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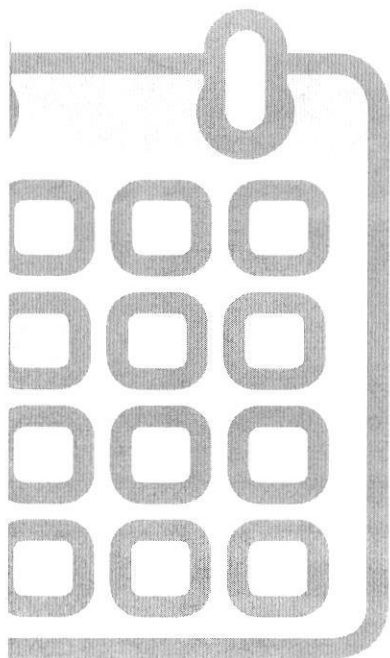
Class of
2024

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Important Dates for Seniors 2023-2024

September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024																				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sept. 9 – ACTSept. 29 – Sr. Supply meeting <p>**FAFSA INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE**</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oct. 4 – Senior Supply order & depositOct. 16 – End of Nine-WeeksOct. 18-19 – ACT WorkKeys testingOct. 19 – Report CardsOct. 23 – College and Career Fair at McNeeseOct. 28 – ACTReview HS transcript and choose top 3 collegesSchedule retake of ACT/SAT if necessaryComplete online college admission applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nov. 1 – Northwestern priority deadlineNov. 8 – ASVAB; sign-up with Mrs. MarcantelNov. 28-30 – LEAP 2025 retest for seniors needing score to graduateNov. 29 – Dec. 2 – McNeese finalsNov. 29 – Dec. 5 – Sowela finalsNov. 29 & 30 – ACT WorkKeys testingNov. 30 – Senior Parent Meeting in cafeteria @ 5:30PMAttend college visitation eventsRequest letters of recommendations if needed for collegesApply for housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dec. 1 – LEAP 2025 retest for seniors needing score to graduateDec. 1 – McNeese priority deadlineDec. 5 – Senior pictures (girls)Dec. 6 – Seniors pictures (boys)Dec. 9 – ACTDec. 15 – LSU priority deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jan. 1 – LSU priority deadlineJan. 4 – End of Nine-WeeksJan. 11 – Report CardsAttendance recovery begins for absences from 1st semesterJan. 10 & 11 – ACT WorkKeys testing																				
February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	ACT School Codes																				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Feb. 1 – Sowela priority deadline – separate scholarship applicationFeb. 10 – ACTFeb. 21 & 22 – ACT WorkKeys testingFeb. 28 – ULM Priority deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mar. 13 – End of Nine-WeeksMar. 13-14 – DHS ACT testing for those that qualifyMar. 18 – Report CardsMar. 20 – Senior Meeting @ 10:30AMMar. 27-28 – ACT WorkKeys testingMar. 28 – Local Scholarships due to Mrs. Marcantel by 3:00PM NO EXCEPTIONS!Senior Supply Delivery TBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">April 13 – ACTApril 16 – LEAP 2025 testing begins. This is the last chance to meet requirements by graduation.April 23 – Graduation speech rough draft due by 3PMApril 29-May 2 – McNeese finalsDecide which college to attend and notify the school of your decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">May 3-9 – Sowela finalsMay 6 – Senior Meeting @ 10:30AMMay 6 – Graduation speech tryouts @ 1:30PMMay 8 – last date to complete all requirements for graduationMay 9 – Graduation Walk @ DPS (9AM), DES (9:30AM), DMS (9:45AM)May 14 – Last day to notify counselor's office of any awards/scholarships you have accepted.May 17 – Graduation 7:00PMMay 31 – ULL scholarship deadline	<table><tr><th>University</th><th>Code</th></tr><tr><td>TOPS</td><td>1595</td></tr><tr><td>McNeese</td><td>1594</td></tr><tr><td>Northwestern</td><td>1600</td></tr><tr><td>SOWELA</td><td>5064</td></tr><tr><td>LSU</td><td>1590</td></tr><tr><td>ULL</td><td>1612</td></tr><tr><td>ULM</td><td>1598</td></tr><tr><td>LA Tech</td><td>1588</td></tr><tr><td>Lamar</td><td>4114</td></tr></table>	University	Code	TOPS	1595	McNeese	1594	Northwestern	1600	SOWELA	5064	LSU	1590	ULL	1612	ULM	1598	LA Tech	1588	Lamar	4114
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To access important documents, view Senior OneNote or visit cpsb.org/DeQuincy_High_School. Select the **Counselor** tab (top right corner), **Senior Class Information**



TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico



2023|2024

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2023–2024 testing year will occur in September, April, and June.
See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

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Calcasieu Parish Honor Graduate Policy 2024 Graduates and Beyond

Calcasieu Parish School System Honor Graduate Policy

The Honors GPA calculation is based on the 5.0 GPA.

A. Honors GPA Positions (TOPS University and Jump Start Pathway)

Honor Distinction	GPA
Summa Cum Laude	3.90-4.00+
Magna Cum Laude	3.70-3.89
Cum Laude	3.50-3.69

B. Graduation Index Requirements

~Students must earn at least **110 points** in the graduation index to be an Honor Graduate.

~Students that earn **150+ points** in the graduation index will be a **Distinguished Honor Graduate**.

Student Result	Points
HS Diploma plus Associate's Degree	160
HS Diploma plus (a) AP score of 3 or higher, IB Score of 4 or higher, or CLEP score of 50 or higher OR (b) Advanced statewide Jump Start credential *Students achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 160 points.	150
HS Diploma plus (a) At least one passing course grade for TOPS core curriculum credit of the following type: AP**, college credit, dual enrollment, or IB** OR (b) Basic statewide Jump Start credential *Students achieving both (a) and (b) will generate 115 points. **Students must take the AP/IB exam and pass the course to earn 110 points.	110
Four-year graduate (includes Career Diploma student with a regional Jump Start credential)	100
Five-year graduate with any diploma *Five-year graduates who earn an AP score of 3 or higher, an IB score of 4 or higher, a CLEP score of 50 or higher, or an Advanced statewide Jump Start credential will generate 140 points. Five-year graduates who earn an Associate's Degree will generate 150 points.	75
Six-year graduate with any diploma	50
HiSET plus Jump Start credential	40
HiSET	25
Non-graduate without HiSET	0



TOPS CORE CURRICULUM

TOPS Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards For High School Graduates of 2018 through 2026¹

The Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Core Curriculum is one component of the requirements to qualify for the TOPS scholarship. The curriculum outlined on this flyer is used to qualify for the TOPS Opportunity, Performance or Honors Award and consists of 19 units.^{2,3}

ENGLISH = 4 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
1 Unit from the following	English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition, or IB English III (Language A or Literature and Performance)
1 Unit from the following	English IV, AP English Literature and Composition, or IB English IV (Language A or Literature and Performance)

