

State Government

Many student financial aid programs in Alabama are administered by state agencies. This chapter provides information on state-administered programs.

State Government

Federal Government

Public Universities

**Private Colleges,
Universities, and
Seminaries**

**Two-Year
Public Colleges**

**Alabama Companies
and Organizations**

Alabama Board of Nursing



Contact: Financial aid office or the Alabama Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900; 334.293.5257 or 800.656.5318; christie.davis@abn.alabama.gov; www.abn.alabama.gov/alabama-nursing-resource-center/grad-students/#tab-scholarships

Conversion scholarships/loans

Nursing Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a resident of Alabama.
- be a registered nurse admitted to a graduate nursing program at an accredited school.
- attend graduate school 6 semester hours or 8 quarter hours for 2 consecutive semesters.
- pass all classes.
- agree to teach nursing full time or work in a professional nursing capacity for at least 2 years in Alabama following graduation.

Recipients who do not perform the required service must repay the scholarship.

Award: Varies

Deadline: July 30 (must be received at Board of Nursing by close of business)

Alabama Commission on Higher Education



Contact: Unless otherwise noted, Alabama Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 302000, Montgomery, AL 36130-2000; 334.242.2273; <http://ache.edu/StudentAsst.aspx>

Grants

Alabama Student Assistance Program Grant

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a financially needy Alabama resident.
- be an undergraduate at an eligible Alabama institution.
- submit the FAFSA.

Award: \$300–\$5,000

Alabama Student Grant

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be an Alabama resident.
- be an undergraduate student.
- be enrolled at an eligible independent Alabama college or university.

Award: Up to \$1,200 per year

Contact: Financial aid office

Other student aid programs

Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be an Alabama resident.
- be an active member in good standing with a federally recognized unit of the Alabama National Guard.
- be enrolled in a degree program.
- be making satisfactory academic progress at an accredited Alabama college, university, community college or junior college.
- have completed basic training and advanced individual training

- not be receiving 100% of federal educational veterans' benefits.

Based on need.

Award: Tuition, fees, books and supplies up to \$2,000 per year (\$1,000 per term)

Number: Limited

Contact: Local state education services officer or apply online at http://ache.edu/ACHE_Reports/Forms/Grants/ANGEAP-App1819.pdf

Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor's Educational Assistance Program

Eligibility: Must be the dependent or spouse of an Alabama police officer or firefighter killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty and be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an Alabama public college or university. Other criteria may apply.

Award: Tuition, fees, books and supplies

Alabama Community College System



Contact: Alabama Community College System, 334.293.4500, www.accs.cc/

Scholarships

Leadership in Child Care Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be an Alabama resident.
- be at least 19 years old.
- be employed in a licensed or exempt from licensure child care facility/setting in Alabama.
- be caring for pre-school children (birth to school age) or for school-age children (5 through 12 years) in a school-age child care program..
- have a high school diploma or GED.
- be seeking a first Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, a certificate or degree in child de-

velopment/early care and education at a designated institution.

An applicant who has a 2- or 4-year degree in a field other than child development/early care and education is eligible for a CDA scholarship only.

Award: Tuition and selected fees

Number: Varies

Contact: Virginia Frazer, Leadership in Child Care Scholarship Program Assistant, 334.293.4552. Application can be downloaded from https://www.accs.cc/default/assets/File/DPE_ISS/child-careapp.pdf

One Free GED Class Scholarship

Eligibility: Must have passed the GED in Alabama no earlier than July 2002 and attend a 2-year public college in Alabama.

Award: Tuition for one 3-hour class

Number: Varies

Contact: Admissions office

Two-year College Athletic Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- meet admissions requirements.
- demonstrate satisfactory athletic ability during tryouts.
- enroll full-time in a 2-year public community college in Alabama.
- participate in a designated sport or activity.

Not based on financial need.

Award: Tuition (limits on various sports may apply); renewable on the basis of continued participation

Number: Varies by sport

Contact: Coach, athletic director or financial aid office

Two-year College Institutional Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be accepted for enrollment at a 2-year public college in Alabama.

Award: Tuition

Number: Varies

Contact: Financial aid office

Two-year College Senior Adult Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be at least 60 years old.
- attend a 2-year public college in Alabama.

- pay applicable fees.

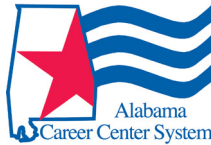
An eligible student may register for a course only after the course has met minimum enrollment requirements and if there is space available.

Award: Tuition

Number: Varies

Contact: Financial aid office

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs



Contact: Alabama Career Center System. Visit <https://joblink.alabama.gov> to find the location and phone number of your local Career Center.

Other student aid programs

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Eligibility: Anyone at least 18 years can get services from a number of different programs through an Alabama Career Center. Youths 14–21 can receive education and employment services to prepare for the workforce. To receive services, youth must be low income and have at least 1 barrier to employment.

Alabama Department of Labor



Contact: Alabama Department of Labor, 334.242.8635, TRA@labor.alabama.gov, <http://labor.alabama.gov/>

Other student aid programs

Trade Adjustment Assistance

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a worker, covered by a certified petition, who has lost employment, wages or hours of work due to increased imports or shifts in production to foreign countries
- file claims for unemployment compensation and for Trade Readjustment Allowance.
- report to One-Stop Career Center to apply for reemployment benefits and services when the claims have been approved.

Award: Additional unemployment compensation; Health Coverage Tax Credit (72.5% of worker's health insurance premium); tuition, fees, supplies and tools for training worker to achieve reemployment; and wage supplement for workers age 50 and older (Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance).

