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TOPS

Your Guide to the
Taylor Opportunity Program
for Students

2024-2025

WHAT IS TOPS?

Taylor Opportunity Program For Students (TOPS) is 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 TOPS Tech.

INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for TOPS, a student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Meet TOPS Louisiana residency requirements.
- Complete all required units of the TOPS or TOPS Tech core curricula.
- Meet minimum TOPS Core GPA requirements (listed with each award level) upon high school graduation.
- Meet minimum ACT composite score requirements (listed with each award level).

Louisiana



AWARD LEVELS



TOPS OPPORTUNITY

8 SEMESTERS | TOPS AWARD AMOUNT

- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: **2.50**
- Minimum Composite ACT Score: Score equal to the previous year's state average, **but never less than 20**
- Completion of TOPS OPH Core Curriculum



TOPS PERFORMANCE

8 SEMESTERS | TOPS AWARD AMOUNT + \$400 STIPEND

- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: **3.25**
- Minimum Composite ACT Score: **23**
- Completion of TOPS OPH Core Curriculum



TOPS HONORS

8 SEMESTERS | TOPS AWARD AMOUNT + \$800 STIPEND

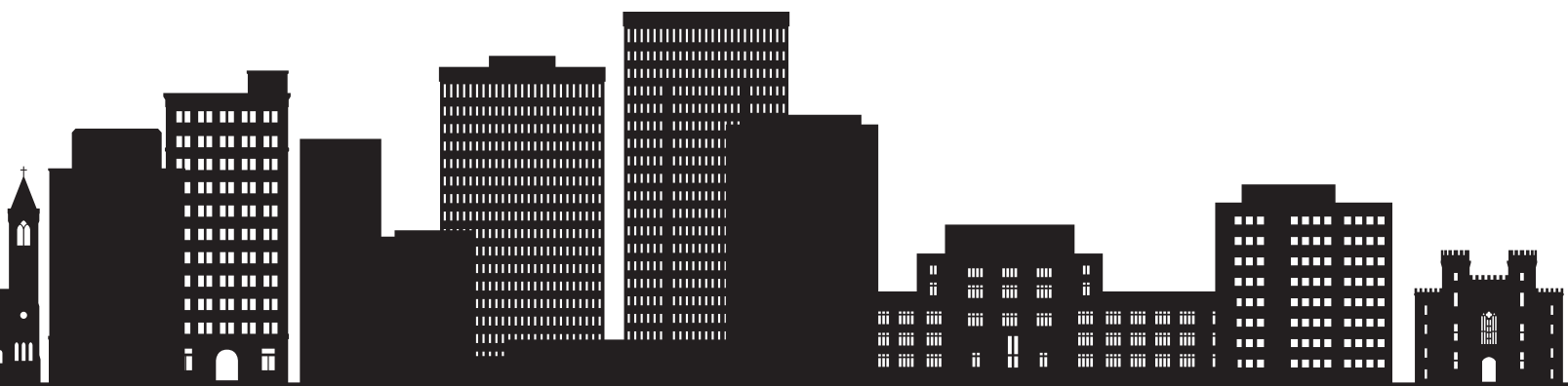
- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: **3.50**
- Minimum Composite ACT Score: **27**
- Completion of TOPS OPH Core Curriculum



TOPS TECH

2 YEARS | TOPS AWARD AMOUNT

- TOPS Core Minimum GPA: 2.50
- Minimum Composite ACT Score: **17 OR**
- Minimum WorkKeys Score: **Silver Level**
- Completion of TOPS Tech JumpStart Core Curriculum or TOPS OPH Core Curriculum



DON'T BLOW YOUR **TOPS**

2025 Public and Private High School Graduates

You Need to Know This to Qualify for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)

STUDENT INFORMATION

You are strongly encouraged to register for a Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Student Hub account prior to high school graduation. The Student Hub allows you and your parents to track your progress toward being eligible for a TOPS Award while you are in high school. To register for a Student Hub account, you will need your LOSFA ID (contact LOSFA) or your Louisiana Secure ID (contact your high school counselor).