MATH = 4 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit	Algebra I
1 Unit	Geometry
1 Unit	Algebra II
	Integrated Mathematics I, Integrated Mathematics II, and Integrated Mathematics III may be substituted for the Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II sequence
1 Unit from the following	Algebra III; Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or IB Math Methods I (Mathematical Studies SL); Calculus, Differential Calculus I, Integral Calculus I, AP Calculus AB, or IB Math Methods II (Mathematics SL); AP Calculus BC; Probability and Statistics, Statistical Reasoning, or AP Statistics; IB Further Mathematics HL; IB Mathematics HL; AP Computer Science A

SCIENCE = 4 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit	Biology I
1 Unit	Chemistry I
2 Units from the following:	Earth Science; Environmental Science or Environmental Awareness; Physical Science or Principles of Engineering; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined); Chemistry II or AP Chemistry or IB Chemistry II; AP Environmental Science or IB Environmental Systems; Physics I, AP Physics I, AP Physics B, or IB Physics I; AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or IB Physics II, or AP Physics II; Biology II or AP Biology or IB Biology II or Human Anatomy and Physiology

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Monday - Friday)



TOPS CORE CURRICULUM

SOCIAL STUDIES = 4 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1 Unit from the following:	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
2 Units from the following:	Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; World Geography or Physical Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or IB World History; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics; AP Psychology, or African American History

FOREIGN LANGUAGE = 2 UNITS

Units	Courses
2 Units from the following:	Foreign Language, both units in the same language, which may also include the following AP and IB courses: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture, AP German Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, IB French IV, IB French V, IB Spanish IV, IB Spanish V, Mandarin Chinese I-IV, Hindi I - IV, Portuguese I-IV, Vietnamese I-IV

ART = 1 UNIT

Units	Courses
1 Unit from the following:	Performance course in Music, Dance or Theatre; Fine Arts Survey; Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Music I, II, III and IV; Talented Theater Arts I, II, III, and IV; Speech III and Speech IV (one unit combined); AP Art History; AP Studio Art: 2-D Design; AP Studio Art: 3-D Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing; AP Music Theory; IB Film Study I; IB Film Study II; IB Music I; IB Music II; IB Art Design III; IB Art Design IV; IB Theatre I, Drafting, Media Arts I - IV; Photography I, Photography II, Digital Photography, Digital Image & Motion Graphics, Digital Storytelling, Engineering Design & Development, Sound Design

¹ 2027 Graduates and thereafter have a different TOPS Core Curriculum than previous graduates. Please see the TOPS Core Curriculum Flyer for 2027 Graduates and thereafter.

² **GIFTED COURSES:** Any core curriculum course that is taken by a student who has been identified as gifted pursuant to State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy and that is taken in fulfillment of the student's Individualized Education Plan shall be considered a "Gifted Course" and shall fulfill the core curriculum. **Some, but not all, Gifted Courses will be graded on a 5-point scale for determining the TOPS Core Curriculum GPA.** Courses to be graded on a 5-point scale are approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in consultation with the Louisiana Board of Regents. See footnote 3 for a link to the core curriculum courses and which of those courses will be graded on 5.0-point scale.

³ The calculation of the TOPS Core Curriculum grade point average (GPA) will use a 5-point scale for grades earned for **certain designated courses** in: Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Gifted, Dual Enrollment, Honors, and Articulated offered for college credit by the Louisiana School for the Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA). For those designated courses, five quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "A," four quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "B," three quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "C," two quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "D," and zero quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "F." Only designated courses will be graded on 5-point scale. The courses currently designated to be calculated on the 5-point scale can be viewed at <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/tops-university-course-requirements.pdf>.

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LOUISIANA'S TAYLOR OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS, "TOPS"

September 2021

For more information, call the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) at (800) 259-5626 or visit our Web site at www.mylosfa.la.gov

STANDARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ¹		AWARD COMPONENTS OF TOPS (EXCEPT TECH AWARD)			
High School Grade Point Average (GPA) ²		OPPORTUNITY AWARD		PERFORMANCE AWARD	
Core Units		3.50 (GPA computed on core courses only)		3.50 (GPA computed on core courses only)	
ACT Composite Score (or SAT Equivalent)		19 ³		19 ³	
BESE-Approved Home-Study Student Eligibility ⁵		Prior year state average ⁴		23 ⁴	
Out-of-State Student Eligibility ⁶		Currently an ACT of 22 (2 points above standard, in lieu of core units and GPA)		Currently an ACT of 24 (1 point above standard, in lieu of core units and GPA)	
Must Enroll Full Time ^{7, 8, 9}		Currently an ACT of 23 (3 points above standard, in lieu of core units and GPA)		Currently an ACT of 26 (3 points above standard, in lieu of core units and GPA)	
Eligible Institutions ¹⁰		As a first-time freshman, by the fall semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation		As a first-time freshman, by the fall semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation	
Maximum Award at Public Schools *TOPS is fully funded for the 2021-2022 Academic Year		Louisiana public & LAICU postsecondary institutions and certain cosmetology and proprietary schools		Louisiana public & LAICU postsecondary institutions and certain cosmetology and proprietary schools	
Maximum Award at LAICU Institutions ¹⁰		Payment of TOPS is contingent upon appropriations by the Louisiana Legislature.		Payment of TOPS is contingent upon appropriations by the Louisiana Legislature.	
RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS ¹¹		Weighted average of prior year TOPS payments to students at public-degree granting schools		Weighted average of prior year TOPS payments to students at public-degree granting schools	
Maintain Steady Academic Progress (Based on TOPS cumulative GPA which is calculated on all course work attempted and may not be the same as that calculated by the school.)		OPPORTUNITY AWARD		PERFORMANCE AWARD	
Hours Earned Per Academic Year ¹³		2.30 with 24 - 47 Hours of Academic Credit 2.50 with 48 Hours of Academic Credit Maintain steady academic progress at the end of all other terms (2.00 TOPS cumulative GPA)		3.00 with 24 or More Hours of Academic Credit ¹² Maintain steady academic progress at the end of all other terms (2.00 TOPS cumulative GPA)	
Award Reinstated Upon Recovery of Required GPA ¹⁴		Enroll full time and maintain continuous enrollment each semester, earn 24 hours or more each academic year		Enroll full time and maintain continuous enrollment each semester, earn 24 hours or more each academic year	
Award Limit ^{15, 16}		Yes		Yes, but reinstated as an Opportunity Award	
		4 years or 8 semesters		4 years or 8 semesters	

