achievement Finalist or National Merit Finalist attending an approved Arkansas public or private college or university. The scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years provided the student meets the continuing eligibility standards. Application deadline is February 1 of high school graduation year.

Law Enforcement Officer's Dependents Scholarship

The Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship (LEO) provides a waiver of tuition, fees, and room at any public college, university, or technical institute in Arkansas for dependents and spouses of Arkansas law enforcement officers, some Highway and Transportation Department employees, and other public employees, who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. Application deadline is July 1.

Military Dependent's Scholarship

The Military Dependent's Scholarship Program provides a waiver of tuition, fees, and on-campus room and board, minus three (3) months of Dependents Education Assistance (DEA) or Chapter 35 benefits, to full-time students at any public college, university, or technical institute in Arkansas for dependents and spouses of Arkansans who were killed or missing in action or who were prisoners of war or who are totally and permanently disabled. All applicants must also apply for and show acceptance or denial of the Federal Dependent's Educational Assistance Program. Application deadline is July 1.

Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP)

The Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP) program offers reimbursement grants to cover tuition and fees, not to exceed \$3,000, for up to six (6) completed college credit hours per academic year to current Arkansas teachers and administrators seeking to further their education. Application deadline is July 1.

The State Teacher Education Program (STEP)

The State Teacher Education Program (STEP) provides federal student loan repayment grants of up to \$4,000 per year to Arkansas residents who earned a teaching degree after 4/1/2004 and are teaching in a public school in a geographical and/or subject shortage area. Application deadline is July 1.

Other Sources of Assistance

Arkansas National Guard

Act 82 of 2005 provides a tuition and waiver assistance program for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard. Members of the Arkansas National Guard should contact the Veteran Services Office for information.

Military Activation

Students who cease attendance at Arkansas Tech University without completing and receiving a grade in one or more courses due to military activation or deployment may receive compensation for the resulting monetary loss as provided by Act 85 of 2005. Please contact the Registrar's Office for information.

Native American Out-of-State Waiver

Arkansas Tech University offers in-state tuition rates to Native American students in other states belonging to tribes which formerly lived in Arkansas, before relocation, and whose names are on the rolls of tribal headquarters. Tribes thus identified include the Caddo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek (Muskogee), Delaware, Kickapoo, Osage, Quapaw, Shawnee, and Tunica. Students who qualify for in-state tuition for fee purposes may apply for freshman academic scholarship. For more information contact the Office of Admissions at (800) 582-6953.

Over 60 Tuition Waiver

Arkansas residents who are sixty or older on the first day of class may have tuition and fees waived upon completion of certification of eligibility. Students must notify the Financial Aid Office each semester of the number of enrolled hours which need to be waived. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

Mr. Tommy Memorial Student Loan Fund

Arkansas Tech has a special loan fund known as the "Mr. Tommy Memorial Student Loan Fund." This fund was established by Arkansas Tech alumni as a memorial to the late E.S. Tomlinson, for many years head of the biology department. Supplementing lesser contributions by hundreds of former students is the Margaret McFadden Lykes, Jr., contribution. Loans from this fund are limited in amount and intended primarily for emergency aid to students. One semester of successful residence is required of all students applying for these loans. Information relative to this fund may be obtained from the Student Services Office.

Vocational Rehabilitation Assistance

Persons who have substantial handicap to employment as a result of a permanent disability may receive, at no cost to themselves, vocational counseling and some financial assistance toward the cost of their college training when the vocational objective of the disabled person is approved by the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. These services are available through the Division of Rehabilitation Services, 1401 Brookwood Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. Application for assistance or request for information about the program may be made to that address or to a local rehabilitation counselor.

Workforce Investment Act

The Workforce Investment Act is a federal program which provides financial assistance to individuals in need. The program's primary targets are individuals with barriers to employment and dislocated workers. Candidates who meet eligibility requirements will receive tuition and book scholarships for two years to complete an associate degree at Arkansas Tech University. WIA is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for information about eligibility may be made through the WIA office, 104 S. Rochester, Russellville, AR 72801; telephone 968-4919; TDD/ARS: 1-800-285-1131.