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Career Pathways Initiative (CPI)

Career Pathways is an economic development program designed to assist low income parents in meeting their educational and career training goals that will ultimately lead to a high demand, high wage career. Career Pathways is designed for students interested in completing training and immediately entering into a career field that will help their family become self-sufficient. Students who have previously completed an Associate or Bachelor degree may not be eligible for direct services.

To be eligible for Career Pathways:

- ✓ Parent of child under the age of 21 AND
- ✓ You must have annual family income that falls within the chart below
- ✓ Current or Former TEA, SNAP, ARKids, or Medicaid recipient

2019 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C. Poverty Guidelines (Annual)					
	100%	133%	138%	150%	200%	250%
1	\$12,490	\$16,612	\$17,236	\$18,735	\$24,980	\$31,225
2	\$16,910	\$22,490	\$23,336	\$25,365	\$33,820	\$42,275
3	\$21,330	\$28,369	\$29,435	\$31,995	\$42,660	\$53,325
4	\$25,750	\$34,248	\$35,535	\$38,625	\$51,500	\$64,375
5	\$30,170	\$40,126	\$41,635	\$45,255	\$60,340	\$75,425
6	\$34,590	\$46,005	\$47,734	\$51,885	\$69,180	\$86,475
7	\$39,010	\$51,883	\$53,834	\$58,515	\$78,020	\$97,525
8	\$43,430	\$57,762	\$59,933	\$65,145	\$86,860	\$108,575

Career Pathways may be available to assist eligible students with the following direct and indirect services while working towards a GED, Arkansas Career Readiness Certificate, Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, or Associates Degree:

- ✓ Fuel Assistance to and from classes
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Laptop Loaner Program
- ✓ Student Success Lab available with tutors and learning software
- ✓ Job Placement after completion of program

To be eligible for Career Pathways direct services (transportation assistance & books), students must **complete the entire application accurately, complete an essay regarding your short term and long term education and career goals, and submit all eligibility documents** listed below. A Career Pathways staff member will call eligible applicants to schedule an interview during open enrollment. Career Pathway's funding is limited; the most qualified candidates will be selected for program participation.

Eligibility Documents – all documents listed below **MUST** be submitted **WITH** application:

- ☐ Arkansas Driver's License
- ☐ Student's Social Security Card
- ☐ Child(ren)'s Social Security Card
- ☐ Child(ren)'s Birth Certificates or Certificate of Live Birth
- ☐ Most recent Federal Tax Return
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation (from employer, instructor, community leader, pastor, etc.)
- ☐ FAFSA Student Aid Report (fafsa.ed.gov)

Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) application deadlines and process:

Application submission deadlines are as follows:

Spring Semester – Applications need to be submitted by December 1st**

*Fall Mid-Term pickups are approximately Mid-March

Summer Semester- Applications need to be submitted by May 1st**

Fall Semester-Applications need to be submitted by July 15th**

*Spring Mid-Term Pickups are approximately Mid-October

*New students who have not accumulated a GPA upon submission of their application will be checked at Mid-Term for possible consideration.

** Priority deadline for application review.

Application process is as follows:

Applications that are complete will go before the Career Pathways team to be reviewed for eligibility.

Applicants that meet the criteria will be called in for the interview process, interviewees are scored on a point system. After all interviews are conducted, the team will select members to be accepted into the program, those members will be contacted by phone and offered a place in the program.

Applicants that are denied will be sent letters to the address they provided on their application and/or emails (to their One Tech email) informing them as to why they were not selected. Applicants that are denied may resubmit applications. Some applications may be held for a later review.

Applying does not guarantee acceptance into the program, acceptance is based on several criteria, including but not limited to: Eligibility, Need, GPA, Interview, etc.

Career Pathways is a competitive program, there is typically a waiting list of applicants. Applications will be considered in the order they are received when openings become available.

Career Pathways Team:

Jessica Spicer, Director

Brianna Ingram, Career Services-Support Facilitator

Angela Cox, Counselor

Email: cpi@atu.edu

Phone: 479-667-2117



Career Pathways Initiative

Participant Application

Date Received _____

Office Use Only

Applicant Information

Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Maiden _____ DOB _____

Mailing Address _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical Address _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____ County _____

Social Security No. _____ T Number: _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Contact Number () _____

School Email _____ Personal Email _____

Race:

- ☐ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black (Non-Hispanic Origin)
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native
- ☐ White (Non-Hispanic Origin)
- ☐ Non-Resident Alien
- ☐ Other

Gender:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

Marital Status:

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Legally Separated

Citizenship

- ☐ U.S. Citizen
- ☐ Resident Alien
- ☐ Non-citizen

Country of Citizenship: _____

Number of Children Living in the Home: _____ Children's Ages: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a drug related felony? No ☐ Yes ☐

Have you Earned a _____ HS Diploma _____ GED _____ College Certificate or Degree?

What is your degree plan? _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Are you currently employed? ____ Yes ____ No

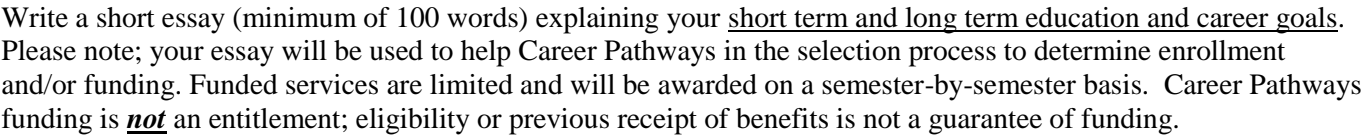
Where? _____ How Long? _____ Hourly Wage _____

Did/Do you receive? **Snap** **Medicaid** **Current TEA** **Former TEA** **ARKids**

By signing below I give full permission to the CPI staff at ATU-OC to review my financial and academic records including but not limited to my FAFSA application, test scores, transcripts, and participation with the DHS programs. I also give permission for CPI to contact references and previous supervisors provided on my application. This information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in CPI. By signing below, I understand participation in CPI may be revoked at any time due to falsifying any information or engaging in inappropriate behavior. I also recognize assistance is limited and not guaranteed.

