

## Scholarships at SouthArk

SouthArk funds a number of scholarships for full-time or part-time students seeking a degree or certificate. Most scholarships are awarded in the spring semester for the following academic year. The priority deadline for most scholarships is March 1; however, scholarships will continue to be awarded to eligible students only as long as funding is available. The value of a full-tuition or a half-tuition scholarship is determined by the recipient's residency status (in-district or out-of-district). The maximum value of any *tuition-based* scholarship will be the value of tuition at the out-of-district rate. Eligible scholarship recipients from outside Arkansas must pay the difference between the out-of-district and out-of-state tuition rates. Pending satisfactory completion of course work in the first year, scholarships are renewable for the second academic year as long as the student meets all renewal requirements. *If not otherwise noted scholarships can be renewed until student receives the first two-year degree (AA/AAS), not to exceed three years.* The Scholarship Committee must approve all exceptions to scholarship requirements.

Please visit the SouthArk web site Scholarships page here [Scholarships at SouthArk](#)

This page on the web site contains information about Institutional Scholarships [Institutional Scholarships](#)

There are also Community Scholarships and information on those can be found at this page on the web site [Community Scholarships](#)

### **SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

This page on the web site contains information about Foundation Scholarships [Foundation Scholarships](#)

### **OTHER SOURCES OF AID**

**Sixty-and-Over Waiver.** Any person 60 years of age or older will be granted a tuition and mandatory fees waiver on a space-available basis for enrollment in credit courses. Waiver forms are available in the Bookstore.

**Arkansas Rehabilitation Services.** Arkansas residents who have disabilities that hinder them from employment may receive retraining assistance from the state to prepare them for return to gainful employment. For more information go to [www.arsinfo.org](http://www.arsinfo.org) or contact the El Dorado office at 708 W. Faulkner, (870) 862-5451.

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.** This program is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market. Information and eligibility requirements are available from the following agencies:

**Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc.** Counties served: Calhoun, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, and Union. Call (870) 234-4030 or 234-9097 in Magnolia, (870) 863-0218 in El Dorado, (870) 798-3223 in Hampton, or (870) 836-5024 in Camden.

**Southeast Arkansas Economic and Development District, Inc.** Counties served: Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln. Call (870)226-3742 in Warren.

**Union Community Action Association, Inc.** Parishes served: Morehouse, Union and West Carroll. Call (318) 368-9606 in Farmerville, (318) 283-0849 in Bastrop, and (318) 428-8640 in Oak Grove.

**Arkansas Single-Parent Scholarship Fund.** The Arkansas SPSF works with organizations and individuals at the county level to develop incentive scholarship funds for single parents who wish to complete a college education in preparation for well-paying employment. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office.

**Arkansas Human Development Corporation.** This program pays for fees, books, supplies, and an hourly allowance for qualified students. To be eligible, students or parents of dependent students must have derived at least 51 percent of their gross income for the past year from farm-related employment. The AHDC representative will determine student eligibility. For further information contact AHDC at (870) 382-2050.

## VETERANS' BENEFITS

The college is approved to provide assistance to veterans and veterans' beneficiaries. The Financial Aid office will assist students in completing forms necessary to apply for educational assistance from the Veterans Administration.

The Financial Aid Office is responsible for veterans' services and the maintenance of records required for certification. Students receiving educational benefits from the Veterans Administration are subject to the rules, regulations, and policies set forth in this catalog that are applicable to all students. However, students qualifying for veterans' benefits are also required by the Veterans Administration and the State Approving Agency to meet certain other standards of approved certification. All veterans should familiarize themselves with the regulations outlined below.

### *Minimum Standards of Progress for Veterans*

The following will apply to all veterans:

1. A freshman student who does not attain a 1.50 grade point average will be placed on academic probation.
2. A freshman student on probation whose grade point average for the probationary semester is less than 1.50 will be suspended from drawing Veterans Administration educational benefits.
3. A sophomore student whose grade point average is less than 2.00 will be placed on academic probation.
4. A sophomore student on probation whose grade point average for the probationary semester is less than 2.00 will be suspended from drawing Veterans Administration educational benefits.
5. Students who fail to qualify for V.A. benefits, as a result of being placed on suspension, may appeal their status to the Financial Aid Committee. All appeals must be in writing and must include the reason(s) the student failed to meet minimum academic standards.

**Approved Length of Course for Veterans.** Students drawing full-time benefits are expected to complete an associate degree in a maximum of 5 semesters and a baccalaureate degree in a maximum of 10 semesters. The maximum hours of credit which may be awarded on the basis of previous experience as shown in the “Credit for Previous training or Experience” section of this catalog shall be waived for veterans who can demonstrate that a larger number of credit hours should be awarded. If a veteran is awarded such credit or has previous college credit, the approved length of course at SouthArk will be decreased proportionately; and the veteran and the Veterans Administration shall be notified of the shortening of the course length.

**Class Attendance Policy for Veterans.** All persons receiving veterans’ benefits are required by the Veterans Administration regulations to maintain satisfactory class attendance. The Veterans Administration will be notified of unsatisfactory attendance.

**Withdrawal Policy for Veterans.** If a student receiving VA benefits withdraws from a course with a non-punitive grade, mitigating circumstances must exist or benefits for that course may be terminated retroactively to the first date of enrollment.

**Enrollment Certification.** Veterans Affairs will pay for courses that apply toward the student’s declared major. Students must submit a copy of their schedule each semester to the VA Certifying Official before enrollment will be submitted to the VA.