- 1 - Applicable to students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship and who graduate from Louisiana public or approved non-public high schools, and who are the dependent of a parent(s) or a court ordered custodian who is a resident of Louisiana for at least two years prior to the month of the dependent's high school graduation; or a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces who claims Louisiana as his legal residence and has filed Louisiana tax returns or who is stationed in Louisiana and completes a DD Form 2058 to become a legal resident within 180 days of reporting to Louisiana; or is a student who actually resides in Louisiana while attending a Louisiana public or approved non-public high school for the period of his or her last two full years of high school culminating in graduation as certified by the high school.
- 2 - Students who are non high school graduates with superior intellect who enter college full-time prior to their nineteenth birthday without completing high school or an approved home study program may qualify for a TOPS award. Contact LOSFA for more information.
- 3 - Core units may NOT be waived if not offered at the high school attended. It is the student's responsibility to acquire any such course(s) through approved correspondence or distance learning venues. Individual courses may be waived for students with exceptionalities or disabilities that prevent enrollment or successful completion. See reverse side for TOPS Core Curriculum.
- 4 - A qualifying score achieved on a National, International, Military, or Special ACT or equivalent SAT taken before August 1 of the year of high school graduation will be accepted. Scores on tests taken after August 1 of the year of high school graduation will not be accepted unless the student is granted an exception for a score earned on a test taken before September 30 of the year of high school graduation based on proof that the student was prevented from taking the test prior to August 1 due to circumstances beyond the control of the student and attributable to the administration of the test. For an ACT or SAT score to be considered, the student must enter code 1595 on the ACT registration form or code 9019 on the SAT registration form. The score for the writing section is NOT included.
- 5 - Applicable to students who complete a La. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved home-study program at the twelfth grade level and who meet the residency requirements (See Note 1). If the student previously attended a Louisiana high school, he must complete at least the 11th and 12th grade of an approved home study program.
- 6 - Applicable to students who graduate from an approved out-of-state high school and who meet the residency requirements (See Note 1).
- 7 - A qualified student who enlists and enters on active duty in the Armed Forces within one year of graduation from high school must enroll in an eligible college or university no later than the semester, quarter or term following the one year anniversary of separation from active duty. The veteran must not have been discharged with an undesirable, bad conduct or dishonorable discharge. A student who meets these requirements and did not previously apply, must file a FAFSA within one year of separation from active duty.

- 8 - Exceptions for "first-time freshman", "full-time and continuous enrollment and/or 24 hour" requirements may be granted for demonstrated cause. Contact LOSFA or go to <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Exception-Request-Form4.pdf> for an application.
- 9 - Students who met the academic requirements for a TOPS award and enrolled as a first-time freshman at an out-of-state college or at an eligible in-state college but subsequently enrolled at an eligible out-of-state college may apply for TOPS by submitting the Application to Return from an Out-of-State College no later than July 1st immediately following the semester, quarter or term during which the student returns and enrolls as a full-time student in an eligible Louisiana college. All supporting documents must be received no later than January 15th following the deadline. The student must have met the renewal requirements for TOPS while enrolled out-of-state. Students who first enrolled full-time in a Louisiana college must meet the deadline listed on the reverse side of this brochure. The deadline for students who first enrolled full-time in an out-of-state college is July 1 following the first semester, quarter or term of enrollment at an eligible Louisiana college.
- 10 - LAICU schools are those institutions that are members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. "Certain cosmetology and proprietary schools" include any school with a valid and current certificate of registration issued by the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology that is accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and any proprietary school with a valid and current license issued by the Board of Regents that is accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- 11 - Unless the recipient of an award is ineligible for federal grant aid, a FAFSA must be filed annually to be received by the state deadline of July 1.
- 12 - Students who fail to maintain a 3.00 GPA will have their award converted to the Opportunity Award.
- 13 - The academic year begins with the fall semester, quarter or term and ends at the beginning of the following fall semester, quarter or term. All summer sessions and intersessions within this time frame are included. Only courses for which credit is earned during an academic year will be counted towards the 24-hour requirement. In order to earn credit for a course, you must receive a grade of "D" or better.
- 14 - Provided that the period of ineligibility did not last for more than two years.
- 15 - Any student who successfully completes an academic undergraduate degree in less than the eight semesters of eligibility may receive any remaining award benefits if the student enrolls in a professional/postgraduate academic program at an eligible institution and continues to meet all academic and other requirements for continuation of the award. TOPS may not be used to pursue a second baccalaureate degree.
- 16 - Recipients may pursue an academic degree or technical diplomas or both, but may not exceed the award limit.

WHAT IS TOPS?

Louisiana's Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a comprehensive program of state scholarships and one of the most innovative and progressive student assistance programs in the nation. TOPS has four award components. See the table on the reverse for eligibility and renewal requirements of each award, except the Tech Award, which is presented in a separate brochure.

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY FOR TOPS?

To apply for TOPS, the student must complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov or the TOPS On-line Application at <https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/>. The FAFSA must be completed by students who qualify for federal grant aid and by students who are seeking other forms of financial aid. The TOPS On-line Application may be completed by students who can certify that they do not qualify for federal grant aid.

Graduates of 2022 - The TOPS application deadline is July 1 following the one year anniversary of high school graduation. You **MUST** file your FAFSA or TOPS On-line Application so that it is received by the federal processor by July 1, 2023 to receive full TOPS funding. However, to ensure timely processing and award notification, students are strongly encouraged to file at least six weeks prior to entry into college. Be sure to **PRINT** and **RETAIN** your dated FAFSA or TOPS On-line Application confirmation page that includes the confirmation number in case verification of timely filing is required. *No payment of a TOPS award will be made until the initial FAFSA or on-line application has been received and you have been determined eligible for a TOPS award.*

INITIAL APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE	RECEIVES TOPS FUNDING FOR:
Oct. 1, 2021 - July 1, 2023	8 semesters (12 quarters) beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023*
July 2 - Aug. 30, 2023	7 semesters (10 quarters) beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023 **
Aug. 31 - Oct. 29, 2023	6 semesters (9 quarters) beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023 ***
Initial applications received after Oct. 29, 2023	Ineligible for TOPS Award

*If your initial FAFSA or on-line application is received after July 1 immediately following your graduation from high school, the payment of your TOPS award will not be made until your application is received and you are determined eligible for a TOPS award. If you enroll for the first time as a full time student before your FAFSA or on-line application is received, you must meet the TOPS Continuing Eligibility Requirements to receive payments of your TOPS award after the first semester, quarter or term of your full time enrollment at an eligible college or university.

** If you are a 2022 high school graduate and your application is received from July 2, 2023, through August 30, 2023, you will be eligible to receive seven semesters of TOPS funding beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year. You must also meet TOPS Continuing Eligibility Requirements if you attend college during the 2022-2023 academic year.

*** If you are a 2022 high school graduate and your application is received from August 31, 2023 through October 29, 2023, you will be eligible to receive six semesters of TOPS funding beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year. You must also meet TOPS Continuing Eligibility Requirements if you attend college during the 2022-2023 academic year.