Signature _____

Date _____

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Authorization to Release or Obtain Information for the Career Pathways Initiative

In the course of providing the best possible service to the participants of the Arkansas Career Pathways Initiative Program, the exchange of information between governmental agencies and educational institutions may be necessary. I hereby authorize the Arkansas Career Pathways Initiative personnel to release and/or provide, on a need to know basis, information which is reasonably necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Pathways program. I understand that the information is confidential and will only be shared with the agencies, institutions or parties listed below unless the release or provision of such information is otherwise prohibited by law or regulation. I understand the individuals that receive and use this information will hold it in the strictest confidence and will use it to better serve me. I understand copies of this signed release will serve as valid authorization and the original signed document will be kept in my file. I understand that government records may be used to obtain this information.

I hereby authorize release of the following information to the following agencies, institutions or other parties unless the release or provision of such information is otherwise prohibited by law or regulation:

- The Department of Health and Human Services and the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DHHS/DCCECE) may provide information regarding my participation in agency programs. This will include names, social security numbers and other necessary information pertaining to my children.
- The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) may provide information regarding my present or future employment, participation in the Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) program, unemployment insurance benefit program and my participation in Workforce Investment Act employment and training programs.
- The Department of Workforce Education may provide information including WAGE, Adult Education and current and past education participation.
- The Arkansas Department of Higher Education and affiliated educational institutions may provide records relating to my current and past education.
- The educational institution involved in my participation in the Career Pathways Initiative may provide information between the internal departments.
- The Workforce Investment Act service provider may provide information regarding my participation in adult work programs.
- The Division of Rehabilitation Services may provide information regarding my participation in Rehabilitation Services employment and training programs.
- The Department of Education and local school districts may provide information regarding my current and past education.
- Private and career training institutions may provide records relating to current and past training and education.
- My current and past employers to provide information related to my employment.

As a condition to my authorization the Arkansas Career Pathways Initiative agrees to use the information obtained solely for the purposes authorized by law and regulation including determining eligibility for employment and training programs, developing an appropriate employment or self-sufficiency plan, educational training and plans, and helping me achieve my occupational and education goals. This authorization is valid for 18 months after the date of exit from my program of services. This authorization is valid for the purpose of obtaining information for program performance reporting and participant follow-up activities related to pre-participation and post exit employment and earnings and for the purpose of obtaining educational information relating to my participation in the Career Pathways Initiative. I understand that, as a condition of my receiving services, information collected by the Career Pathways Initiative will be used for purposes of determining overall program performance.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I give permission for Career Pathways to use myself and children for public relations purposes in the media, including newspapers, newsletters, TV ads, and other media venues.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Child's Name _____

SSN: _____

Child's Name _____

SSN: _____

Child's Name _____

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Child's Name _____

SSN: _____



Child Disclosure Statement

I, _____ , verify that I am a parent with a dependent child under the age of twenty-one who lives within my residence.

Child: _____ SS# _____

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Child: _____ SS# _____

Child: _____ SS# _____

Child: _____ SS# _____

Child: _____ SS# _____

Please sign and date below.

Print Name _____

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____



CAREER PATHWAYS DWS REFERRAL VERIFICATION

I, _____, understand if I meet the Low-Income Eligibility Standards (130% or below of the Federal Poverty Limit) I will be referred by Arkansas Tech University/Career Pathways to Christy Fuerst, Program Operations Manager for the DWS TANF CPI Liaison Unit. Here I will learn if I qualify for any additional services.

Household Size	TANF-Eligible Income Eligibility Standards (250%-100% FPL)	Low-Income Eligibility Standards (100% FPL)
2	\$41,150-\$16,460	Less than \$16,460
3	\$54,950-\$20,780	Less than \$20,780
4	\$62,750-\$25,100	Less than \$25,100
5	\$73,550-\$29,420	Less than \$29,420
6	\$84,350-\$33,740	Less than \$33,740
7	\$95,150-\$38,060	Less than \$38,060
8	\$105,950-\$42,380	Less than \$42,380

If my family falls within the above guidelines, I agree to contact Ms. Fuerst toll free at 1-855-397-4350 or email ADWS.TANF.CPI.UNIT@arkansas.gov to set up a telephone meeting.

Student Name

Date



DHS Benefits Verification Form

To be completed by applicant's local DHS representative

Date: _____

For: Career Pathways Initiative
ATU-Ozark Campus
1700 Helberg Ln.
Ozark, AR 72949

Benefits verification for:

Parent(s):

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Child/Children

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Name: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____

Benefit verification provided by the following agency/county: _____

This household has stated there are _____ household members, and has applied for/or is receiving the following:

_____ Has applied for SNAP _____ Is receiving SNAP _____ Formerly received SNAP

_____ Has applied for TEA _____ Is receiving TEA _____ Formerly received TEA

_____ Has applied for Medicaid _____ Is receiving Medicaid _____ Formerly received Medicaid

_____ Has applied for ARkids _____ Is receiving ARkids _____ Formerly received ARkids

Signature & title of individual verifying services: _____