

# Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid and Scholarships is located in 109 Abrams Hall. For information, call (318) 473-6423; visit <http://sfa.lsua.edu>; send an e-mail to [financialaid@lsua.edu](mailto:financialaid@lsua.edu); or write to Financial Aid and Scholarships, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, 8100 Highway 71 South, Alexandria, LA 71302.

## Scholarships and Awards

In selecting recipients of scholarships and awards, consideration is given to academic excellence, character, leadership, general accomplishments, and financial need. In general, students who receive scholarships and awards rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduation classes and present placement and aptitude test scores in the upper ranges. Scholarships are awarded according to academic eligibility and/or leadership experience as set forth in the scholarship guidelines. An award made for "one year" covers two consecutive semesters, fall and spring.

Scholarships may be adjusted or cancelled if a student receives other state-funded scholarships. Students will be awarded only one institutional scholarship for any one semester and will receive the highest award for which they are eligible and for which funds are available.

Scholarships awarded by outside agencies will be administered according to the rules and regulations prescribed by the donors as accepted by the LSU Board of Supervisors.

All scholarships and exemptions will be adjusted after the 14th day of class during each full semester and after the seventh day of class during A and B-terms. If a student resigns before the 15th day of class the award will be cancelled.

Total financial aid provided to any student, including grants, loans, work study, and scholarships, cannot exceed the student's total cost of attendance budget per federal regulations.

## Board of Supervisors Scholarships

Board of Supervisors Scholarships are awarded by Board of Supervisors members and the President of the LSU System. Applications are available in the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office at the school the student will be attending.

## Centennial Honor Awards<sup>1</sup>

Centennial Honor Awards may be presented to high school seniors who have a GPA of at least 3.0 at mid-term of their senior year and an ACT composite score of at least 28. Transfer or continuing students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 on all college work may also be presented with the award. The value of the scholarship is \$1,500 per semester for up to eight consecutive semesters.

## Chancellor Scholarship Awards<sup>1</sup>

Chancellor Scholarship Awards may be presented to high school seniors and/or transfer students who have demonstrated academic and/or leadership excellence. The value of the scholarship can vary from \$500 to \$1500, per semester for up to eight consecutive semesters.

## Merit Honor Awards<sup>1</sup>

Merit Honor Awards in the amount of \$1000 per semester for up to eight consecutive semesters may be presented to high school seniors with a GPA of at least 3.0 at mid-term of their senior year and an ACT composite score of at least 25. Transfer or continuing students with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 on all college work may also be presented with this award.

## University Scholarship Awards<sup>1</sup>

University Scholarship Awards in the amount of \$750 per semester for up to eight consecutive semesters may be presented to high school seniors with a GPA of at least 3.0 at mid-term of their senior year and an ACT composite score of at least 23. Transfer or continuing students with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 on all college work may also be presented with this award.

To retain scholarships, recipients must remain enrolled full time and maintain a GPA of 3.0. Applications for the Centennial Honor, Chancellor Scholarship, Merit Honor, and University Scholarship Awards can be downloaded and printed from <http://sfa.lsua.edu> or obtained from LSUA's Financial Aid and Scholarships office or from high school counselor offices.

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<sup>1</sup> The Centennial Honor, Chancellor Scholarship, Merit Honor, and University Scholarship Awards are given in increments of four semesters for students pursuing LSUA associate degrees and increments of eight semesters for students pursuing LSUA baccalaureate degrees.

## State Scholarships

### Louisiana Rockefeller Scholarship

Louisiana Rockefeller Scholarship is a state program that offers scholarships to high school graduates interested in majoring in forestry, wildlife, or marine sciences.

### Louisiana's Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)

TOPS is a comprehensive program of state scholarships. It has four components: the *Opportunity Award*, the *Performance Award*, the *Honors Award*, and the *Tech Award* (for Technical Schools only). These awards are open to Louisiana residents only.

Any graduating high school student who achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5, who completes a specified college-preparatory curriculum, and who scores at or above the state average (not less than 20) on the American College Test (ACT) is eligible to receive free college tuition through the TOPS program.

For the TOPS *Opportunity Award*, the *Performance Award*, and the *Honors Award*, students must take a minimum of 16.5 core units in the college prep curriculum, achieve minimum standards for their grade point average, and achieve a minimum score on the ACT. Note: beginning with the graduating class of 2008 and thereafter, a total of 17.5 units will be required. For more information, consult pages 22-23 of this catalog.