In order for LOSFA to receive your high school transcripts and to assist you in tracking your progress towards being eligible for a TOPS Award, your parents must have turned in a LOSFA Consent Form to your school and selected "Yes".

It is very important that your full name, address, and date of birth are correct and that they are exactly the same on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)/TOPS Online Application, the ACT, and at your high school on your transcript. If your name, address, or date of birth is incorrect or is different on any of these records, a determination of TOPS eligibility will be delayed.

CORE CURRICULUM AND GPA

Students must complete ALL courses in the applicable TOPS core curriculum. Exceptions will not be granted even if a course is not offered at your school.

Upon graduation from high school, you must have attained at least a 2.50 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) on the courses used to complete the applicable TOPS core curriculum, computed in accordance with program rules.

Grades earned in courses for which you received college credit while you were in high school will be included in the calculation of your cumulative college GPA after the first semester you enroll full-time in college. These grades will affect your continuing eligibility for TOPS.

ACT AND SAT

The ACT score to qualify for the TOPS Opportunity Award is equal to the previous year's state average, but never less than a 20 (or 1030 SAT). The minimum ACT score to qualify for the TOPS Tech Award is a 17 (or 920 SAT).

The highest composite score achieved on a single exam of either the ACT or SAT will be used to determine TOPS eligibility. TOPS does not consider the essay portion of the ACT or SAT in calculating the composite score needed to qualify. TOPS does not use a superscore when determining eligibility for a TOPS Award.

For 2025 high school graduates, a qualifying ACT or SAT score must be achieved by the April ACT National Test Date: April 5, 2025. A qualifying score earned on the June 14 or July 12, 2025, ACT National Test Date, or a qualifying SAT score earned on the May 3 or June 7, 2025 exams, will be accepted, but you will be penalized one semester (or two quarters) of eligibility. A qualifying score earned before September 30, 2025, may be accepted if the Board of Regents finds you were prevented from taking the test prior to August 1 of the year of graduation due to circumstances beyond your control and attributable to the administration of the test.

When registering for the ACT or SAT you must enter code 1595 on the ACT registration form or code 9019 on the SAT registration form.

APPLICATION

You have two options to apply for TOPS: the TOPS Online Application or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). The FAFSA® allows you to apply for TOPS, other state aid, and all federal aid.

To apply ONLY for TOPS, you should complete the TOPS Online Application.

To apply for federal student aid, TOPS, Louisiana GO Grant, and other state aid programs, you must complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA®: www.studentaid.gov

Federal student aid programs include Pell Grants, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), student loans (subsidized and unsubsidized), Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS), and the Federal Work Study (FWS) Program.

If you complete the FAFSA®, you do not have to fill out the TOPS Online Application to apply for TOPS.

The TOPS priority deadline for 2025 graduates is February 1, 2025. The final TOPS application deadline is July 1 following the one-year anniversary of high school graduation. You MUST file your FAFSA® or TOPS Online Application so that it is received by the federal processor or LOSFA by July 1, 2026, to receive full TOPS funding. **No payment of a TOPS award will be made until the initial FAFSA® or TOPS Online application has been received and you have been determined eligible for a TOPS award.**

Initial application receipt date	Receives TOPS funding for:
Dec. 1, 2024* - July 1, 2026	8 semesters (12 quarters) Beginning with Academic Year 2025-2026
July 2 - Aug. 30, 2026	7 semesters (10 quarters) Beginning with Academic Year 2025-2026
Aug. 31 - Oct. 29, 2026	6 semesters (9 quarters) Beginning with Academic Year 2025-2026
Initial applications received after Oct. 29, 2026	Ineligible for TOPS award

*Initial release date of the 2025-2026 FAFSA® is subject to change.

Students who enroll full-time before their initial application is received must also have met the TOPS continuing eligibility requirements to be eligible for TOPS funding for semesters, quarters, or terms attended prior to being made eligible.