TOPS CORE CURRICULUM

Students must take the courses required for TOPS within their TOPS University curriculum requirements. Substitute core courses can be found at <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/TOPSCoreCurriculum.pdf>

UNITS	COURSES*
English = 4 units	
1 unit	English I
1 unit	English II
1 Unit from the following:	English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition, or IB English III (Language A or Literature and Performance)
1 Unit from the following:	English IV, AP English Literature and Composition, or IB English IV (Language A or Literature and Performance)
Math = 4 units	
1 unit	Algebra I
1 unit	Geometry
1 unit	Algebra II
1 Unit from the following:	AAAlgebra III; Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or IB Math Methods I (Mathematical Studies SL); Calculus, AP Calculus AB, or IB Math Methods II (Mathematics SL); AP Calculus BC; Probability and Statistics or AP Statistics; IB Further Mathematics HL; IB Mathematics HL; AP Computer Science A
Science = 4 units	
1 unit	Biology I
1 unit	Chemistry I
2 units from the following:	Earth Science; Environmental Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined); Chemistry II or AP Chemistry or IB Chemistry II; AP Environmental Science or IB Environmental Systems; Physics I, AP Physics I, AP Physics B, or IB Physics I; AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or IB Physics II, or AP Physics II; Biology II or AP Biology or IB Biology II or Human Anatomy and Physiology
Social Studies = 4 units	
1 unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1 unit from the following:	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
2 units from the following:	Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or IB World History; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP Psychology, or African American History
Foreign Language = 2 units	
Foreign Language, both units in the same language, which may also include the following AP and IB courses: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture, AP German Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, IB French IV, IB French V, IB Spanish IV, IB Spanish V, Mandarin Chinese I-IV, Hindi I - IV, Portuguese I-IV, Vietnamese I-IV	
Fine Arts = 1 unit	
1 unit from the following:	Performance course in Music, Dance or Theatre; Fine Arts Survey; Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Music I, II, III and IV; Talented Theater Arts I, II, III, and IV; Speech III and Speech IV (one unit combined); AP Art History; AP Studio Art: 2-D Design; AP Studio Art: 3-D Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing; AP Music Theory; IB Film Study I; IB Film Study II; IB Music I; IB Music II; IB Art Design III; IB Art Design IV; IB Theatre I, Drafting, Media Arts I - IV; Photography I, Photography II, or Digital Photography
Total = 19 Units	

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Consent to Receive Academic Data

LOSFA can only evaluate TOPS eligibility for those students whose parents granted consent for LOSFA to receive their academic data. Consent forms may be accessed here: <http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/ConsentForm.pdf>. Consent may be withdrawn by written notice at any time. Once a student reaches 18 years of age, he or she may grant consent by using this form: <http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/ConsentFormOver18.pdf>

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Taylor Opportunity Program for Students
Opportunity, Performance and
Honors Awards
September 2021 Edition



Louisiana Office of Student Financial
Assistance
A Program of the Board of Regents
This brochure incorporates changes as of
the edition date and applies to high school
graduates of the class of 2022.



TOPS TECH CORE CURRICULUM

TOPS Tech Award For High School Graduates of 2018 through 2026¹

The Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Core Curriculum is one component of the requirements to qualify for the TOPS scholarship. The curriculum outlined on this flyer is used to qualify for the TOPS Tech Award and consists of 21 units.^{2,3} Students qualifying for TOPS Tech Award may also use the TOPS Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards Core Curriculum which is outlined in a separate flyer.

ENGLISH = 4 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
2 Units from the following:	English III, English IV, AP or IB English courses, Business English, Technical Writing, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

MATH = 4 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit	Algebra I; or both Algebra I, Part 1 and Algebra I, Part 2; or an applied or hybrid algebra course
3 Units from the following:	Geometry, Algebra II, Math Essentials, Financial Literacy, Business Math, Algebra III, Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-calculus, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, and shall equal three mathematics credits.

SCIENCE = 2 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit	Biology I
1 Unit from the following:	Chemistry I, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (both for one unit), Physical Science, Physics, or AP or IB science courses

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TOPS TECH CORE CURRICULUM

SOCIAL STUDIES = 2 UNITS

Units	Courses
1 Unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1 Unit from the following:	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States

JUMP START COURSES = 9 UNITS

Units	Courses
9 Units	In Jump Start course sequences, workplace experiences, and credentials. A student shall complete a regionally designed series of Career and Technical Education Jump Start coursework and workplace-based learning experiences leading to a statewide or regional Jump Start credential. This shall include courses and workplace experiences specific to the credential, courses related to foundational career skills requirements in Jump Start, and other courses, including career electives, that the Jump Start regional team determines are appropriate for the career major.

¹ 2027 Graduates and thereafter have a different TOPS Tech Core Curriculum than previous graduates. Please see the TOPS Tech Core Curriculum Flyer for 2027 Graduates and thereafter.

² **GIFTED COURSES:** Any core curriculum course that is taken by a student who has been identified as gifted pursuant to State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy and that is taken in fulfillment of the student's Individualized Education Plan shall be considered a "Gifted Course" and shall fulfill the core curriculum. **Some, but not all, Gifted Courses will be graded on a 5-point scale for determining the TOPS Core Curriculum GPA.** Courses to be graded on a 5-point scale are approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in consultation with the Louisiana Board of Regents. See footnote 3 for a link to the core curriculum courses and which of those courses will be graded on 5.0-point scale.

³ The calculation of the TOPS Core Curriculum grade point average (GPA) will use a 5-point scale for grades earned for **certain designated courses** in: Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Gifted, Dual Enrollment, Honors, and Articulated offered for college credit by the Louisiana School for the Math, Science, and the Arts (LSMSA). For those designated courses, five quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "A," four quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "B," three quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "C," two quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "D," and zero quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of "F." Only designated courses will be graded on 5-point scale. The courses currently designated to be calculated on the 5-point scale can be viewed at <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/tops-university-course-requirements.pdf>.

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LOUISIANA'S TAYLOR OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS "TOPS" TECH AWARD

December 2020

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STANDARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ¹	TECH AWARD
High School Grade Point Average (GPA)	2.50 (GPA computed on core courses only)
Tech Core Units	21 Jumpstart Career Path Core Units ²
ACT Composite Score (or SAT Equivalent)	17 ³ or higher or a silver level score on the assessments of the ACT WorkKeys system
Must Enroll Full Time	As a first-time freshman, by the fall semester following the first anniversary of high school graduation ^{4,5}
Eligible Institutions	Louisiana Technical College campuses and other public postsecondary or LAICU ⁶ schools that provide skill or occupational training and certain cosmetology and proprietary schools ⁷
Maximum Award at 2- Year Public Schools	TOPS Tech Award Amount Payment of TOPS is contingent upon appropriations by the Louisiana Legislature. ⁸
Maximum Award at 4- Year Public Schools that do not offer an academic undergraduate degree at the Bachelors level	TOPS Tech Award Amount Payment of TOPS is contingent upon appropriations by the Louisiana Legislature. ⁸
Maximum Award at 4- Year Public Schools that do offer an academic undergraduate degree at the Bachelors level	TOPS Tech Average Award Amount The average of TOPS Tech payments paid to students attending public schools that do not offer a baccalaureate degree ⁸
Maximum Award at LAICU ⁶ Institutions and certain cosmetology and proprietary schools ⁷	TOPS Tech Average Award Amount The average of TOPS Tech payments paid to students attending public schools that do not offer a baccalaureate degree ⁸
BESE-Approved Home-Study Student Eligibility ⁹	ACT of 19 (2 points above standard in lieu of core units and GPA)
Out-of-State Student Eligibility ¹⁰	ACT of 20 (3 points above standard in lieu of core units and GPA)
RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS ¹¹	TECH AWARD
Maintain Steady Academic Progress (Based on the TOPS cumulative GPA which is calculated on all course work attempted and may not be the same as that calculated by the school)	2.50 with 24 or More Hours of Academic Credit Maintain steady academic progress at the end of all other terms or semesters (2.00 cumulative GPA)
Hours Earned Per Academic Year	Enroll full time and maintain continuous enrollment each semester, earn 24 hours or more each academic year ⁵
Award Reinstated Upon Recovery of Required GPA	Yes ¹²
Award Limit	2 years

