

State Government

This chapter provides information on financial aid programs administered by state agencies.

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, RSA Plaza, Suite 250, 770 Washington Ave., Montgomery AL 36104; 334.293.5257 or 800.656.5201; abn@abn.alabama.gov; www.abn.alabama.gov/alabama-nursing-resource-center/grad-students/#tab-scholarships

Conversion scholarships/loans

Nursing Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- have been a resident of Alabama for at least one year preceding application.
- provide two proofs of residency that include applicant's name and physical Alabama address (a P.O. box number is not acceptable).
- have an active, unencumbered Alabama RN license.
- be a person of good character.
- submit a complete electronic application on or before the deadline date.
- provide proof of admission to a graduate nursing program.
- agree to teach nursing full time at an Alabama college or university or practice in a nursing position in Alabama for at least two years immediately after graduation.

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

Award: Varies

Deadline: Sept. 7

Loan repayment programs

Advanced Practice Nursing Loan Repayment Program

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a person of good character.
- have been a resident of Alabama for at least one year before applying.
- provide one proof of residency that includes the applicant's name and a physical Alabama address.
- have an active, unencumbered Alabama RN license.
- have been admitted to an accredited graduate program seeking a certified registered nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife or certified registered nurse anesthetist degree.
- remain enrolled in school full-time during the year they accept the loan.
- submit a complete electronic application.
- submit with the loan application a signed attestation clearly defining all service obligations required under the program and the consequences that will ensue if those service obligations are not fulfilled.
- keep the board informed of any changes in enrollment before graduation and any changes in employment status after graduation.
- agree to work in a board-defined area of critical need for 18 months immediately following graduation.

Award: \$15,000 per year. If recipient does not meet the work requirement, loan must be repaid with interest.

Deadline: Sept. 7

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>

Loan repayment programs

Alabama Math and Science Teacher Education Program

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- have graduated from an Alabama State Board of Education-approved program in math or science at the bachelor's or master's level no earlier than spring 2018.
- hold a valid Alabama professional educator certificate endorsed in secondary math, science or both.
- be teaching math or science full time in an Alabama public school district or at a charter school approved by the Alabama Public Charter School Commission.
- be a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- have been a resident of Alabama for at least 12 months before the application deadline and provide documentation proving a permanent connection to Alabama.
- have outstanding subsidized or unsubsidized federal student loans.
- submit a reimbursement form available at <https://amstep.ache.edu/>.

Preference given to teachers in public school systems that have an acute shortage of math and science teachers, or both.

Award: \$5,000 per year. Teachers who work in a school system with an acute teacher shortage in math and/or science are eligible for another \$2,500 per year

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 to \$5,000

Alabama Student Grant

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be an Alabama resident.
- submit two proofs of Alabama residency.
- be an undergraduate student.
- be enrolled at an eligible independent Alabama college or university.
- not be enrolled in a program leading to a degree in theology, divinity or a religious vocation.

Award: Up to \$3,000 per year

Contact: Financial aid office

Other student aid programs

Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be at least 17 years old.
- be pursuing their first undergraduate or graduate degree.
- be an active member in good standing with a federally recognized unit of the Alabama National Guard.
- be enrolled in a certificate or degree program at an accredited community college or technical college in Alabama or in a degree program at an accredited college or university in Alabama.
- have completed basic training.
- maintain a cumulative 2.0 undergraduate GPA or 3.0 graduate GPA at end of each semester.
- have a FAFSA on file.
- demonstrate a financial need of at least \$100.

Award: Varies

Number: Limited

Contact: Local state education services officer or visit <http://ache.edu/StudentAsst.aspx> for link to application

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

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be the dependent under age 21 or be the spouse of an Alabama police officer, firefighter or rescue squad member killed or totally disabled in the line of duty. A spouse must not have remarried within five years of their spouse's death.
- provide documentation of the relationship.
- be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an Alabama public college or university.

Other special criteria may apply.