In order to continue receiving TOPS *Honors* and *Performance Awards*, recipients must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 and earn 24 hours each academic year. *Opportunity* scholars must achieve a grade point average of at least 2.3 in their first year but must increase the grade point average to 2.5 as they accumulate more than 48 credit hours. Students who fail to meet these criteria will not continue to receive awards although eligibility can be reinstated. The period for which students can receive any TOPS award is limited to four years or eight semesters.

To apply for all TOPS awards and the Louisiana Rockefeller Scholarship, students must submit that version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that corresponds to the year in which they plan to enroll in a postsecondary school. For example, the 2009-2010 version of the application should be submitted for the 2009-2010 school year.

The state deadline for submission is published on the application.

Applications for TOPS scholarships can be obtained from the high school counselor's office; from LSUA's Financial Aid and Scholarships office; online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov); by writing to Student Financial Assistance, P.O. Box 91202, Baton Rouge, LA 70821; or by phoning 1-800-259-5626 Ext. 1012 ([www.osfa.state.la.us](http://www.osfa.state.la.us)).

### Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Savings Program

START is an innovative college savings plan designed to help families contend with the growing costs of educating their children after high school. The program is administered by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, under the direction of the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority (LATTA).

A savings account for college, called an Education Savings Account (ESA), may be opened on behalf of a named Beneficiary by anyone, including legal entities, provided that the Account Owner or the Beneficiary is a resident of Louisiana. Account Owners may save at their own pace and in amounts they can afford and still have their money professionally managed. In addition, as an incentive to save, the State of Louisiana will annually match a percentage of the deposits made to an account during the calendar year, depending upon the category into which the account has been classified and the federal adjusted gross income reported by the Account Owner for that year.

An account in the START Saving Program can be opened online at [www.startsaving.la.gov](http://www.startsaving.la.gov). For additional information, please call 1-800-259-5626 extension 1012, or e-mail [START@losfa.state.la.us](mailto:START@losfa.state.la.us).



## Endowed Scholarships

To apply for the endowed scholarships, students should submit an LSUA scholarship application. The form can be obtained from LSUA's Financial Aid and Scholarships office, from high school counselor offices, or online at <http://sfa.lsua.edu>. All scholarships will be administered according to scholarship guidelines. For additional information, contact Financial Aid and Scholarships at (318) 473-6423.

### **Morris N. Abrams Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to full-time students who are dependents of LSUA faculty and staff.

### **Alexandria Exchangette Nursing Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

### **Thomas T. and Barbara R. Allen Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified student majoring in education.

### **Barbara Rothschild Allen Psychology Scholarship**

Awarded to a student majoring in psychology who has an overall grade point average of at least 3.0.

### **The Jackie Hubley Blanda Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified Central Louisiana high school graduate.

### **Elizabeth M. Bolton Art Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in art.

### **Frances Sample Bolton Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

### **James C. Bolton Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to qualified students majoring in the field of business.

### **Lacy G. Bordelon Kiwanis Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman from Rapides Parish.

### **The Lyle E. Brumfield Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified female applicant whose education has been previously interrupted.

### **John H. Cade, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

### **Barbara Brumfield Caffey Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified dependent child of a current, retired, or deceased LSUA faculty and staff.

### **Jeremy E. "Jay" Carruth and David C. Ezernack Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a student seeking a career in the field of criminal justice.

### **Charles J. and Eloise Gill Cavanaugh Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified teacher education major.

### **Chancellor Robert Cavanaugh Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a full-time student enrolled in one of the university's baccalaureate programs.

### **Central Louisiana Advertising Club Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman majoring in marketing, public relations, or communications.

### **The Central Louisiana Chapter of the American Institute of Banking Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified student majoring in business.

### **Central Louisiana Sheep Association Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant with an interest in agriculture.

### **Dr. Charnia L. Cheatwood Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

### **CLECO Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

### **Bill Cotton Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified freshman.

**Anne Splon Coughlin Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**F. Hugh Coughlin Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to an entering freshman who has shown academic ability and financial need.

**Credit Bureau of Alexandria Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Crossroad Regional Hospital Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**James W. Firnberg Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**The Moses R. Firnberg Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**Dr. Robert J. Freedman, Sr. Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Bernard Bindursky/Leonard Fuhrer Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a full-time student majoring in criminal justice or theatre who has an overall grade point average of 2.5.