TOPS TECH CORE CURRICULA	
UNITS	COURSE
2	English I and English II
2	English III, English IV, AP or IB English courses, Business English, Technical Writing, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
1	Algebra I; or both Algebra I, Part 1 and Algebra I, Part 2; or an applied or hybrid algebra course
3	Geometry, Algebra II, Math Essentials, Financial Literacy, Business Math, Algebra III, Advanced Math -Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-calculus, or comparable Louisiana Technical College courses offered by Jump Start regional teams as approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Integrated Mathematics I, II, and III may be substituted for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, and shall equal three mathematics credits
1	Biology
1	Chemistry I, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Agriscience I and Agriscience II (both for one unit), Physical Science, Physics, or AP or IB science courses
1	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
9	In Jump Start course sequences, workplace experiences, and credentials. A student shall complete a regionally designed series of Career and Technical Education Jump Start coursework and workplace-based learning experiences leading to a statewide or regional Jump Start credential. This shall include courses and workplace experiences specific to the credential, courses related to foundational career skills requirements in Jump Start, and other courses, including career electives, that the Jump Start regional team determines are appropriate for the career major.
Students may also qualify for a TOPS Tech Award by completing the high school course work constituting the TOPS core curriculum for the Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards.	

- Applicable to students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship; graduate from Louisiana public or approved non-public high schools; and 1) are the dependent of a parent(s) who is a resident of Louisiana for at least two years prior to the month of the dependent's high school graduation; or 2) a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces who claims Louisiana as his legal residence and has filed Louisiana tax returns; or 3) who is stationed in Louisiana and completes a DD Form 2058 to become a legal resident within 180 days of reporting to Louisiana; or 4) is a student who actually resides in Louisiana while attending a Louisiana public or approved non-public high school for the period of his or her last two full years of high school culminating in graduation as certified by the high school.
- Core units may NOT be waived if not offered at the high school attended. It is the student's responsibility to acquire any such course(s) through approved correspondence or distance learning venues. Individual courses may be waived for students with exceptionalities or disabilities that prevent enrollment or successful completion.
- A qualifying score achieved on a National, International, Military, or Special ACT or equivalent SAT taken no later than April 30 and a first time qualifying score on a test taken after April 30 but before July 1 of the year of high school graduation will be accepted. Scores on tests taken after June of the year of high school graduation will not be accepted unless the student is granted an exception for a score earned on a test taken before September 30 of the year of high school graduation based on proof that the student was prevented from taking the test prior to July 1 due to circumstances beyond the control of the student and attributable to the administration of the test. For an ACT or SAT score to be considered, the student must enter code 1595 on the ACT registration form or code 9019 on the SAT registration form. The score for the writing section is NOT included.
- A qualified student who enlists and enters on active duty in the Armed Forces within one year of graduation from high school must enroll in an eligible college no later than the semester, quarter or term following the one year anniversary of separation from active duty. The veteran must not have been discharged with an undesirable, bad conduct or dishonorable discharge. A student who meets these requirements and did not previously apply must file a FAFSA so that it is received within one year of separation from active duty.
- Exceptions for "first-time freshman", "full-time" and "continuous enrollment" and/or "24 hour" requirements may be granted for demonstrated cause. Contact LOSFA or go to <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Exception-Request-Form2.pdf> for an application. The academic year includes the summer session.
- Non-public institutions that are members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU).
- Any school with a valid and current certificate of registration issued by the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology and that is accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education, and any proprietary school with a valid and current license issued by the Board of Regents and accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education.
- TOPS may not cover 100% of tuition. For a current list of TOPS Tech Award Amounts, please go to <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-21-TOPS-OPH-Tech-Award-Calculations-at-100-7-6-20.pdf>
- If the student previously attended a Louisiana high school, he must complete at least the 11th and 12th grades of a BESE approved home study program.
- Applicable to students who graduate from an approved out-of-state high school and who meet the residency requirements (See Note 1). Students who graduate from an approved high school located outside of the United States may also qualify for a TOPS Tech Award with an ACT score of 20 or higher, if a parent(s) of the dependent student: (1) was actively engaged in work or other activity on behalf of a Louisiana employer or sponsor; (2) actually lived in Louisiana for at least the 24-months preceding the date the work or activity outside the United States began, and (3) remained a Louisiana resident through the date of the student's graduation from high school.
- Unless the applicant for an award is ineligible for federal grant aid, a FAFSA must be filed annually to be received by the state deadline of July 1st.
- Provided that the period of ineligibility did not extend for more than one year.

WHAT IS TOPS?

Louisiana's Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a comprehensive program of state scholarships and one of the most innovative and progressive student assistance programs in the nation. TOPS has four award components. One component, the TOPS Tech Award, is detailed herein. (See separate brochure for the TOPS Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards.)

WHAT IS THE TOPS TECH AWARD?

Unique among the TOPS scholarships, the TOPS Tech Award was created by the Louisiana Legislature with the sole intention of promoting a skilled workforce in Louisiana. Currently, the TOPS Tech Award is offered to qualified high school graduates and provides up to two years of skill or occupational training to be pursued at an accredited Louisiana postsecondary institution that offers a vocational or technical education certificate/diploma.

Students who are awarded TOPS-Tech may enroll in a Louisiana public community or technical college that offers a Vocational or Technical Education Certificate or Diploma Program or a non-academic undergraduate degree to pursue a skill, occupational training, or technical training (including approved cosmetology and proprietary schools) subsequent to high school graduation.

TOPS Tech awards may also be used for certain degrees/certifications and programs that are aligned with state workforce priorities as determined by the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council. For a list of qualified programs, go to <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-21-TOPS-OPH-Tech-Award-Calculations-at-100-7-6-20.pdf>

WHERE MAY I USE THE TOPS TECH AWARD?