Award: Tuition, fees, books and supplies

Alabama Community College System



Contact: Alabama Community College System, 334.293.4500, www.accs.edu

Scholarships

Automotive Workforce Training Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a high school student or a student in a public Alabama two-year college.
- be an Alabama resident.
- have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- major in an automotive-related field at a public Alabama community or technical college.

In addition, the applicant must submit:

- an application.
- an essay of no more than 500 words on why they want to work in Alabama's automotive industry.
- a signed reference letter.
- an unofficial college or high school transcript.
- a headshot photo.

Award: Varies

Number: 50

Contact: Apply through <https://dream-itdoitalabama.com/aama/>

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) 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 development/early care and education at a designated institution.

An applicant who has a two- or four-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

Deadline: April 1 (summer), June 1 (fall), September 1 (spring)

Contact: Leadership in Child Care Scholarship Program Assistant, 334.293.4552. Application can be downloaded from <https://www.accs.edu/community-college/leadership-in-childcare/>.

Two-year College Institutional Scholarship

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

Award: Tuition

Number: Varies

Contact: Financial aid office

Senior Adult Waiver

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be at least 60 years old.
- attend a two-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

STEM Dual Enrollment Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be an Alabama high school student.
- be taking college-level STEM courses through their local community college.
- have a 2.5 GPA in STEM-related academic work.

Award: Varies

Number: Varies

Contact: Local community college

Alabama Department of Commerce



Contact: Alabama Department of Commerce, Workforce Development Division, P.O. Box 304103, Montgomery AL 36130-4103; 334.242.5417, <https://wioa-alabama.org/>. Visit <https://wioa-alabama.org/career-services/> to find your local Career Center.

Other student aid programs

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Eligibility: Anyone can get workforce services from a number of different programs through an Alabama Career Center. The programs prepare eligible clients who face significant barriers to success to enter either postsecondary education, training or employment upon completion of their secondary education. In-school programs serve clients ages 14 to 21. Out-of-school programs serve clients ages 16 to 24.

Contact: Local Alabama Career Center

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 five 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 or university within two years after high school graduation but before age 23.

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

Contact: Coordinator of blind services, 334.293.7315 (Montgomery office) or 256.362.0638 (Talladega office)

Other student aid programs

Vocational Rehabilitation

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be an Alabama resident.
- have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial barrier to employment.
- have a reasonable expectation that they can benefit from rehabilitation services in terms of becoming employed.

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: The student must:

- be the child, stepchild, spouse or the unremarried widow(er) of an eligible veteran.
- be a resident of Alabama at the time of application.
- attend a public Alabama college or university.
- complete a FAFSA each year they are covered under the program.
- make satisfactory academic progress as defined by their college.
- complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act release form for each college they attend to authorize the release of personally identifiable information required to determine continued eligibility and as required for reporting.

A child or stepchild must initiate training before their 26th birthday. In certain situations, a child or stepchild may be eligible up to the age of 30. If the applicant is a stepchild, the veteran and the stepchild's parent must have been legally married before the child's 19th birthday.

The veteran must:

- have honorably served at least 90 days of continuous active federal military service or been honorably discharged by reason of service-connected disability after serving less than 90 days of continuous active federal military service.
- meet one of the following criteria:
 - be rated 40 percent or more due to service-connected disabilities or have held the qualifying rating at the time of death. A veteran

with less than a 40 percent rating may qualify under certain circumstances.

- be a former prisoner of war.
- have been declared missing in action.
- have died as the result of a service-connected disability rating or died while on active military service in the line of duty.

In addition, the applicant must meet one of the two following requirements:

- (1) have been a bona fide permanent resident for at least five years immediately before the date of the application or the date of the veteran's death. This also applies to a veteran with a 100 percent permanent and total rating.
- (2) have been a permanent civilian resident for at least one year immediately before initial entry into federal active military service or any subsequent entry into federal active military service where a 12-month break in service occurred and one of the following:
 - have been a current resident for at least two years immediately before the date of the application or date of veteran's death.
 - be a current resident who was discharged from active duty within 12 months before the date of the application.
 - have filed a resident Alabama income tax return for the past 10 consecutive years immediately before the date of the application.