**Helen S. Gault Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Robertson L. Gilliland Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**The Irving and Lillie Goldstein Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in business administration.

**Helen, Shick, and Doug Gormanous Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**Helen, Shick, and Doug Gormanous Staff Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified LSUA employee.

**McDonald Kirby Guy Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified graduate of Glenmora High School.

**Dr. Alvin H. Honigman Memorial Scholarship in Nursing**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Mark Eugene Howard Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified student majoring in biology.

**Huie Dellmon Trust Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in clinical nursing.

**Albin S. and Rebecca Woodin Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant.

**Penny Johnson Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified graduate of Pine Prairie High School.

**Marion Kurfiss Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**Lucien P. and Peggy Laborde Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified graduate of an Avoyelles Parish High School.

**Jimmy Lanius Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in accounting.

**Francis L. Lavigne Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to an entering freshman with preference to a student majoring in pharmacy.

**The Malcolm and Jean Levy Nursing Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**LSUA Ebony Endowment Scholarship**

Awarded to an outstanding African-American freshman.

**The LSUA Silver Anniversary Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**Darrell Mabou Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified graduate of Buckeye High School.

**MacArthur Drive Lions Club Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified Central Louisiana high school graduate.

**C.O. and Elizabeth Magee Scholarship**

Awarded to an entering freshman with preference to a student with an interest in engineering.

**The Wayne and Mary Malone Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified full-time student.

**Barbara M. Martin Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in science.

**Dr. Benjamin F. Martin, Jr. Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in science.

**Dr. Bernard H. and Sandra Taylor McSparrin Endowed Scholarship in Nursing**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Dr. Claude Melebeck Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified student majoring in communication studies or theatre.

**Mid-State Sand and Gravel Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified graduate of a Rapides Parish high school.

**Col. W. R. Middleton Honor Awards**

Awarded to an outstanding freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior.

**David A. Miller Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant.

**William and Alice Mildred Morros Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Anthony, Mary, and Joe S. Mowad Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified graduate of Oakdale High School.

**Jerry Myrick Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified child of current, retired, or deceased LSUA faculty or staff member.

**Valerie and Robert Neblett Scholarship**

Awarded to a student with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

**Regions Bank Scholarship** (formerly Security First National Bank Scholarship)

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**Helena Corrigan Ritter Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified full-time student.

**John L. Ritter Scholarship**

Awarded to a full-time qualified student.

**George H. Rothschild, Sr. Business Administration Scholarship**

Awarded to qualified applicant majoring in business.

**CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Gloria Bryant Shelby Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in business or science.

**Wayne Shelby Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant whose major is in the Department of Business Administration.

**Noel T. Simmonds M.D. Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified pre-medicine student or a student majoring in science or allied health fields.

**Albert (Zig) Slayter Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified graduate of Grant High School.

**Student Nurses Association Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in nursing.

**Syra-Meric Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified student whose parents are members of Syra-Meric Club.

**Honorable Richard S. Thompson Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant who is a resident of Grant Parish.

**The Samuel B. Thornton Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified entering freshman.

**Tillman Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified student pursuing a career in the field of law.

**Gary Tisdale Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a student majoring in history or geography.

**Lavergne L. and D. Merrick Turpin Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant.

**Voiture Local 309 –40/8 Scholarship for Nursing**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in nursing.

**Dr. D.V. Wells Endowed Scholarship**

Awarded to a student majoring in biological or physical science with a grade point average of at least 2.5.

**Non-Endowed Scholarships**

To apply for the non-endowed scholarships, students should submit an LSUA scholarship application. All scholarships will be administered according to scholarship guidelines. For additional information, contact Financial Aid and Scholarships at (318) 473-6423.

**Alexandria Business Foundation Scholarships**

Awarded to a qualified applicant majoring in business.

**Helen M. Armstrong, R.N. Scholarship in Nursing**

Awarded to a qualified applicant in nursing.

**Mary Jane Brown Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a full-time African American student who has a 2.5 grade point average on work attempted.

**LSUA Staff Senate Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified full-time staff member.

**Sam and Myrtle Lyles Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a qualified applicant from a rural area.

**The Martin Foundation Scholarships**

Awarded to qualified applicants who are dependents of employees of the Roy O. Martin Lumber Company or its affiliates or qualified students in Avoyelles, Grant, Rapides, or St. Landry Parishes.