The TOPS Tech Award may be used for up to two years of skill or occupational training at any campus of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, accredited two-or-four-year public colleges or universities, or private colleges or universities (members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, LAICU) to pursue a vocational or technical education certificate, diploma or non-academic degree program. Students who are eligible for the TOPS Tech Award may also use their awards at any school with a valid and current certificate of registration issued by the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology and that is accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education, and at any proprietary school, with a valid and current license issued by the Board of Regents and accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education.

TOPS Tech awardees may use their awards to enroll in an eligible college or university on a full time basis in an associate's degree or other shorter-term training or education program that is aligned to state workforce priorities as determined by the Board of Regents and the Workforce Investment Council.

If the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Workforce Commission determine that a program is no longer aligned with those

priorities, an otherwise eligible student who had previously received an award and enrolled in that program may continue to use the award.

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY FOR TOPS?

To apply for TOPS, the student should complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov or the TOPS On-line Application at <https://www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/>. The FAFSA must be completed by students who qualify for federal grant aid and by students who are seeking other forms of financial aid. The TOPS On-line application may only be completed by students who can certify that they do not qualify for federal grant aid.

Graduates of 2021 - The priority deadline is February 1, 2021. The TOPS application deadline is July 1 following the one year anniversary of high school graduation. You **MUST** file your FAFSA so that it is received by the federal processor by July 1, 2022 to receive full TOPS funding or the TOPS On-line Application so that it is received by LOSFA no later than July 1, 2022. Be sure to **PRINT** and **RETAIN** your dated FAFSA or TOPS On-line Application confirmation page that includes the confirmation number in case verification of timely filing is required. *No payment of a TOPS award will be made until the initial FAFSA or on-line application has been received and you have been determined eligible for a TOPS award.*

INITIAL APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE	RECEIVES TOPS FUNDING FOR:
Oct. 1, 2020 - July 1, 2022	2 years beginning with Academic Year 2021-2022 *
July 2 - Aug. 30, 2022	2 years, less 1 semester, beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023 **
Aug. 31 - Oct. 29, 2022	2 years, less 2 semesters, beginning with Academic Year 2022-2023 ***
Initial applications received after Oct. 29, 2022	Ineligible for TOPS Tech Award

*If your initial FAFSA or on-line application is received after July 1 immediately following your graduation from high school, the payment of your TOPS award will not be made until your application is received and you are determined eligible for a TOPS award. If you enroll for the first time as a full time student before your FAFSA or on-line application is received, you must meet the TOPS Continuing Eligibility Requirements to receive payments of your TOPS award after the first semester, quarter or term of your full time enrollment at an eligible college or university.

** If you are a 2021 high school graduate and your application is received from July 2, 2022, through August 30, 2022, you will be eligible to receive two years, less 1 semester, of TOPS Tech funding beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year. You must also meet TOPS Continuing Eligibility Requirements if you attend college during the 2021-2022 academic year.

*** If you are a 2021 high school graduate and your application is received from August 31, 2022 through October 29, 2022, you will be eligible to receive two years, less 2 semesters, of TOPS Tech funding beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year. You must also meet TOPS Continuing Eligibility Requirements if you attend college during the 2021-2022 academic year.

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Consent to Receive Academic Data

LOSFA can only evaluate TOPS eligibility for those students whose parents granted consent for LOSFA to receive their academic data. Consent forms may be accessed here: <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ConsentForm.pdf> Consent may be withdrawn by written notice at any time. Once a student reaches 18 years of age, he or she may grant consent by using this form: <https://mylosfa.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ConsentFormOver18.pdf>.

Disclaimer: This brochure is current as of the edition date and is provided for informational purposes only. The eligibility requirements and rules governing the TOPS program are subject to legislative and regulatory amendments subsequent to the edition date of this brochure. TOPS applicants are responsible for determining the program requirements at the time of application and should not rely on this brochure as a full disclosure of all qualifications for a TOPS Tech Award.



Taylor Opportunity Program for Students Tech Award

December 2020 Edition

For students graduating from high school
in the 2020-21 academic year and thereafter

Louisiana Office of Student
Financial Assistance

A program of the Board of Regents
This brochure incorporates changes
in effect as of the edition date and
applies to high school graduates
of the class of 2021 applying for the
TOPS Tech Award.

TOPS OPH ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNTS FOR 2023-24

Institutions	Legislatively Set TOPS Annual Amount	2023-24 TOPS Annual Amount (3) (5)	Fall Semester/ Quarter 2023-24 TOPS Maximum Payment	Winter Quarter 2023-24 TOPS Maximum Payment	Spring Semester/ Quarter 2023-24 TOPS Maximum Payment	2 Year			
						4 Year			
Baton Rouge Community College(1)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
Bossier Parish Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
Central Louisiana Technical Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
Delgado Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
L. E. Fleicher Technical Comm. Col.(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
Louisiana Delta Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
LSU – Eunice	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
Northshore Technical Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
Northwest Louisiana Technical Comm. Col.(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
Nunez Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
River Parishes Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
South Louisiana Community College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
SOWeLA Technical Comm. College(1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15
ST-Shreveport	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00
PERFORMANCE = \$200/semester or \$266.66/quarter/term									
HONORS = \$400/semester or \$400/semester/term									
PERFORMANCE = \$400 Annually									
HONORS = \$800									
PERFORMANCE = \$400									
Grambling State University	\$5,139.75	\$5,139.75	\$2,569.87		\$2,569.88	\$5,139.75	\$5,139.75	\$5,139.75	\$5,139.75
LSU – Alexandria	\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25	\$2,447.12		\$2,447.13	\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25
LSU – BR	\$7,462.98	\$7,462.98	\$3,731.49		\$3,731.49	\$7,462.98	\$7,462.98	\$7,462.98	\$7,462.98
Allied Health	\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22	\$3,836.61		\$3,836.61	\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22
Nursing	\$5,611.50	\$5,611.50	\$2,805.75		\$2,805.75	\$5,611.50	\$5,611.50	\$5,611.50	\$5,611.50
Dental Hygiene	\$5,517.00	\$5,517.00	\$2,758.50		\$2,758.50	\$5,517.00	\$5,517.00	\$5,517.00	\$5,517.00
Dental Lab Tech	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26	\$2,493.63		\$2,493.63	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26
Public Health	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$4,429.00		\$4,429.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00
LSU HSC – Shreveport	\$7,182.56	\$7,182.56	\$3,591.28		\$3,591.28	\$7,182.56	\$7,182.56	\$7,182.56	\$7,182.56
LSU – Shreveport	\$5,372.29	\$5,372.29	\$2,686.14		\$2,686.15	\$5,372.29	\$5,372.29	\$5,372.29	\$5,372.29
Louisiana Tech University (Quarters)	\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00	\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00
McNeese State University	\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34	\$2,573.67		\$2,573.67	\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34
Nicholls State University	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$2,461.14		\$2,461.14	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28
Northwestern State University	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00	\$2,590.00		\$2,590.00	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00
Southwestern La University	\$5,652.21	\$5,652.21	\$2,826.11		\$2,826.10	\$5,652.21	\$5,652.21	\$5,652.21	\$5,652.21
SU-Baton Rouge	\$4,973.10	\$4,973.10	\$2,486.55		\$2,486.55	\$4,973.10	\$4,973.10	\$4,973.10	\$4,973.10
SU-New Orleans	\$4,236.21	\$4,236.21	\$2,118.10		\$2,118.11	\$4,236.21	\$4,236.21	\$4,236.21	\$4,236.21
UL – Lafayette	\$5,406.96	\$5,406.96	\$2,703.48		\$2,703.48	\$5,406.96	\$5,406.96	\$5,406.96	\$5,406.96
UL – Monroe	\$5,787.52	\$5,787.52	\$2,893.76		\$2,893.76	\$5,787.52	\$5,787.52	\$5,787.52	\$5,787.52
University of New Orleans	\$6,090.37	\$6,090.37	\$3,045.19		\$3,045.18	\$6,090.37	\$6,090.37	\$6,090.37	\$6,090.37
Out-of-State Institutions for Hearing Impaired Students (2)									
Gallaudet University	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00
Rochester Institute of Tech.	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00
LACU Institutions: Centenary, Dillard, Louisiana College, Loyola, NO Baptist Seminary, University of Holy Cross, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (Formerly OLOL), St. Joseph's, Tulane, Xavier									
All Schools (Academic Programs - including Graduate and Professional Programs)	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00
Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools									
Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$793.33		\$793.34	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00
TOPS Eligible Students in a Public Graduate or Professional Programs									
All Graduate Programs(4) (Semester)	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$4,429.00		\$4,429.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00
All Graduate Programs(4) (Quarter)	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$2,952.67		\$2,952.66	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00

