



Class of 2025

# College Admissions, Financial Aid & Scholarships

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# Scholarships & Financial Aid

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Federal

National

State

University

Local



# Federal

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



## Grants

Based on income, no repayment (works like a scholarship)



## Subsidized Loans

Interest is not accrued while in school or during 6-month grace period after leaving school



## Workstudy

Part-time job (usually on campus)

**FAFSA will open in December**

# FSA-ID

- Parent and Learner must have separate IDs
  - Requires individual e-mail addresses
- Serves as the electronic signature
- Must have this done prior to completing the FAFSA
- Apply online

**Do this ASAP!**

# Mark Your Calendars

December - [application portal](#) for 2025-26 school year will open

January 13, 6 p.m. - FAFSA Workshop for RPS seniors  
Professional Learning Center  
2100 W. Perry Road.

# National

Numerous search platforms available



## TASSEL Time

User name: RogersSchools  
Password: careers



## GoingMerry

## BigFuture (College Board)



## Sallie Mae

## FastWeb

### TIP

Create a separate email to use specifically for scholarship searches

# State

## Scholarship Application Management System | SAMS



Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

Arkansas Future Grant



Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship

Arkansas Workforce Challenge



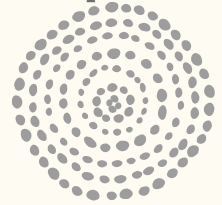
Governor's Distinguished Scholarship

**Application opens on SAMS website October 1**

# AR Academic Challenge (Lottery) Scholarship

## Award Amounts

4-year school: \$1000, \$4000, \$4000, \$5000  
-2 semesters can be used for graduate studies-  
2-year school: \$1000, \$3000



## Eligibility Requirements

- Must complete the FAFSA
- 19 superscore on the ACT or 246 Accuplacer average
- Deadline to apply - July 1

**Apply through SAMS website beginning October 1**



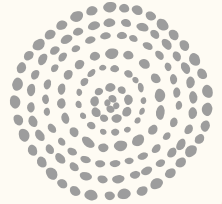
# AR Future Grant (ARFUTURE)

Award Amount  
tuition and mandatory fees

## Eligibility Requirements

- Must complete the FAFSA
- Pursue an associate degree or certification in STEM, accounting, finance, nursing, education, computer science, information technology, data analysis, or graphic design

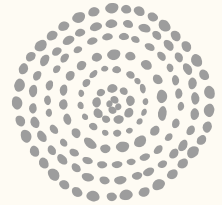
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# AR Teacher Academy Scholarship (ATA)

## Award Amount

Up to \$6000 per semester for tuition and fees



## Eligibility Requirements

- Must complete the FAFSA
- Must teach in an AR public school for each year of funding received

**Apply through SAMS website beginning October 1**

# AR Workforce Challenge (AWC)

## Award Amount

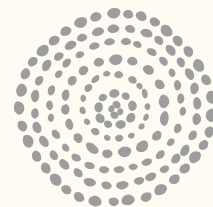
Up to \$800 per program

## Eligibility Requirements

- Must enroll in a high demand area of study
  - Information Technology
  - Healthcare
  - Industry
- Non-credit, workforce training classes may also qualify

Arkansas Workforce Challenge Program List

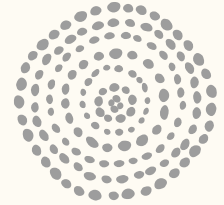
**Apply through SAMS website 30 days prior to class start date**



# Governor's Distinguished Scholarship (GS)

## Award Amount

Up to \$10,000 per academic year for 4 years  
-2 semesters can be used for graduate studies-



## Eligibility Requirements

- Must complete the FAFSA
- 32 ACT superscore or 1410 SAT
- 3.5 GPA (unweighted) or National Merit Finalist
- Deadline to apply - March 1

**Apply through SAMS website beginning October 1**

# College/University Scholarships

Scholarships offered by individual institutions



- Specific information will be found on each school's website (search financial aid and/or scholarships)
- Know the deadlines  
Arkansas: Nov. 15 priority deadline  
NWACC: Oct. 1-Mar. 31 application window
- Admissions applications must be completed before accessing scholarship applications

# Community/Local Scholarships

Scholarships offered to Rogers Public Schools Seniors



Two-Part Process



1: Complete the general application

2: Submit a google form (checklist) identifying specific scholarships to which you are applying



Recipients of any Community Scholarship will be eligible to apply for Buck Family Foundation Upperclassmen Scholarships

# Community/Local Scholarships

## Application Process

### Part One

- Application opens October 22
- Deadline - November 22

### Part Two

- Form will go live January/February

Take a look at the numerous resources on the [RPS Scholarship Website](#)

# ACT - SAT - Accuplacer

## ACT

- Register online
- Choose test site
- Inform Ms. Hopkins if requesting accommodations
- Fees waivers available in the office for those qualifying for free or reduced-fee lunch

## SAT

- Register online
- Choose test site
- Inform Mr. Martinez if requesting accommodations
- Contact Mr. Magee or Ms. Caudle if requesting a fee waiver

## Accuplacer

- Test dates and link to sign-up form posted on NT website
- \$2 fee per test



# College Admissions Applications

Applications are available NOW online

- Know the deadline
- Request an official transcript (if required)
- Check the fee waiver policy/procedure (varies by institution)
  - Arkansas - submit application then notify Mr. Magee or Ms. Caudle you are eligible for a waiver
  - UCA - fee waiver process is embedded in the admissions application
  - NWACC - no application fee
  - Common app schools - embedded in the application process
  - Not certain? Reach out to Mr. Magee or Ms. Caudle

# I Applied Events

Support offered for  
college admissions and scholarship applications

## NT Parent teacher conferences

Thursday, October 24, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## All-day during school

Friday, October 25, 8:20 - 3:50 (except during den)

# Official Transcripts

- Complete the Transcript Request Form
  - Hardcopies are also available outside the office
  - Send completed form to the registrar Mrs. Morris ([wendy.morris@rpsar.net](mailto:wendy.morris@rpsar.net))
  - No fee for seniors
  - Make note to where transcripts are to be sent when submitting admissions applications
- If applying test-optional, be certain to exclude test scores on the transcript request form

# Letters of Recommendation

- Complete and share a Brag Sheet
- Make request at least 2 weeks in advance
- Make request when you know a letter is needed

# Graduation Requirements

## 24 Credits Required

- View transcripts in HAC or through Triand using the Smart Core access code provided on Back-to-School Night
- Credit Check forms are available on the counseling website

## Additional Requirements

(must have 2)

- 6 hours college credit or 2 AP courses
- 25 hours community service
- College & Career Readiness or Internship

Submit Community Service Verification [online](#)

# Additional Opportunities

College Recruiters - lunch visits

Military Recruiters - lunch visits

ASVAB testing - Thursday, Sept. 26

Extended Learning Program