Award: Varies depending on veteran's disability status

Alabama Indian Affairs Commission



Contact: Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, 771 South Lawrence Street, Suite 106, Montgomery, AL 36130; 334.240.0998; aiac@att.net; www.aiac.alabama.gov

Scholarships

Alabama Indian Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be enrolled in a state or federally recognized tribe.
- submit a copy of the tribal roll card signed by a tribal official designated by the tribal chief.
- have been enrolled in that tribe for at least three years and meet other criteria if required by the tribe.
- be a resident of Alabama.
- attend an in-state school unless the program is not offered in Alabama or the program has no open slots.
- provide a transcript (if currently enrolled in an eligible college) or letter of acceptance (if not yet attending that college).
- not be receiving a Miss Indian Alabama Scholarship.

An applicant from a member of a federally recognized tribe must submit a letter from the tribal office stating that the applicant is not eligible for tribal scholarships.

A recipient who receives an incomplete or failure or who is placed on academic probation or suspension may not receive an AIAC scholarship in the next calendar year.

Award: Up to \$2,000

Number: Each tribe may submit up to 25 applications.

Deadline: Usually in March

Miss Indian Alabama Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be named Miss Indian Alabama. A contestant must:

- be a member of a state or federally recognized tribe, verified by the tribe.

- be a resident of Alabama.
- attend a school in Alabama.
- be a high school senior or college student age 17 to 23.
- be single, have never married and have no children.
- have at least a 3.0 GPA and submit a transcript.
- submit an application and a \$150 application fee.

Recipient may not apply for an Alabama Indian Scholarship until the year after the competition in which she competed.

Award: \$5,000

Number: 1

Deadline: 4:30 p.m. on September 30

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 one of the following: two-dimensional design, three-dimensional design or drawing.

Applicants choosing two-dimensional design must submit 15 slides: five works that demonstrate mastery of design, five works of a thematic two-D series and five works that demonstrate a variety of two-D concepts.

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

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

The digital images must be saved on CD or flash drive in a format compatible with PC or Mac. Images must be saved and labeled, in a separate folder, as JPEGs with the file size no larger than 500 KB.

All applicants must submit:

- the portfolio as individual images within a slide show in PowerPoint or Keynote.
- 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.
- two letters of recommendation from an art instructor, teacher, counselor or principal.

Award: \$500. 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 Treasury

CollegeCounts
Alabama's 529 Fund

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 two- or four-year school in Alabama.

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

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

Other student aid programs

CollegeCounts 529 Fund

Description: 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 schools 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

Foster Care to Success



Contact: <https://www.fc2sprograms.org/alabama/>

Scholarships

Fostering Hope Scholarship

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- meet one of the following:
 - have been in the foster care system when they earned a high school diploma or GED.
 - have been placed in kinship-guardianship after age 14.
 - have been adopted from Alabama foster care after age 14.
- attend an Alabama public college or university.
- be enrolled full time in a postsecondary certificate, associate's or bachelor's degree program.
- apply before their 26th birthday.
- complete 100 hours of volunteer work or paid employment each year (July 1 through June 20).

Eligible high school students can be matched with a mentor to help them plan their postsecondary education.

Award: Tuition and fees; may receive funding for one semester after reaching age 26

Vouchers

Alabama Education and Training Voucher

Eligibility: The applicant must:

- be a current or former foster student who meets one of the following:
 - was in U.S. foster care on their 18th birthday and aged out at that time.
 - was adopted from U.S. foster care, with the adoption finalized after their 16th birthday.
 - will have their foster care case closed between the ages of 18 and 21.
- be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen.

- have personal assets (bank account, car, home, etc.) worth less than \$10,000.
- be at least 17 but no older than 26.
- not have received ETV funding for a total of five years.
- have been accepted into or be enrolled in a degree, certificate or other accredited program at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

Award: Up to \$5,000; may be renewable with progress toward a degree or certificate