Notes: (1) Includes all campuses within the designated colleges.

(2) Schools/Programs that are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Includes both Academic and Technical Programs.

(3) The total amount does not include summer payments allowed for students enrolled full time in technical programs or students in an academic program that elect to have their award paid for a qualified summer session. The amount of the award may not exceed the tuition amount charged to the student for summer attendance.

(4) The TOPS Award Payment for TOPS eligible students enrolled in a graduate/professional program is limited to the full tuition charged by a school for enrollment in the respective graduate program or the maximum TOPS Award amount listed here, whichever is less.

(5) Actual amounts payable subject to appropriation and funding.

(6) A student's award payment may be less than that listed on this chart if the student is enrolled in less than 12 hours, but is considered to be full-time for their program of study.

Institutions		Amount	Amount(s)	Maximum Payment	Payment
Legislatively Set	TOPS Annual	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
2 Year	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
2 and 4 Year	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
* Unless otherwise indicated, all technical programs at all campuses of these schools are TOPS Tech eligible.	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Technical programs include: Associate of Applied Science-AAS, Career Technical Certificate-CTC, Technical Diploma-TD	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Baton Rouge Community College	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Bossier Parish Community College	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Central Louisiana Technical Community College	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Delgado Community College	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Northshore Technical Community College	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Louisiana Delta Community College	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
LSU - Eunice	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Northshore TCC	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
N. La TCC	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Nunez CC	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
RCC	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
S. La CC	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Sowela TCC	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
If a program is approved at one LTC school, it is approved at all LTC schools	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
La Tech (Quarters)	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
LSU - Alexandria	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
LSU - Eunice	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Nicholls	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
	Amount	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	2023-24 Maximum TOPS
Northwestern	Legislatively Set	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	2023-24 TOPS	

Notes: (1) Includes all campuses within the designated colleges.
(2) The total amount does not include summer payments allowed for students enrolled full time in technical programs or students in an academic program that elect to have their award paid for a qualified summer session. The amount of the award may not exceed the tuition amount charged to the student for summer attendance.
(3) Actual amounts payable subject to appropriation and funding.
(4) A student's award payment may be less than that listed on this chart if the student is enrolled in less than 12 hours, but is considered to be full-time for their program of study.

Where Can I Use My TOPS Tech Award?

(As of 10/19/2023)

Enroll in Technical Programs at the following:

Colleges and Universities:

Baton Rouge Community College – Baton Rouge, Jackson, New Roads, Port Allen
Bossier Parish Community College – Bossier City
Central Louisiana Technical Community College – Alexandria, Cottonport, Ferriday, Jena, Leesville, Winnfield
Delgado Community College – New Orleans, Harvey, Metairie, Slidell
L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College – Houma, Thibodaux
Louisiana Delta Community College – Monroe, Bastrop, Farmerville, Lake Providence, Ruston, Tallulah, West Monroe, Winnsboro
Louisiana State University - Eunice
Northshore Technical Community College – Bogalusa, Greensburg, Hammond
Northwest Louisiana Technical College – Minden, Mansfield, Many, Natchitoches, Shreveport
Nunez Community College – Chalmette
River Parishes Community College – Gonzales, Plaquemine, Reserve, Sorrento
Southern University – Shreveport
South Louisiana Community College – Lafayette, Abbeville, Crowley, Cut Off, Franklin, Morgan City, New Iberia, Opelousas, St. Martinville, Ville Platte
SOWELA Technical Community College – Lake Charles, Jennings, Oakdale

Approved Academic Programs*

Louisiana Tech University

Nursing (ASN)

Louisiana State University – Alexandria

Nursing (ASN) Medical Laboratory Science (AS) Radiologic Technology (AS)

Louisiana State University – Eunice

Care & Dvlpt of Young Children (AS) Criminal Justice (ASCJ)

Nursing (ASN) Radiologic Technology (AS) Respiratory Care (AS)

LSUHSC – New Orleans

Dental Laboratory Technology (AS)

Nicholls State University

Care & Dvlpt of Young Children (AS) Culinary Arts (AS)

Petroleum Services (AS) Safety Technology (AS)

Northwestern State University

Engineering Technology (AS) Nursing (ASN) Veterinary Technology (AD)

McNeese State University

Paralegal Studies (AA)

Southeastern University – Hammond

Industrial Technology (AAS)

Southern University – New Orleans

Addictv Bhvrs Counslng & Prevention (AA)

Southern University – Shreveport

Accounting (AS) Business Management (AS) Computer Science (AS) Human Services (AS) Nursing (ASN)

The following approved programs may be taken at Baton Rouge Community College, Bossier Parish Community College, Central LA Technical Community College, Delgado Community College, L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, Northshore Technical Community College, North LA Technical Community College, Nunez Community College, River Parishes Community College, South LA Community College, or SOWELA Technical Community College.

