

ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

The ACCESS to Acceleration (A2A) Scholarship provides funding for high school students who are enrolled in eligible college-level courses through concurrent and dual enrollment. Designed to expand access to postsecondary opportunities, A2A helps offset the cost of tuition—up to 15 credit hours per semester—for students across public, private, and homeschool settings.

QUESTION #1

Is ACCESS to Acceleration (A2A) a new name for the Concurrent Challenge Scholarship?

No, A2A has replaced the repealed Concurrent Challenge which previously allowed for \$125 per course for up to two concurrent high school courses.

QUESTION #2

How much A2A funding are students able to receive for concurrent courses?

Students who are eligible for the A2A scholarship shall be awarded in the amount of \$65 per concurrent credit course hour in which the eligible student is enrolled, for a maximum of 15 concurrent credit course hours per semester. Not to exceed \$2,000 in an academic year.

QUESTION #3

What grade levels are eligible to receive A2A funding?

Arkansas high school students (public, private, home school, and dually enrolled) in grades 9-12 are eligible to receive A2A funding. However, tuition responsibility may vary depending on the student's school type and whether the course meets statutory and credit approval requirements.

QUESTION #4

Do students have to apply for A2A through the SAMS portal?

No, the institution where the student is enrolled will apply on the student's behalf. If the student is attending a public or private high school, they should reach out to their counselor on concurrent opportunities their school provides. Homeschool students should reach out to the early college professional at their local institution of higher education.

QUESTION #5

How will we inform students that the amounts are deducted from Challenge? (what about other scholarships?)

Beginning with the high school graduating class of 2028, any credit hours paid for by the A2A scholarship will be subtracted from a student's total eligibility for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship when they enroll in college.