**Gary and Deborah Tillman Scholarships**

Awarded to a student classified as a sophomore or higher who is pursuing a career in the field of law.

### Club/Agency Scholarships

To apply for one of these scholarships, students should contact the personnel in the agency/club. All scholarships will be administered according to scholarship guidelines.

#### Exchange Club of Alexandria

Awarded to qualified applicants in nursing or education, or to applicants with an interest in agriculture.

#### Charlie G. Johnson, CLU Scholarship

Awarded by Central Louisiana Association of Life Underwriters to a qualified applicant.

#### LaPine Chapter, Professional Secretaries International

Awarded to a qualified business major.

#### Rapides LSU Alumni

Awarded to a qualified applicant from Rapides Parish.

#### Rapides Parish Fair Association

Awarded to qualified applicants from Rapides Parish with an interest in agriculture.

#### Rapides Regional Medical Center Women's Auxiliary

Awarded to qualified applicants in nursing.

#### John "Jack" Franklin Taylor Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Awarded to a qualified applicant in clinical nursing.

#### Voiture Locale 430 40/8 Scholarship for Nursing

Awarded by the Voiture Locale 430 to qualified applicants in nursing from Avoyelles Parish.

#### Sara Weiss Scholarship established by the Eighth District of Louisiana Garden Club Federation

Awarded to a qualified applicant.



View of the patio area at the back of Chambers Hall

**Fee Exemption Scholarships**

Students automatically forfeit their award when they fail to maintain the required grade point average for any given scholarship or award, when they fail to claim their award for any semester, when they resign during a semester, or when they are suspended from the university.

**Louisiana Boys'/Girls' State Honor Awards**

These awards are made annually upon the recommendation of the Director of Louisiana Boys' State and the Director of Louisiana Girls' State. Such recommendations are not automatic and do not accrue on the basis of attendance at Boys' State or Girls' State events. Award recipients are entitled to an exemption of \$25 for each semester and \$20 for each summer term. The period of validity is four years, so long as the recipient maintains the required scholastic average. Students must complete 12 hours of work with a GPA of at least 2.0 for their first semester in attendance and must earn a GPA of at least 2.0 on all work taken as a freshman and a GPA of at least 2.3 on all work taken as a sophomore. Application should be made to the Director of Louisiana Boys'/Girls' State.

**Veterans Orphans Scholarships**

The Veterans Orphans Scholarships are awarded by the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to children of veterans who were killed or disabled as a result of military service. The value of the award is exemption from university fees. The original fee exemption certificates should be presented to Financial Aid and Scholarships. Correspondence regarding this certificate should be addressed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Room 113, Old State Capitol Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801. Assistance is also given by the Local Veterans Administration office in securing additional aid for war orphans. For more information, call (318) 487-5743. Students must be enrolled full time up to the 15th class day of a regular semester and the eighth class day of A or B- term.

**National Guard Fee Exemptions**

National Guard fee exemptions are available to active members of the Louisiana National Guard who are not on scholastic probation and who maintain satisfactory participation in the Louisiana National Guard. Applicants should apply through their unit commander at least six weeks before

registration and should make sure that their names are on the master National Guard list by calling (800) 899-6355.

**65 and Older Fee Exemptions**

An exemption of tuition for up to six credit hours is available to any person 65 years of age or older. This exemption is allowed under Act 525 of the 1975 Louisiana Legislature. However, all persons are required to pay a \$20 application fee at the time application is made for admission to the university. All persons 65 years of age or older are responsible for all course fees other than tuition. Students must bring their driver's license or a valid I.D. containing their birth date to Financial Aid and Scholarships in order to receive this exemption. Further information may be obtained from Financial Aid and Scholarships.

**4-H Club Honor Awards**

These awards are made based on competition at the annual 4-H Club Short Course held at LSU Baton Rouge. The award entitles the recipient to an exemption of \$25 each semester and \$20 each summer term. The period of validity is four years, so long as the recipient maintains the required grade point average. Awards are made upon the recommendation of the State 4-H Club Agent.

**CODOFIL Teachers**

Teachers participating in the CODOFIL program in Louisiana who wish to take courses at LSUA are provided exemption from university and non-resident fees.

**Foreign Associate Teachers**

Teachers sponsored by the Cordell Hull Foundation for International Education are authorized a waiver of university and nonresident fees.

