



LOSFA

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

— A PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS —

LOUISIANA'S FIRST CHOICE FOR COLLEGE ACCESS

Your one-stop shop for...

- ✓ Comprehensive one-on-one college access advising
- ✓ Connecting to programs, schools, and colleges aligned to your career goals
- ✓ Scholarships, grants, and financial aid to pay for school
- ✓ Career exploration and mentoring with business and industry leaders
- ✓ Virtual Student Network Groups of fellow peers in your major
- ✓ Job shadowing, internship, and job placement opportunities
- ✓ Assistance with FAFSA® completion and applying to college

and so much more!

CONTACT **LOSFA**



Schedule **Virtual Office Hours**
(Available 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on
Monday – Friday)



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Ask **LEX**
(LOSFA's virtual response
assistant, available 24/7)

WHO IS LOSFA?

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) is a Program of the Louisiana Board of Regents, that strives to be Louisiana's first choice for college access by promoting, preparing for and providing equity of college access. LOSFA administers the state's scholarship and grant programs and the state's Internal Revenue Code Section 529 college savings program, the educational saving plan for K-12 tuition, and the 529-A saving plan for eligible individuals with disabilities.



PROMOTE

We promote college access through educational programs, FAFSA® and college application completion support, college access browses, integrated business and industry visits, postsecondary campus visits, comprehensive communications and outreach, and more, as the state's expert source of information on financial assistance.



PREPARE

We prepare students for college success by providing intensive comprehensive college and career advising, connections to support services, mentoring, student network groups, opportunities to connect with employers for job shadowing and internships, partnerships with community organizations and postsecondary institutions, college access educational programs, financial literacy resources, and more.



PROVIDE

We provide college financial assistance and related support services by administering Louisiana's merit-based Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholarship, need-based Louisiana GO Grant scholarship, M.J. Foster Promise Program, Louisiana Geaux Teach, Louisiana National Guard Patriot Scholarship Program, Louisiana's 529 START Saving Plan, K12 Saving Plan, LA ABLE, and more.

WHO LOSFA SERVES

- High school students and parents
- Traditional postsecondary students
- Non-traditional postsecondary students
- Home study students
- Working parents in need of training or retraining
- Adults in rural communities
- Returning veterans
- Individuals with disabilities
- Aged-out foster youth
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Justice-impacted (incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals)

Any Student. Any Age. Anywhere in Louisiana.

COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE ACCESS

ADVISING SERVICES

No matter where you might be on the college access journey, LOSFA's Comprehensive Advising Officers can help. You will be assigned your own personal college access coach and mentor who will work with you for as long as you need their services and support. Comprehensive Advising Officers can assist you with:



- Saving and preparing for college
- Identifying resources to pay for college
- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)®



- Matching your interests, skills, and passions with a career
- Facilitating networking opportunities with peers, near peers, and individuals who are successful in your field of study
- Connecting you to employers through career exploration, job shadowing, internships and job placement opportunities



- Discovering pathways to earn your credential or degree
- Finding the school and program that's the best fit for you
- Applying to the postsecondary option that is the best fit for you
- Connecting you with available support services

...AND SO MUCH MORE!

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STUDENT NETWORK GROUPS

PROVIDING LOUISIANA'S STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

1

Network with other students throughout Louisiana

2

Discover resources and opportunities for successful degree completion, internships, and job placement

3

Connect with professionals and/or employers from their respective fields

GROUPS:

Nursing
Accounting/Finance
Engineering
Information Technology/
Computer Information Systems
Behavioral Health Profession
Education
Postsecondary Transition



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GET A HEAD START WITH

LOUISIANA'S 529 SAVING PROGRAMS



STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND REVENUE TRUST PROGRAM (START) is Louisiana's Internal Revenue Code Section 529 college saving program designed to help families save for future educational expenses. It offers tax advantages, flexible investment options, and the ability to use the funds at accredited postsecondary institutions nationwide. With the START program, families can start saving early for their children's education, ensuring a brighter future.

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START K12 allows Louisiana families to save for tuition expenses at eligible K-12 schools, including public, private, and parochial institutions. Like the START college savings plan, it provides tax benefits and flexibility, making it easier for parents to plan and manage educational costs from kindergarten through high school.

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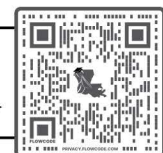
ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE

WITH LA ABLE



LA ABLE is Louisiana's 529A savings plan which offers tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities, allowing them to save and invest without affecting their eligibility for certain public benefits. Designed to support greater financial independence and long-term planning, the program helps cover qualified disability expenses such as education, housing, healthcare, and more.

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THE COLLEGE ACCESS PROCESS

As students begin the college access journey, they need to be sure to stay on track and follow the process to better ensure their success with identifying their career path, matching with the best-fit school or college, maximizing their financial aid options, staying enrolled and completing their degree or certification on time, and finding a rewarding job upon graduation.

- 1 Discover your Match and Fit**
- 2 Create a Student Hub Account**
- 3 Analyze your Financial Aid Options**
- 4 Prepare for and take the ACT/SAT**
- 5 Complete the FAFSA® or the TOPS Online Application**
- 6 Apply to College**
- 7 Enroll in Classes**
- 8 Graduate!**

COLLEGE ACCESS ON THE GEAUX

Scan the QR Code below to access resources to assist with the college planning and access journey such as:

LOSFA Resources and Assistance
Career Assessments
College Match Tools
FAFSA® Information and Support

Scholarship Searches
Financial Aid Information
ACT/SAT Support
And more!

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SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

LOSFA provides several different scholarship and grant programs for students based on merit, need, program of study, and more!

TAYLOR OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS (TOPS)

A program of state merit-based scholarships for Louisiana residents who attend one of the Louisiana public colleges and universities, schools that are a part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Louisiana approved Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools or institutions that are a part of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. TOPS has four award levels: Opportunity, Performance, Honors, and Tech.

TOPS TECH EARLY START

An award for Louisiana public high school juniors and seniors enrolled in dual enrollment courses at a Louisiana postsecondary institution in a top demand occupation.

M.J. FOSTER PROMISE

A program that provides financial support for students to earn credentials in high-demand, high income program areas in industries such as construction, healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, and transportation and logistics. *Beginning in July 2024, students 20 years or older may be eligible.

ROCKEFELLER STATE WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIP

A competitive scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students majoring in forestry, wildlife, or marine science at a Louisiana public college or university.

GO GRANT

A need-based grant for Pell Grant recipients with remaining unmet need.

PATRIOT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A scholarship that pays required fees for members of the Louisiana National Guard who qualify for the National Guard tuition exemption.

REGIONAL CONTRACT PROGRAM

A program that allows Louisiana students opportunities to study Optometry and Podiatry at select out-of-state institutions. Louisiana postsecondary institutions have no professional health degree programs in these fields. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Regional Contract Program (RCP) enables residents of our state to study in these fields at discounted tuition rates.

CHAFEE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING VOUCHER (ETV)

A program that provides up to \$5,000 per academic year for students who have aged out of foster care.

JOHN R. JUSTICE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

A program that provides student loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to extended service in those roles.

STRATEGIES TO EMPOWER PEOPLE (STEP)

A program funded by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients.

GO YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

A program that provides tuition aid for students who graduate from or complete course credit recovery through the Louisiana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program.

BESE TUITION PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

A competitive program that provides funding for selected teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana.

GEAUX TEACH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A program that provides scholarships to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs or alternate certification programs approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) at postsecondary education institutions within the state.

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