American Sign Language Interpreting (AA)
Business (AS)
Cardiopulmonary Care Science (AS)
Computer Science (AS)
Criminal Justice (AS)
Electrical-Elect. Engineer Tech (AS)
Healthcare Management (AS)
Industrial Technology (AS)
Nursing (ASN)
Paralegal Studies (AS)
Pre-Engineering (AS)
Surgical Technology (AS)
Visual & Performing Arts (AA)

Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools:

Academy of Interactive Entertainment – Lafayette
Aveda Institute – Baton Rouge, Covington, Hammond, Lafayette, New Orleans/Metairie
Avery James School of Cosmetology
Ayers Career College – Shreveport
Bastrop Beauty School, Inc. – Bastrop
Belbo Beauty Institute – Shreveport
Blue Cliff College – Alexandria, Lafayette, Metairie
Camelot College – Baton Rouge
Celebrity Stylist Beauty School – Monroe
Cloyd's Beauty School – West Monroe
Cloyd's Beauty School – Monroe
Compass Career College – Hammond
Cosmetology Training Center – Lafayette
Delta College, Inc. – Covington, Slidell
Delta College of Arts and Technology – Baton Rouge, Lafayette
Denham Springs Beauty College – Denham Springs
Diesel Driving Academy – Baton Rouge, Shreveport
Digital Media Institute at InterTech - Shreveport
Fortis College – Baton Rouge
ITI Technical College
Infinity College - Lafayette
John Jay Kenner Academy – Kenner

Louisiana Academy of Beauty – Eunice
Louisiana Culinary Institute, LLC – Baton Rouge
McCann School of Business & Tech - Monroe
Medical Training College – Baton Rouge
Moore Career College – Baton Rouge
Omega Institute of Cosmetology – Houma
Opelousas School of Cosmetology – Opelousas
Paul Mitchell the School – Baton Rouge, Metairie
Pat Goins Beauty School – Shreveport
Petra College, Inc. - Hammond
Pineville Beauty School – Pineville
Remington College – Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Shreveport
Stage One-The Hair School – Lake Charles
Unitech Training Academy – Baton Rouge,
Lafayette, Alexandria, Houma, West Monroe, New Orleans

Other Schools May Become Eligible

To check your School, e-mail custserv@osfa.la.gov

* Academic courses of study may change periodically. If one of these programs is removed from the list of approved programs **while you are enrolled**, you will be permitted to finish the program of study. You will not be permitted to begin a program after it has been removed from the list unless it becomes eligible again later and you are still eligible to receive the award.

Sections in BLUE are new effective for the entering class of Fall 2023.

Minimum Admission Standards for First-Time First-Year Students

Two-year institutions are open admission and therefore have no academic requirements for entry.

Two-year: Baton Rouge CC, Bossier Parish CC, Central Louisiana TCC, Delgado CC, L. E. Fletcher TCC, Louisiana Delta CC, LSU-E, Northshore TCC, Northwest Louisiana TCC, Nunez CC, River Parishes CC, South Louisiana CC, SOWELA TCC, SUSLA
No academic requirements for admission to the institution. Individual courses or programs may have academic requirements.

Admissions requirements for first-time first-year students to four-year institutions include:

- A. Completion of a High School Curriculum, AND
- B. Additional Requirements by Institution Type

A. Completion of a High School Curriculum: Meet requirements of one of the following four options.

1) 19-Unit Core^{1,2}						
Cumulative GPA of 2.0						
2) 17 or 18 Units of the Core^{1,2}						
Cumulative GPA of 2.0						
AND						
Core GPA .5 higher than institution min.	OR	ACT Composite 3 points higher than institution min.	OR	Institutional early college requirement with GPA .25 higher than institution min.	OR	Two of the three additional institutional requirements (Section B)
3) Fewer than 17 Units of the Core^{1,2}						
Cumulative GPA of 2.0						
AND						
Core GPA .5 higher than institution min.	OR	ACT Composite 3 points higher than institution min.	OR	Institutional early college requirement with GPA .25 higher than institution min.		
4) Alternative HS Credential						
HiSET: 15 on any subtest AND 4 on HiSET Essay			OR	NRS: Score level 6 on NRS approved assessment		
AND						
Institution minimum ACT (applies to flagship and statewide only)						
5) Graduation from a non-US secondary institution³						
Students must have completed a recognized secondary program comparable to a U.S. high school preparatory core.						

¹TOPS Opportunity Scholarship Core HS Curriculum

²For out of state students who meet *their state's* HS core but lack **BOR Core units**, institutions may substitute a maximum of four qualifying college prep core courses. The course substitutions and confirmation of the out-of-state college prep core must be noted in the record.

³Additional requirements for **international students** can be found on page 5.

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B. Additional Requirements by Institution Type

The following requirements apply to students under the age of 25. Institutions may set different minimum admission requirements for students aged 25 and over.

Flagship: LSU				
GPA on the Core at least 3.0	OR	Associate Degree OR 18 early college academic credit hours with at least 2.5 GPA	OR	ACT at least 25 OR SAT equivalent
AND				
Meets minimum placement requirements for standalone mathematics AND English (AA 2.18)				
Statewide: LA Tech, UL Lafayette, UNO				
GPA on the Core at least 2.5	OR	Associate Degree OR 15 early college academic credit hours with at least 2.25 GPA	OR	ACT at least 23 OR SAT equivalent
AND				
Meets minimum placement requirements for standalone mathematics AND English (AA 2.18)				
Regional: LSU-A, LSU-S, McNeese, Nicholls, Northwestern, Southeastern, UL Monroe				
GPA on the Core at least 2.0	OR	Associate Degree OR 12 early college academic credit hours with at least 2.0 GPA	OR	ACT at least 20 OR SAT equivalent
AND				
Meets minimum placement requirements for a standalone mathematics OR English course (AA 2.18)		OR	Meets minimum placement requirements for a two-hour-corequisite mathematics OR English course (AA 2.18)	
HBCU: Grambling, Southern BR, Southern NO				
GPA on the Core at least 2.0	OR	Associate Degree OR 9 early college academic credit hours with at least 2.0 GPA	OR	ACT at least 20 OR SAT equivalent

Jane Doe

Senior – DeQuincy HS

GPA – 3.9523

Rank – 5 out of 85

Extra – Curricular Activities:

- Basketball – 4 years
- Softball – 4 years
- Track – 2 years
- Band – 4 years

Clubs/Organizations:

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes – 4 years
- Science Club – 2 years
- Future Teachers of America – 3 years
- Beta Club – 3 years
- National Honor Society – 3 years
- Student Council – 3 years

Leadership Positions:

- President of Freshman Class
- Vice President of Student Council – 1 year
- President of Sophomore Class
- President of Senior Class
- Treasurer of Beta Club
- Captain of the Basketball Team/Senior year

Community

- Member of The United Methodist Church
- Active member of the Methodist Youth Program
- Participant in Relay for Life – 3 years

Community - Continued

- Volunteer at the Community Life Center
- Volunteer at McNeese State University
- Tutor Elementary children on Tuesday and Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:00 at the Substance Abuse Center

Awards/Recognition:

- Honor Roll Award – 3 years
- Honesty & Integrity Award
- All District – 1st Team – 2 years
- All State – 1st Team – 2 years
- Most Spirited Award – Jr. Year
- Student of the Year Nominee
- Student Council award
- DARE Role Model