

(consult pages 5-7 of this catalog for withdrawal deadlines).

### *Federal TEACH Grant*

The Federal TEACH Grant Program provides up to \$4000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, students must sign a TEACH Agreement to Serve in which they agree to (among other requirements) the following:

- teach in a high-need field;
- at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational agency that serves students from low income families; and
- for at least four complete years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which the grant was received.

For those that do not complete their service obligation, the grant will convert to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan that must be repaid.

Qualifications for the TEACH Grant include the following:

- Scoring above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on one or more portions of a nationally normed college admissions test, or
- Maintaining a 3.25 GPA.

LSUA restricts the awarding of the TEACH Grant to students who are formally enrolled and actively pursuing coursework in the Professional Teacher Program (admitted to blocks), or to students who are actively pursuing coursework for the Minor in Education for Secondary Certification (admitted to the program).

Students in receipt of the grant are also required to complete an Initial and Subsequent Counseling session (online) each year, in addition to abiding by the Agreement to Serve.

### *Other Grants*

If funds are available, students may be considered for grants other than the Pell Grant. To be considered for such grants, students must complete the FAFSA, submit any additional paperwork requested of them, and have maintained Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by Federal regulations and LSUA's Financial Aid and Scholarships' Policies and Procedures. Students

must also meet any and all criteria set forth by the particular agency that provides the grant funding.

Financial Aid and Scholarships will consider all students, in the order that their FAFSA applications are received, for any grants for which they may be eligible. Note: March 1 is LSUA's priority deadline for students applying for financial aid for the immediately following academic year.

## **Loans**

### *Federal Direct Loan Programs*

The U.S. Department of Education offers direct 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. The amount and type of direct loan for which a student qualifies depends upon information provided on the student's FAFSA, the student's degree program, and the number of hours that the student has earned. To receive a direct loan, a student must be enrolled for at least six credit hours.

### *Federal Work Study*

Students who have financial need as determined by the FAFSA and are making Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by Federal regulations and LSUA's Financial Aid and Scholarships' Policies and Procedures may be eligible for employment under the Federal Work Study program if funding is available. To secure employment, students must submit an official application to Human Resource Management and be interviewed by a job supervisor. Students who wish to request consideration for a particular position may contact the department or unit seeking to fill that position. Students' pay rates are based on the current minimum wage rates. Campus jobs typically require between 50 and 60 hours of work each month and cannot exceed 20 hours per week. The jobs are varied in nature. Some require special skills; others demand only a willingness to learn.

## **Maintaining Eligibility for Financial Aid**

To maintain eligibility for financial aid, whether that aid is in the form of federal or state grants, loans, or work-study participation, students must meet the following academic standards:

- maintain an overall grade point average of at least 2.0;

- earn at least 70% of the hours that they have attempted since the beginning of their college enrollment; and
- not have attempted more than 150% of the hours required for completion of an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or certificate program.

The academic records of transfer and reentry students are reviewed at the time of their admission to LSUA to determine eligibility; first-time freshman are considered eligible upon admission to LSUA. At the end of each spring semester, Financial Aid and Scholarships reviews the academic records of students currently receiving financial aid to determine whether they have maintained these standards.

## 5. Other Award Programs

### Vocational Rehabilitation Grants

These grants are made to students who are disabled and who would ordinarily be unable to hold exacting part-time jobs. Students should apply through their nearest Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) office. A list of the regional offices can be found at <http://www.dss.state.la.us/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=18>.

### Veterans' Education Benefits

Veterans who are eligible to receive Veterans' Education Benefits but have never applied for them should complete the Veterans ON-line Application (VONAPP) 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.lsua.edu](http://sfa.lsua.edu), 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 Request for Change of Program or Place of Training form (VA FORM 22-1995) and submit an evaluation of transfer credits to be accepted to Financial Aid and Scholarships.

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 last day for withdrawing from courses without a 'W' grade (consult pages 5-7 of this catalog for withdrawal deadlines).

### Veteran Affairs Liaison

A university employee serves as a liaison to Veteran Affairs and is available to assist veterans and dependents of veterans in obtaining Veterans Administration educational benefits. Students who wish to consult the liaison may visit Abrams Hall, call (318) 473-6423, or send an email to [financialaid@lsua.edu](mailto:financialaid@lsua.edu).



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