DON'T BLOW YOUR **TOPS RENEWAL**

2024-2025 College Students

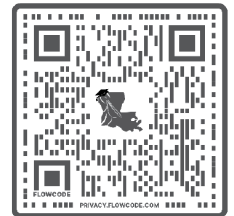
You Need to Know This to Retain Your
Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Award

ENROLLMENT

As a TOPS recipient, you must enroll as a full-time student during each fall and spring semester (or fall, winter, and spring term) during the academic year, remain continuously enrolled, and must earn 24 hours of credit during the academic year. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of your TOPS award. The academic year begins with the fall semester, quarter, or term and continues through all semesters, quarters, terms, and intersessions until the following fall semester, quarter, or term begins.

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to the requirements to enroll full-time, to remain continuously enrolled, or to earn 24 hours of credit each academic year may be granted for circumstances beyond the student's control. Students seeking an exception to these requirements must submit a request for exception form and provide all necessary documentation. If approved and all other continuation requirements are met, the award will be reinstated. Requests for exception must be received no later than six months after the date of the notice of cancellation.



Scan Here to Access
TOPS Exceptions Form

CREDIT HOURS

Earning 24 credit hours each academic year is the responsibility of the student. Advanced Placement credits and credits earned while you are in high school cannot be used to meet the 24-hour requirement. Hours earned in remedial courses and hours earned in intersessions will count toward your 24-hour requirement. All award recipients can use hours earned in summer sessions to meet their 24-hour per academic year requirement as well.

RENEWAL FAFSA®

Students who are eligible for federal financial aid are encouraged to complete the renewal FAFSA® as soon as possible. Students are not required to complete the FAFSA® to renew their TOPS Award.

STAY PREPARED

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Steady Academic Progress:

Students who fail to maintain steady academic progress at the end of any semester, quarter, or term or who fail to earn the continuation GPA for the TOPS Opportunity Award or TOPS Tech Award shall have payment of their award suspended. Steady academic progress is defined as a 2.00 minimum TOPS cumulative GPA.

Continuation GPA:

At the end of each academic year, the following TOPS cumulative grade point average (GPA) as determined by LOSFA must be maintained:

Opportunity Award:	2.30 with 24-47 Hours of Academic Credit 2.50 with 48 or More Hours of Academic Credit
Performance Award:	3.00 with 24 or More Hours of Academic Credit
Honors Award:	3.00 with 24 or More Hours of Academic Credit
Tech Award*:	2.50 with 24 or More Hours of Academic Credit

*Also applies to Opportunity, Performance, and Honors recipients enrolled in a technical program of study

The TOPS cumulative GPA is calculated on all coursework attempted and may not be the same as that calculated by the school.

Performance or Honors Award recipients who fail to maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA at the end of any academic year will have their award converted to the Opportunity Award, provided they have maintained the cumulative GPA necessary for renewal at that award level. Once the recipient's award is converted to the Opportunity Award, the Performance or Honors Award cannot be reinstated.

Grades earned for college credit courses taken while in high school through dual enrollment programs are included in the calculation of your cumulative college GPA and will affect your TOPS continuation eligibility.

Students whose awards are suspended for failure to maintain steady academic progress or the required continuation cumulative GPA may be reinstated upon attainment of the required continuation GPA, provided that the period of ineligibility did not persist for more than two years (or one year for the Tech Award) and the student has met the TOPS renewal requirements.

WHAT IS THE STUDENT HUB?

The Student Hub is an online system for students to track their TOPS status in high school and throughout their college careers.

High school students whose schools report their grades in the Student Transcript System (STS) can use the Student Hub to track their progress towards completing the TOPS core curriculum, view their TOPS Core GPA, and view the highest ACT scores LOSFA has on file.* Parental consent must be granted in STS to allow LOSFA to access high school transcript records.

