



## **ARKADELPHIA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FACT SHEET**

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*The goal of the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship is to increase the college-going rate for local students, reduce the number of students dropping out of college for financial reasons and provide for a more educated workforce. The Arkadelphia Promise is a game-changing effort - making a college education not just a dream, but a reality for every child in Arkadelphia. A college degree is a passport to future prosperity for individuals and a more college-educated workforce makes Arkadelphia a more attractive community in which to locate a business.*

### **Who is Eligible for the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship and what does it pay for?**

In general, all graduates of Arkadelphia High School, beginning with the 2011 graduating class who receive the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship ("Lottery Scholarship") from the State of Arkansas are eligible. See the Specific Qualifications section below for more detail.

The Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship will pay the difference, or gap, between the dollar amount of an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship and a dollar amount up to the highest tuition and mandatory fees charged by an Arkansas public college or university. The Arkadelphia Promise can be used to help pay tuition and mandatory fees at any accredited two-year or four-year public or private college or university in the United States. The Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship does not pay for room and board or books.

### **What are the Terms of the Scholarship?**

The Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship provides up to four continuous years of tuition and mandatory fees for post-secondary education. To maintain continued eligibility for the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship, Arkadelphia High School graduates must adhere to the following:

- Enter any accredited two-year or four-year public or private college or university in the United States immediately following graduation from high school (unless deferred by military service).
- Receive and maintain the Lottery Scholarship. If after entering a college or university, the student loses the Lottery Scholarship, he or she will also lose the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship. Once a student loses the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship, he or she will not be eligible for reinstatement

**How is the Amount of Scholarship Determined?**

All students who maintain continuous enrollment in APSD in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade on November 16, 2010 and who graduate from Arkadelphia High School will receive 100% of the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship, regardless of the date of original enrollment in the District.

Subsequent to November 16, 2010, scholarship amounts will be paid based on length of attendance in the Arkadelphia Public School District ("APSD"). For example, graduates who attend all 13 years at APSD will receive 100 percent of the scholarship. See the Benefit Chart below for additional details.

Benefit Scale: The tuition benefit, based on the highest tuition in an Arkansas public post-secondary institution, will be determined as follows:

<u>Length of Attendance Benefit</u>	
K-12 .....	100%
1-12 .....	95%
2-12 .....	95%
3-12 .....	95%
4-12 .....	90%
5-12 .....	85%
6-12 .....	80%
7-12 .....	75%
8-12 .....	70%
9-12 .....	65%
10-12 or less.....	None

**How can I be Eligible for the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship and how do I stay Eligible?**

1. Graduate from Arkadelphia High School
2. Receive a Lottery Scholarship from the State of Arkansas
3. Maintain eligibility in the Lottery Scholarship throughout college

**Will the Arkadelphia Promise help pay for tuition and fees to an out-of-state school?**

Yes.

A special provision will be made for students attending an out-of-state school since the Arkansas Academic Challenge (Lottery) Scholarship applies only to Arkansas schools. For students attending accredited public or private colleges or universities outside of Arkansas, the Arkadelphia Promise scholarship will pay up to the same amount it would have paid had the student attended an Arkansas institution.

For example, if the highest cost of tuition and fees at an Arkansas public university is \$8,000 and the lottery scholarship contributes \$5,000, the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship will contribute up to \$3,000 toward the cost of tuition and fees at an accredited public or private college or university anywhere in the United States.

Students attending out-of-state colleges or universities must meet the same minimum requirements as students attending in-state college or university.

**What are the specific qualifications to receive the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship?**

- Must be a graduate of Arkadelphia High School
- Must apply for and receive the Lottery Scholarship
- Must provide a letter of admission at an approved institution of higher education in a program of study that leads to a baccalaureate degree, associate's degree, qualified certificate or a nursing school diploma
- Must be an Arkansas resident and U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Government aid received will be reduced from the amount of the Arkadelphia Promise Scholarship
- Must provide documentation of application and awards of all federal and state financial aid available as well as additional applicable scholarships offered by colleges, universities and private funders
- Must achieve at least a 2.5 high school grade point average and/or achieve a 19 on the ACT
- Must apply for 2 scholarship opportunities outside of state, federal or Arkadelphia Promise funding. Awards are not required but proof of application is to be documented

**Will I be affected if I live outside APSD service area but attend APSD under Arkansas's School Choice Act?**

Yes, if a student is a sophomore, junior or senior in APSD as of November 16, 2010 they will be eligible for 100% of the Promise funds. Any student currently in APSD as a Pre-K thru freshman will have three years to relocate to the APSD area of service or will not be eligible for the Promise.

**Can I leave the district after November 16, 2010 then return and be eligible for the Promise?**

You will be eligible if you are Pre-K to freshman year and you will be required to adhere to the "Length of Attendance Benefit" Scale.

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