

Paying for College with Financial Aid

First, we encourage you to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. **This application process will determine your eligibility for federal student aid programs, such as, the Pell grant, Federal Supplemental Opportunity grant (FSEOG), college work-study and student loans as well as notify the institution of your choice of your eligibility.** Upon completion of the FAFSA, available state-aid programs can be found below.

STATE OF ALABAMA FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS			
PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION AND VALUE	WHO MAY APPLY	HOW TO APPLY
ALABAMA GI DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT PROGRAM	Tuition, fees and book assistance to children and spouses of eligible Alabama veterans (with at least a partial disability). Recipients may attend public institutions of higher education in Alabama.	Students who are children or spouses of eligible Alabama veterans and who attend public postsecondary educational institutions in Alabama. Must enroll as an undergraduate student.	Application forms may be obtained from the Alabama State Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1509, Montgomery, AL 36102-1509, or from any county veterans service officer. Phone 334/242-5077.
ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	An award to be used for tuition, educational fees and book/supplies for Alabama National Guard members to attend a public postsecondary educational institution in Alabama. Awards are limited to \$1,000 per semester, and no more than \$2,000 per year. Is based on need.	Students who are active members in good standing with a federally-recognized unit of the Alabama National Guard. Participants may receive federal veterans benefits, but must show a cost less aid amount of at least \$100.	Applications are available from Alabama National Guard units. Funds are limited, so students who are Guard members are encouraged to apply early. Forms must be signed by a representative of the Alabama Military Department and the financial aid officer at the college or university the student plans to attend.
ALABAMA SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DEPENDENTS OF BLIND PARENTS	An award to cover instructional fees and tuition at an Alabama state institution of higher learning for children from families in which the head of the family is blind and whose family income is insufficient to provide educational benefits.	Students who are Alabama residents and from families in which the head of the family is blind and whose family income is insufficient to provide educational benefits for attendance at an Alabama postsecondary institution. Students must apply within two years of high school graduation.	Applications are available from Debra Culver, Rehab. Specialist, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, 2129 East South Blvd., Montgomery, AL 36116-2455 800/441-7607 334/613-2248 256/362-0638.
ALABAMA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Need-based, state/federal grant ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 per academic year. Awards are limited to undergraduate work.	Undergraduate students who are Alabama residents attending eligible Alabama institutions. Nearly 80 Alabama institutions participate in the program.	Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This form should be filed after January 1 each year and is available from (FAFSA) or the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend.
ALABAMA STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM	An award of grant assistance at an eligible independent Alabama college or university. Is not based on need. Up to \$1200 per academic year with maximum amount available only when sufficient funds are available.	Undergraduate students--both half-time and full-time--who are Alabama residents attending Amridge University, Birmingham-Southern College, Concordia College, Faulkner University, Huntingdon College, Judson College, Miles College, Oakwood College, Samford University, Spring Hill College, Stillman	Applications are available from the financial aid office at the institution you plan to attend. Application deadline dates are printed on the application form.

		College, United States Sports Academy, University of Mobile and South University - Montgomery Campus.	
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	A grant award to be used for tuition, fees and board expenses to attend a public postsecondary educational institution in Alabama. Awards are restricted to students who attend institutions having on-campus housing.	Students who are sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters of veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, or Vietnam and who are residents of Alabama.	Applications are available from the American Legion Department Headquarters, American Legion Auxiliary, 120 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Application deadline is April 1. Phone 334-262-1176.
AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	A grant award to be used for tuition, fees, and board expenses to attend a public postsecondary educational institution in Alabama. Awards are restricted to students who attend institutions having on-campus housing.	Students who are sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters of veterans of World War I, World War II, Korea, or Vietnam and who are residents of Alabama.	Applications are available from the Department Adjutant, The American Legion, P. O. Box 1069, Montgomery, AL 36192. Application deadline is April 1. Phone 334/262-6638.
JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	An award not to exceed total tuition and books for attendance at public junior and community colleges in Alabama. Awards are based on demonstrated athletic ability determined through try-outs. Limits on various sports apply. Awards are not based on financial need.	Full-time students enrolled in public junior and community colleges in Alabama. Awards may be renewed on the basis of continued participation in the designated sport or activity.	Contact the coach, athletic director, or financial aid officer at any public junior or community college in Alabama.
JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	An award not to exceed in-state tuition only for attendance at public junior and community colleges in Alabama. Awards are based on demonstrated talent determined through competitive auditions. Awards are not based on financial needs.	Full-time students attending public junior and community colleges in Alabama.	Contact the financial aid office at any public junior or community college in Alabama. Competitive auditions will also be scheduled as part of the application process.
POLICE OFFICER'S AND FIREFIGHTER'S SURVIVOR'S EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	A grant covering tuition, fees, books and supplies for dependents and eligible spouses of Alabama police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. There is no limit on the amount awarded to recipients. Awards are	Students who are dependents or spouses of police officers or firefighters killed in the line of duty in Alabama. Must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at a public postsecondary educational institution in	Application forms may be obtained from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, P O Box 302000, Montgomery, AL 36130-2000. Phone 334/242-2273.

	available for undergraduate study in public institutions in Alabama.	Alabama. Other special eligibility criteria apply.	
SENIOR ADULT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	A free tuition program for senior citizens (persons aged 60 or over) who meet the admission requirements and attend public two-year postsecondary institutions in Alabama.	A free tuition program for senior citizens (persons aged 60 and over) who meet the admission requirements and attend public two-year postsecondary institutions in Alabama.	Contact the financial aid office at any public two-year postsecondary educational institution in Alabama.
TWO-YEAR COLLEGE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	An award not to exceed in-state tuition and books for attendance at public two-year postsecondary educational institutions in Alabama. Awards are based on demonstrated academic merit as determined by the institutional scholarship committee. Awards are not based on financial need.	Students who are accepted for enrollment at public two-year postsecondary educational institutions in Alabama. Awards may be renewed if students demonstrate academic excellence. Priorities are given to in-state residents.	Contact the financial aid office at any public two-year postsecondary educational institution in Alabama. Application deadline dates are printed on the application form.

**** The following institutions are the only participants of the Alabama Student Grant Program:**

Amridge University
 Birmingham Southern College
 Concordia College
 Faulkner University
 Huntingdon College
 Judson College
 Miles College

Oakwood University
 Samford University
 South University
 Spring Hill College
 Stillman College
 U.S. Sports Academy
 University of Mobile

Please **DO NOT** submit this application to an institution that is not listed above.

Alabama Student Grant Program Application 2015-2016 --

<http://www.ache.alabama.gov/Content/Departments/StudentAsst/ALA-STUDENT-GRANT-PROG-FORM-2015-2016.pdf>

(Please return completed application to the Financial Aid office of the participating institution.)