After high school graduation, students can track their award letter, Rights and Responsibilities, and all notices sent by LOSFA via their Student Hub account. Once in college, all information relating to TOPS continuing eligibility and TOPS postsecondary GPA will be delivered via the Student Hub account.

*9th-grade students cannot set up a Student Hub account until their school reports grades via STS midyear or at the end of the school year.

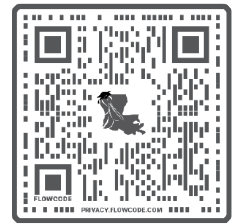
HOW DO I LOG INTO THE STUDENT HUB?

To log into the Student Hub, go to mylosfa.la.gov and click on **“Applications,”** then click on **“Student Hub.”**

In order to set up an account, you will need to use your assigned **LOSFA ID** or **LA SecureID.**

Once logged into your account, you will be able to check your TOPS status, ACT score, notifications, etc.

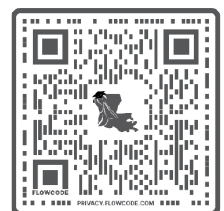
While logged into your account, you will also have the ability to choose to grant your parent(s) permission to access your information.



Scan Here to Register for Student Hub Account

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE TOPS?

TOPS processing for eligibility begins in June each year. You will be notified of eligibility by email. You can also monitor your TOPS eligibility status in your Student Hub account.



Scan Here to Access guide on Troubleshooting Student Hub Error Messages

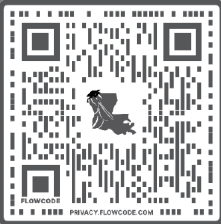
APPLYING FOR TOPS

Students can submit a FAFSA® to be considered for all federal and some state financial aid. Students only interested in TOPS/TOPS Tech awards can apply using the TOPS Online Application.

NAVIGATING YOUR OPTIONS

EITHER of these options will allow you to apply for TOPS. Carefully consider your financial needs when navigating your options to apply for state and federal financial aid.

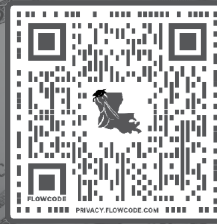
I would like to apply for state aid and all available federal aid



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)

Apply for Pell Grant, Work Study, Go Grants, federal loans, TOPS/TOPS Tech, etc.

I would only like to apply for TOPS/TOPS Tech



TOPS Online Application

Apply for TOPS/TOPS Tech

If required, accept or reject individual aid packages offered by the college

IMPORTANT NOTE!

Students must be enrolled full-time at an eligible institution to receive their TOPS Award; however, some institutions may require students to take additional steps to accept their financial aid package. Follow the directions included with your financial aid offer and contact the financial aid office at your institution if you have any questions.

10 TIPS TO AVOID TOPS PROCESSING ERRORS

1

Ensure that your name, date of birth, and home address are the same on all documents (school records, ACT/SAT registrations, FAFSA®, college applications, etc.) A good rule of thumb is to write your name the way it is listed on your social security card. Check for accuracy when entering your information on documents. Spelling, spacing, punctuation, and abbreviations matter!

2

Include the ACT TOPS code of 1595 and/or the SAT TOPS code of 9019 on all ACT/SAT registrations.

3

Be prepared to submit additional documentation to prove residency if you or the parent listed on your FAFSA®/TOPS Online Application were not Louisiana residents for at least 24 months prior to your anticipated graduation date.

4

Public school students: ensure your high school has a parent-signed Parental Consent form allowing LOSFA to access your high school transcript data.

5

Ensure that you are taking the correct number of units that make up the TOPS Core Curriculum or the TOPS Tech Core Curriculum.

6

Be aware that your TOPS eligibility is based on your TOPS Core GPA... not your overall high school GPA, and that your TOPS Core GPA will not be rounded up.

7

Make sure that both the student and the contributor sign your FAFSA® before submission and that the email address on your FAFSA® is the one to which you want your TOPS eligibility notices sent.

8

Ensure your social security number is the same on your high school transcript and the FAFSA®.