**Children of Deceased Faculty Exemption**

Exemption of tuition is available to any qualified dependent of a deceased faculty member of Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

**LSUA Employee Exemption**

Exemption of tuition is available to all Louisiana State University at Alexandria employees who have been fully employed for at least one year as determined by the Human Resource Department.

**Employee Exemption Agriculture**

Any full-time employee of the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center is qualified for tuition exemption for up to six hours per semester.

**Deceased Fire Fighter Dependent Exemption**

This exemption may be awarded to any qualified dependent of a deceased Fire Fighter.

**LSU Health Sciences Center Exemption**

Exemption of tuition for up to six credit hours is available for any qualified employee of The Huey P. Long Medical Center.

**Financial Aid Programs Based on Need**

Financial Aid and Scholarships administers a number of federally-funded financial aid programs to help students continue their education. All such programs are subject to regulations stipulated by the United States Department of Education and by university policies consistent with federal regulations. In order to receive funds from these programs, a student must have a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED), be officially admitted to the university, and have maintained satisfactory academic progress as defined by Federal regulations and LSUA's Financial Aid and Scholarships' policies and procedures.

**Grants****Federal Pell Grants**

Pell Grant grants are available to students who have established financial need by means of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Renewal Application. Students who need financial assistance to meet college expenses should consider this grant as their primary source of aid. Other kinds of assistance for which students may qualify should be supplemental to the Pell Grant.

Depending on the cost of attendance and the ability of the applicants and their families to meet these costs, the value of the Pell Grant may vary from year to year. Applicants can be completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Applicants should list LSUA (Federal School Code 002011) as a receiving institution. In accordance with the directions provided, an agency of the federal government will establish the student's eligibility for the grant and notify the student of his or her eligibility. This process usually takes four to six weeks.

Upon receipt of electronic PELL information, the student will be sent a letter requesting additional information and/or supporting documents. To ensure availability of funds at registration, all required supporting documents should be submitted to Financial Aid and Scholarships by May 1 for fall, October 1 for spring, and April 1 for summer. Federal Pell Grants will be adjusted for the hours in which the student is enrolled after the 14th class day (regular semester) or the seventh class day (A or B-term).

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)**

The amount of financial assistance students receive through a Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant depends upon their need, their personal financial resources and those of their parents. Students should complete the FAFSA and submit necessary paperwork to Financial Aid and Scholarships by May 1.

**Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP)**

These grants are available to students who are residents of Louisiana and the United States. Eligibility for LEAP will be based upon the student's academic record and a recommendation of the school financial aid officer that certifies substantial financial need as determined through federally-approved needs analysis systems.

Students must be enrolled full-time (12 or more hours) and be in good standing academically to qualify for LEAP. High school graduates are required to have a "C" average in English, mathematics, social studies, and science. Post-secondary students who qualify are required to have a "C" average for all grades or a "C" average for the past school year. Grants range from \$200 to \$1,500 per year. Students should make an appointment with the Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships to discuss this grant.

**Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant**

To be eligible for ACG and Smart, a student must

1. be a United States citizen;
2. be enrolled fulltime at a two- or four-year degree-granting institution of higher education;

3. be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant;
4. *Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)*: be enrolled in *first academic year* of undergraduate education for the first time and have successfully completed (after January 1, 2006) a rigorous secondary school program of study established by a State educational agency, or
5. *Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)*: be enrolled in the *second academic year* of undergraduate education and have completed (after January 1, 2005) a rigorous secondary school program of study established by a State educational agency and have obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the end of the first academic year, or
6. *National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (Smart) Grant*: be enrolled in *third or fourth academic year* and be pursuing a major in the physical, life, or computer sciences, mathematics, technology; or engineering (as determined by the Secretary pursuant to regulations); or a foreign language that the Secretary determines is critical to the national security of the United States; and have obtained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in course work required for the majors listed above.

These grants range from \$750 for the first academic year (#4 above), \$1,300 for the second academic year (#5 above), and \$4,000 for third and fourth academic year (#6 above).

## Loans

### Federal Family Educational Loan Programs

FFELP offers loans that are subsidized (interest paid by the federal government while the student is in school) and unsubsidized (student responsible for interest) to students and/or parents who meet certain specific criteria. Under the terms of this program, loans up to \$3,500 per year for freshman students, \$4,000 for sophomore students, and \$5,500 for junior and senior students are made by banks, credit unions, and other lending institutions.

