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## How to Apply

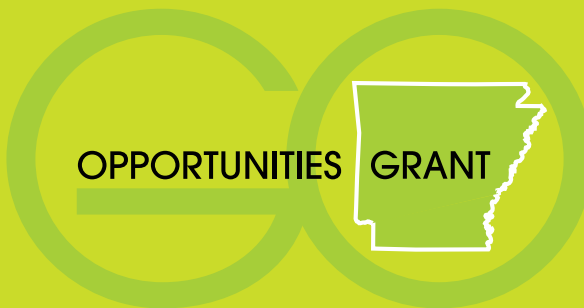
Students can apply for any of these grant programs by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The easiest way to complete the FAFSA is online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The website provides step-by-step information on what a student needs to do, along with detailed instructions on the documents needed to apply.

Be sure and check application deadlines on the FAFSA website. Every student should fill out the FAFSA and apply for other financial aid opportunities. Even if a grant is not offered, there are loans available specifically to help a student through college. Some of these loans do not require any payment until after graduation.

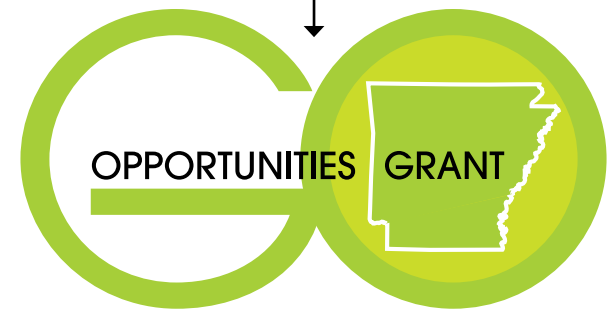


For more information about ADHE's financial aid programs, visit [www.adhe.edu](http://www.adhe.edu) or call 1-800-54-STUDY.



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# GET IN AND GO!



A GUIDE TO GO! OPPORTUNITIES GRANT FROM ADHE

# DON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION.

No matter where you look, college tuition is expensive, but it's also one of the best investments you can make in your life. That's why the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is happy to offer GO! Opportunities Grant, the first state-funded college grant program in Arkansas that is based solely on financial need.

Available to high school graduates as well as those who pass the GED, GO! Opportunities Grant can give you up to \$4,000 to help pay for your education at eligible Arkansas schools. It's one way to help everyone get a chance at a great education and a promising future.

In addition, if you qualify for the GO! Opportunities Grant, you may also qualify for other federal student grant programs that can give you up to \$10,000 a year for college.

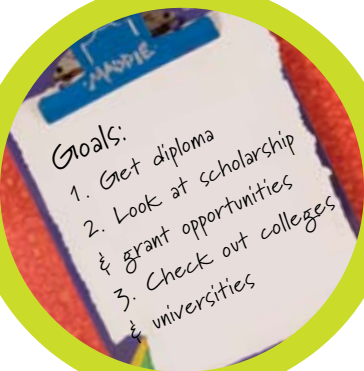
## Grant Details

GO! Opportunities Grant provides \$1,000/year for full-time (at least 12 credit hours in the first semester and 15 hours per semester thereafter) Arkansas students who are entering their freshman year of

college, and \$500/year for part-time students (at least six credit hours). GO! Opportunities Grant recipients must certify that they are drug-free and maintain a 2.0 grade-point average in college.

## Application Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident Alien.
- Average adjusted gross family income must not exceed \$25,000 per year, with an additional \$5,000 per year allowed for each additional child. (Example: The maximum annual income of a family with three children would be \$35,000.)



- Applicant and applicant's parent(s) must be Arkansas residents, having maintained this status for at least the 12 months prior to application.
- Applicant must be a graduate from an Arkansas high school or have successfully completed the General Educational Development Test (GED) in Arkansas. Applicants who obtained their GED must be between the ages of 16 and 18.
- GO! Opportunities Grant recipients must enroll in an eligible Arkansas higher education institution within one year of high school graduation or successfully complete the GED.
- GO! Opportunities Grants are only available to first-time college freshmen.

## Application Deadlines:

Fall term: June 1

Spring/winter term: November 1

The deadline has been extended for students enrolling during the Fall 2007 or Spring 2008 terms. (Please visit [www.adhe.edu](http://www.adhe.edu) for details.)

## Other Financial Aid Programs

When you combine the GO! Opportunities Grant with other federal financial aid grants, you have the potential to receive up to \$10,000 a year for college.

## Federal Pell Grant

A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. Pell Grants are usually awarded based on financial need only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or a professional degree.

Award amount:

Maximum of \$4,310 for the 2007-08 school year

## Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) program is for undergraduates with

exceptional financial need. Pell Grant recipients with the lowest expected family contributions are considered first for a FSEOG. Just like Pell Grants, the FSEOG does not have to be repaid.

Award amount: From \$100 to \$4,000 per year.

## Academic Competitiveness Grant

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Grant will provide up to \$750 for the first year of undergraduate study and up to \$1,300 for the second year of undergraduate study to full-time students who

are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and who had successfully completed a rigorous high school program. Second year students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.

Award amount:

\$750 for the first year of undergraduate study

\$1,300 for the second year of undergraduate study

## National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant

The National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant is available during the third and fourth years of undergraduate study to full-time students who are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant. Students must be majoring in federally-determined critical needs areas, such as physical, life, or computer sciences; mathematics; technology; engineering; or in a foreign language determined critical to national security. The student must also have maintained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in coursework required for the major.

Award amount: Maximum of \$4,000 per year