9

Create a Student Hub account to track initial TOPS eligibility and notify LOSFA immediately if you cannot create your account, access your TOPS Tracker, or view your ACT score in the TOPS Tracker.

10

If you take a dual enrollment class using TOPS Tech Early Start, the name you use to register for the course is the name your Student Hub account will be created under. Remember - grades earned in dual enrollment courses for college credit become part of your cumulative TOPS GPA after your first semester of college.

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

TRANSCRIPTS

- The cumulative grade point average (GPA) for a TOPS award will be calculated using only those grades achieved in the core curriculum courses. Your TOPS Core GPA is different from your overall high school GPA, which includes all courses on your high school transcript.
- The TOPS Core GPA will not be rounded up when determining TOPS eligibility.
- BESE approved public and private high school transcripts are received through the Department of Education's Student Transcript System (STS). Faxed, emailed, or mailed copies of transcripts are not accepted.
- Students can qualify for TOPS Tech by completing the Opportunity, Performance or Honors (OPH) Award curriculum or the TOPS Tech Jumpstart Core Curriculum.
- There is no exception to the TOPS Core GPA requirement.

ACT/SAT

- LOSFA has an agreement with ACT, Inc that requires them to electronically report scores for students who indicate they are a resident of Louisiana. You can also have scores sent to LOSFA by using our ACT Code (1595) or SAT Code (9019) during registration for the test.
- The deadline to achieve a qualifying score for TOPS is on or before the ACT national test date in April in the academic year you graduate from high school. You may still qualify or upgrade your award by using May, June, and/or July test scores, including scores from a special ACT or SAT, but your period of eligibility for the award will be reduced by one semester or two quarters.
- Students who fail to achieve a qualifying ACT score by July 31st of the graduating year shall not be considered for an award.
- TOPS uses the highest composite score achieved on a single test and does not use superscoring.
- There is no exception to the TOPS ACT/SAT requirement. Testing accommodations must be arranged with ACT or SAT.

WORKKEYS

- LOSFA now receives ACT WorkKeys directly from ACT every May. Graduating seniors who earn qualifying WorkKeys scores after April 30th must submit their scores directly to LOSFA.
- The deadline to earn a qualifying WorkKeys score for TOPS is on or before the end of April in the academic year you graduate from high school. You may still qualify for a TOPS Tech award by using May, June, and/or July test scores, but your period of eligibility for the award will be reduced by one semester.
- If you are interested in taking the WorkKeys assessment, first check with your high school counselor or school district office.

HOME STUDY

- To qualify for TOPS, home study students must meet citizenship and Louisiana residency requirements, earn a qualifying ACT score, and be enrolled in a BESE-approved home study program. Please **scan the QR code** to view all TOPS eligibility requirements for home study students and to access the TOPS Guide for Home Study Students. →



COMMON TOPS QUESTIONS

WILL TOPS COVER ALL OF MY TUITION?

No. ACT 18 of the 2016 Louisiana Legislature decoupled TOPS from tuition and set the “fully funded” amount going forward as the amount of tuition charged by the institution for the 2016-17 Academic Year. Students still must pay all other attendance costs (COA).

CAN I USE TOPS OUT OF STATE IF MY MAJOR IS NOT OFFERED IN LOUISIANA?

No, TOPS cannot be used out-of-state except at out-of-state private colleges that are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing students, at which the majority of the students are deaf and hard of hearing.

CAN ACT SUPERScores BE USED TO QUALIFY FOR TOPS?

TOPS uses the highest composite score achieved on a single test and does not use superscoring to determine eligibility.

IF I GET A HIGHER GPA OR ACT SCORE IN COLLEGE, CAN I QUALIFY FOR TOPS THEN?

No. You are awarded TOPS based on your academic performance in high school. You must meet the TOPS requirements at the time of graduation from high school.