There are also Unsubsidized Stafford Loans available up to the amount of \$4,000 for freshman and sophomore students and \$5,000 for junior and senior students per year. Eligibility and interest in these loans vary, depending on several factors. To establish eligibility, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid or the

Renewal Application. Check with Financial Aid and Scholarships for further information.

Junior- and senior-level loan amounts apply *only to those students who are enrolled in a four-year degree program offered by LSUA*.

Students who receive these loans must enroll *and remain enrolled* at least half-time (six hours regular semester, three hours for summer session).

## Student Employment

Students are eligible for campus employment if they are classified as full time (12 hours or more) and have maintained either a "C" average during their last semester in attendance as a full-time (12 or more hours) student or are making satisfactory academic progress as determined by the university. To secure employment, students must submit an official application to Human Resource Management and be interviewed by a job supervisor. Students who have a preference for a particular appointment may request a specific assignment. Students' pay rates are determined by their previous employment, their academic classification, and the nature of their assignments.

Most jobs require between 50 and 60 hours of work each month. The jobs are varied in nature. Some require special skills; others demand only a willingness to learn. Jobs listed include library assistant, office assistant, food service worker, laboratory assistant, research assistant, grounds assistant, recreation assistant, and desk attendant.

Incorporated into LSUA's campus employment program is the Federal Work Study Program which is a joint effort by the federal government and the university to provide part-time jobs for students who need financial assistance.

Under the terms of the Federal Work Study Program, high school students showing academic promise and documented need to help finance their college education may be guaranteed student jobs before they arrive on campus. It is estimated that such jobs will likely pay \$800 to \$1,000 per academic year for 10-20 hours of work per week.

## Other Financial Aid for Students

### Vocational Rehabilitation Grants

Grants are made to students who are disabled and would ordinarily be unable to hold exacting part-time jobs. Based on need, aid is given for payment

of instructional and other costs. Students should apply through the local Vocational Rehabilitation office or address correspondence to Executive Officer and Director, Vocational Rehabilitation, P.O. Box 44064, Baton Rouge, LA 70804.

### **Veterans' Education Benefits**

Veterans who are eligible to receive Veterans' Education Benefits but have never applied for them should complete the VONAPP (Veterans ON-line Application) at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call 1-888-GIBILL1 to speak with an educational counselor.

All students who are registered for classes and wish to have their enrollment certified with Veterans Affairs must complete and provide the appropriate signatures on the VA Data Form. The form, which is available at [sfa.lsu.edu](http://sfa.lsu.edu) or from the Financial Aid and Scholarships office, must be submitted to Financial Aid and Scholarships each semester or when a schedule change has been made. All students except for Chapter 31 and 35 students will need to verify their hours at the end of each month at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or by calling 1-888-GIBILL1.

Transfer students who have used their benefits before or students who wish to change their majors will need to complete a 22-1995 (Change of Training Place or Program form) and submit an evaluation of transfer credits to be accepted to Financial Aid and Scholarships.

National Guard students who are expected to receive the state exemption to pay their tuition must not be on probation and will need to call 1-800-899-5355 to make sure they are on the National Guard Eligibility List. The state exemption will be adjusted after the 14th class day (regular semester) or seventh class day (A or B-term) to the hours a student is enrolled in at that time.

Dependents of Disabled/Deceased Veterans who are eligible to receive the XDVD State Exemption must submit their original stamped certificate to Financial Aid and Scholarships. A copy will be made from the original stamped certified copy. A student must be in full-time status up to the 15th class day (regular semester) or seventh class day (A or B term) and meet the necessary Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements set forth for Title IV financial aid participants.

Chapter 31 Disabled Veterans who are eligible to receive the VAVR Tuition Exemption will need to submit the following to Financial Aid and Scholarships: VA Form 28-1905 Authorization and

Certification of Entrance or Reentrance into Rehabilitation and Certification of Status. Call (318) 676-3425 to find out if you are eligible to receive this exemption. The exemption will be adjusted to the hours for which the student is enrolled after the 14th class day (regular semester) or the 7th class day (A or B-term).

### **Veteran Services**

A counselor is available in 109 Abrams Hall or by telephone at (318) 473-6423 to assist veterans and dependents of veterans in obtaining Veterans Administration educational benefits.



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