**Alabama
Department of
Rehabilitation
Services**



Scholarships

Alabama Scholarship for Dependents of Blind Parents/Textbook Benefits for Dependents of Blind Parents

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- have been an Alabama resident for at least 5 years.
- be from a family in which the head of household is blind.
- be from a family whose family income is at or below 1.3 times the current poverty income level, as determined by federal poverty guidelines based on family size.
- begin attending an Alabama public college, university or technical college within 2 years after high school graduation but before the age of 23.

Award: Tuition and instructional fees (waived by college), plus textbook allowance; renewable up to 4 years

Contact: Debra Culver, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, #4 Medical Office Park, Talladega, AL 35160; 256.362.0638; debbie.culver@rehab.alabama.gov

Other student aid programs

Vocational Rehabilitation

Eligibility: Based on disability creating an impediment to employment.

Award: Varies

Number: Varies

Deadline: Varies

Contact: Local Vocational Rehabilitation office or Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, 602 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, AL 36104; 334.293.7500 or 800.441.7607; www.rehab.alabama.gov/

**Alabama
Department of
Veterans Affairs**



Contact: County veterans service officer or Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1509, Montgomery, AL 36102-1509; 334.242.5077; www.va.alabama.gov

Scholarships

Alabama GI Dependents' Educational Benefit Program

Eligibility: Must be the child, stepchild, spouse or unremarried widow/widower of an eligible disabled Alabama veteran and attend an Alabama public college or technical school.

Children and stepchildren of the disabled veteran must generally begin college before they are 26 years old.

Award: After all other grants and scholarships have been used, the scholarship will cover tuition up to the Department of Defense tuition assistance cap (currently \$250 per credit hour) and up to \$1,000 for the combination of textbooks and instructional fees per semester

**Alabama
Indian Affairs
Commission**



Contact: Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, 771 South Lawrence Street, Suite 106, Montgomery, AL 36130; 334.242.2831; aiac@att.net; www.aiac.alabama.gov

Scholarships

Alabama Indian Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be enrolled in a state or federally recognized tribe.
- have been enrolled in that tribe for the last 3 years.
- be a resident of Alabama.
- attend an in-state school unless the program is not offered in Alabama.
- provide a current unofficial transcript (if currently enrolled in an eligible college) or letter of acceptance (if not yet attending that college).

Award: Varies

Number: Varies

Deadline: Usually in March

Alabama State Council on the Arts



Contact: Diana F. Green, AIE Program Manager, Alabama State Council on the Arts, 201 Monroe Street Montgomery, AL 36130; 334.242.4076; diana.green@arts.alabama.gov; <http://arts.alabama.gov/>

Scholarships

Visual Arts Achievement Program Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be an Alabama high school senior and submit a digital portfolio in 1 of the following 3 options: 2-dimensional design, 3-dimensional design or drawing.

Applicants choosing 2-dimensional design must submit a total of 15 slides showing 5 works that demonstrate mastery of design, 5 works of a thematic 2-D series and 5 works that demonstrate a variety of 2-D concepts.

Applicants choosing 3-dimensional design must submit a total of 30 slides (2 views of each work) showing 5 works that demonstrate mastery of 3-D design, 5 works of a thematic 3-D series and 5 works that demonstrate a variety of 3-D concepts.

Applicants choosing drawing must submit a total of 15 slides showing 5 works that demonstrate mastery of painting or drawing concepts and composition, 5 works of a thematic drawing series and 5 works that demonstrate a variety of drawing concepts.

All applicants must submit:

- the portfolio as individual images within a slide show presentation.
- an official entry form (available at www.arts.alabama.gov/programs/AIE/VAAP.aspx).
- an artist's statement.
- an official copy of high school transcript.
- a copy of ACT/SAT scores.

- 2 letters of recommendation from an art instructor, teacher, counselor or principal.

Award: \$500. Amount increases to \$1,000 if recipient enrolls in an art program at a partnering institution.

Number: Up to 5

Deadline: Must be received by 5 p.m. on the first Monday in March

Alabama

State CollegeCountsSM Alabama's 529 Fund

Treasury

Contact: Alabama State Treasurer's Office, 100 North Union Street, Suite 660, Montgomery, AL 36104; 334.242.7514; alatreas@treasury.alabama.gov; www.treasury.alabama.gov

Scholarships

CollegeCounts Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be an Alabama resident.
- be a U. S. citizen.
- be a high school senior or first-time college freshman.
- have at least a 2.75 GPA.
- have a maximum 26 ACT score.
- have financial need.
- enroll in an eligible 2- or 4-year school in Alabama.

Award: \$4,000 (4-year school); \$2,000 (2-year school)

Contact: CollegeCounts Scholarship Program, c/o ISTS, 1321 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 800, Nashville, TN 37217; 800.309.1198; college.counts@treasury.alabama.gov; <http://treasury.alabama.gov/collegecounts-scholarship/>

Other student aid programs

CollegeCounts 529 Fund

Description: A tax-advantaged way to save for college costs. Alabama provides a state income tax deduction of up to \$5,000 (for single filers) or \$10,000 (for joint filers) for contributions made to Alabama's 529 college savings plan. CollegeCounts

has no minimum or annual contribution requirements.

Funds can be used at most colleges, universities, trade, vocational, professional and graduate in the U.S. and at some foreign schools.

Qualified withdrawals for college are exempt from state and federal income tax and include payments for tuition, fees, room and board (if enrolled at least half-time), books, supplies and equipment required for enrollment, including computers.

Deadline: None

Contact: Alabama State Treasurer's Office, College Savings Programs, 100 North Union Street, Suite 660, Montgomery, AL 36104; 334.242.7514 or 866.529.2228; alatreas@treasury.alabama.gov; www.CollegeCounts529.com