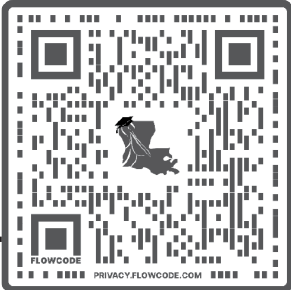
MY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCED THAT I HAD TOPS DURING MY GRADUATION, DOES THAT MEAN I HAVE BEEN AWARDED?

No. Some high schools honor their graduates by naming those who are expected to qualify for a TOPS award; however, any official notification of TOPS eligibility will come from LOSFA once we begin processing for TOPS eligibility in June.

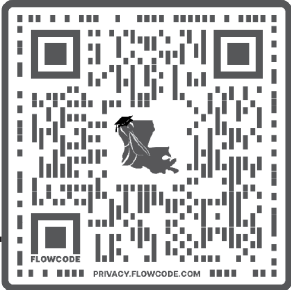
I'M NOT GOING TO COLLEGE IMMEDIATELY AFTER I GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PUT MY TOPS ON HOLD?

There is nothing you need to do, except apply by completing a TOPS Online Application or FAFSA®. Even if you are not planning to go to college immediately, you should still apply for TOPS in your senior year to avoid missing any deadlines. You must enroll for the first time as a full-time student in an eligible postsecondary institution no later than the fall semester following the first anniversary of the date you graduated from high school.

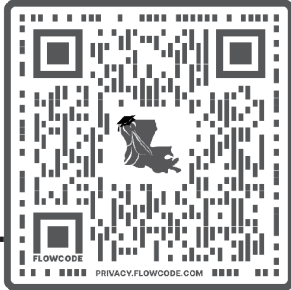
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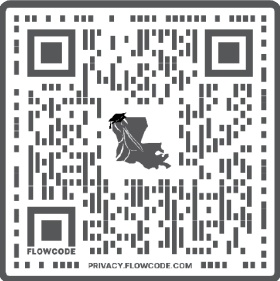
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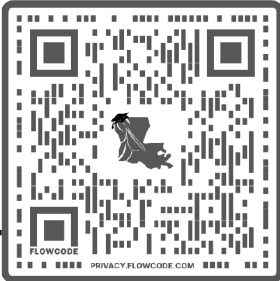
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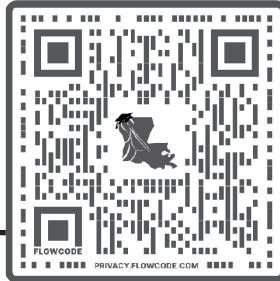
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BY INSTITUTION



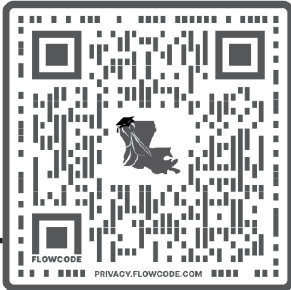
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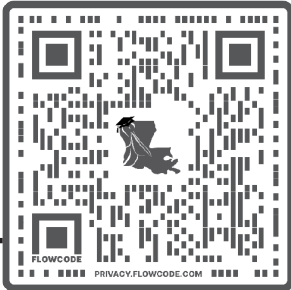
Q&As



TOPS FORMS



FAFSA®
WEBSITE



ACT/SAT

TOPS OPH ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNTS

INSTITUTIONS	LEGISLATIVELY SET TOPS ANNUAL AMOUNT	2024-25 TOPS ANNUAL AMOUNT (2)(3)	FALL SEMESTER/ QUARTER 2024-25 TOPS MAXIMUM PAYMENT	WINTER QUARTER 2024-25 MAXIMUM TOPS PAYMENT	SPRING SEMESTER/ QUARTER 2024-25 MAXIMUM TOPS PAYMENT	TOPS STIPEND AMOUNTS	
2 YEAR							
Baton Rouge Community College (1)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04	HONORS = \$800 annually PERFORMANCE= \$400 annually HONORS = \$400/semester or \$266.66/quarter/term PERFORMANCE= \$200/semester or \$133.33/quarter/term	
Bossier Parish Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
Central Louisiana Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
Delgado Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
L.E. Fletcher Technical Community (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
Louisiana Delta Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
LSU - Eunice	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32		
Northshore Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
Nunez Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
River Parishes Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
South Louisiana Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
SOWELA Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08		
SU-Shreveport	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00		
4 YEAR							
Grambling State University	\$5,139.75	\$5,139.75	\$2,569.87		\$2,569.88		
LSU - Alexandria	\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25	\$2,447.12		\$2,447.13		
LSU - BR	\$7,462.98	\$7,462.98	\$3,731.49		\$3,731.49		
LSU HSC - NO	Allied Health	\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22	\$3,836.61			\$3,836.61
	Nursing	\$5,611.50	\$5,611.50	\$2,805.75			\$2,805.75
	Dental Hygiene	\$5,517.00	\$5,517.00	\$2,758.50			\$2,758.50
	Dental Lab Tech	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26	\$2,493.63			\$2,493.63
	Public Health	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$4,429.00			\$4,429.00
LSU HSC - Shreveport	\$7,182.56	\$7,182.56	\$3,591.28		\$3,591.28		
LSU - Shreveport	\$5,372.29	\$5,372.29	\$2,686.14		\$2,686.15		
Louisiana Tech University (Quarters)	\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00		
McNeese State University	\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34	\$2,573.67		\$2,573.67		
Nicholls State University	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$2,461.14		\$2,461.14		
Northwestern State University	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00	\$2,590.00		\$2,590.00		
Southeastern La University	\$5,652.21	\$5,652.21	\$2,826.10		\$2,826.11		
SU - Baton Rouge	\$4,973.10	\$4,973.10	\$2,486.55		\$2,486.55		
SU - New Orleans	\$4,236.21	\$4,236.21	\$2,118.10		\$2,118.11		
UL - Lafayette	\$5,406.96	\$5,406.96	\$2,703.48		\$2,703.48		
UL - Monroe	\$5,787.52	\$5,787.52	\$2,893.76		\$2,893.76		
University of New Orleans	\$6,090.37	\$6,090.37	\$3,045.19		\$3,045.18		
OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS FOR HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS (2)							
Gallaudet University	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00		
Rochester Institute of Tech.	\$5,718.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00		
LAICU 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		
PROPRIETARY AND COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS							
Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$793.33	\$793.33	\$793.34		
TOPS-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS IN A PUBLIC GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM							
All Graduate Programs (4) (Semester)	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$4,429.00		\$4,429.00		
All Graduate Programs (4) (Quarter)	\$8,858.00	\$8,858.00	\$2,952.67	\$2,952.67	\$2,952.66		

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.

TOPS TECH ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNTS

INSTITUTIONS	LEGISLATIVELY SET TOPS ANNUAL AMOUNT	2024-25 TOPS ANNUAL AMOUNT (2)(3)	FALL SEMESTER/QUARTER 2024-25 TOPS MAXIMUM PAYMENT	WINTER QUARTER 2024-25 MAXIMUM TOPS PAYMENT	SPRING SEMESTER/QUARTER 2024-25 MAXIMUM TOPS PAYMENT
TECHNICAL PROGRAMS OF STUDY (ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AAS, CAREER TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE - CTC, TECHNICAL DIPLOMA - TD)[®]					
2 YEAR					
Baton Rouge Community College (1)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04
Bossier Parish Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
Central Louisiana Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
Delgado Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
L.E. Fletcher Technical Community (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
Louisiana Delta Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
LSU - Eunice	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32
Northshore Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
Nunez Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
River Parishes Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
South Louisiana Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
SOWELA Technical Community College (1)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
SU-Shreveport	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00
<small>® Unless otherwise indicated, all technical programs at all campuses of each of these schools are TOPS Tech eligible. Technical programs include: Associate of Applied Science-AAS, Career Technical Certificate-CTC, Technical Diploma-TD</small>					
APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS[®]					
2 AND 4 YEAR					
BRCC [®]	Am Sign Lang Interpreting (AA)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04	\$2,569.88
	Business (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04	\$2,447.13
	Computer Science (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04	\$3,731.49
	Criminal Justice (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04	\$3,836.61
	Pre-Engineering (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04	\$2,805.75
	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04	\$2,758.50
	Surgical Technology (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04	\$2,493.63
BPCC, CLTCC, Delgado CC, L.E. Fletcher TCC, La Delta CC, Northshore TCC, N. La TCC, Nunez CC, RPCC, S. La CC, Sowela TCC (If a program is approved at one LCTC school, it is approved at all LCTC schools.)	Am Sign Lang Interpreting (AA)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$4,429.00
	Business (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$3,591.28
	Cardiopulmonary Care Science (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,686.15
	Computer Science (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$1,851.00
	Criminal Justice (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,573.67
	Electrical – Elect Engineer Tech (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,461.14
	Healthcare Mgmt (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,590.00
	Industrial Technology (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,826.11
	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,486.55
	Paralegal Studies (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,118.11
	Pre-Engineering (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,703.48
	Surgical Technology (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$2,893.76
	Visual & Perf Arts (AA)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07	\$3,045.18
	La Tech (Quarters)	\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00
LSU - Alexandria	Medical Lab Science (AS) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
	Nursing (ASN) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
	Radiologic Technology (AS)	\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25	\$2,447.12	\$2,447.13
LSU - Eunice	Care & Dvlpt Young Chldrn (AS)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32	\$1,355.32
	Criminal Justice (ASCJ)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32	\$1,355.32
	Health Science (AS)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32	\$1,355.32
	Nursing (ASN)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32	\$1,355.32
	Radiologic Technology (AS)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32	\$1,355.32
	Respiratory Care (AS)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32	\$1,355.32
LSU HSC - NO	Dental Lab Tech	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26	\$2,493.63	\$2,493.63
McNeese	Paralegal Studies (AA)	\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34	\$2,573.67	\$2,573.67
Nicholls	Care & Dvlpt Young Chldrn (AS)	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$2,461.14	\$2,461.14
	Culinary Arts (AS) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
	Petroleum Services (AS) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
	Safety Technology (AS)	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$2,461.14	\$2,461.14
Northwestern	Engineering Technology (AS) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
	Nursing (ASN) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
Southeastern	Veterinary Technology (AD)	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00	\$2,590.00	\$2,590.00
	Industrial Technology (AAS) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
SU - New Orleans	Addictive Behavior Counseling (AA) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
SU - Shreveport	Accounting (AS)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00	\$1,309.00
	Business Management (AS)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00	\$1,309.00
	Computer Science (AS)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00	\$1,309.00
	Human Services (AS)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00	\$1,309.00
	Nursing (ASN)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00	\$1,309.00
UL - Monroe [®]	Occupational Thpy Assisting (AS) [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,190.00
<small>® Other School/Programs of Study May Become Eligible: Includes program changes approved by the Board of Regents and the Workforce Investment Council on 10-20-21. To check your School, e-mail custserv@la.gov. [®] In the event the programs listed for other LCTCS schools become available at BRCC, they are approved for TOPS Tech. [®] The TOPS Award Amount for TOPS Tech eligible students who enroll in a proprietary or cosmetology school or in an associate's degree program at a school that offers a baccalaureate degree in that same program is an average of the amounts paid to TOPS Tech eligible students in all other TOPS Tech eligible programs. [®] The Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program at University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) became a BA program, as of Spring 2024. The annual award amount starting in Spring 2024 and thereafter will be \$2,380.00. Continuing students will be allowed to complete the program, but new students will not be accepted, effective fall 2023.</small>					
PROGRAMS AT APPROVED PROPRIETARY AND COSMETOLOGY SCHOOLS					
Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools [®]	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00	\$793.33	\$793.33	\$793.34

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