

**Department of Education-Division of Higher Education, Dr. Maria Markham, Director**

In accordance with Executive Order 20-06 issued by Governor Asa Hutchinson on March 17, 2020, the following statutes and rules are hereby suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the Order.

<b>Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program</b>				
<b>Code Section Suspended</b>			<b>Related Rule Suspended</b>	
6-85-104(4)(A)	(4)(A) "Full-time undergraduate student" means a resident of Arkansas who attends an approved institution and who is enrolled for at least twelve (12) credit hours the first semester and fifteen (15) credit hours thereafter or the equivalent, as defined by the Division of Higher Education, in a program of study that leads to or is creditable toward a baccalaureate degree, an associate degree in nursing, or a nursing school diploma.	Eligibility requirements:  Full-time student	Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Rules:  Definitions (7)*, (9), (13), (18), (22), and (25)	<b>(7)</b> "Continuously enrolled" means: <b>(A)</b> For a traditional student, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education twenty-seven (27) semester hours in the first academic year as a recipient and, except while the recipient is enrolled as a part-time student if the recipient is enrolled in the number of credit hours necessary to complete the recipient's degree program, successfully completes thirty (30) semester hours each academic year thereafter. <b>(B)</b> For a full-time nontraditional student, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education
6-85-204(6)(A), (B), (D), and (E)	(6) "Continuously enrolled" means: (A) For a traditional student, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education twenty-seven (27) semester hours in the first academic year as a recipient and, except as provided in <a href="#">§ 6-85-212(e)(1)(A)(iv)(c)</a> ,	Traditional student		

<p>6-85-204(11)(A) and (B)</p> <p>6-85-204(17)</p>	<p>successfully completes thirty (30) semester hours each academic year thereafter;</p> <p>(B) For a full-time nontraditional student, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education at least fifteen (15) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters;</p> <p>(D) For a part-time nontraditional student, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education at least six (6) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters; and</p> <p>(E) For a student who is enrolled in a degree plan that has a maximum number of semester hours in a semester that is less than the requirements of subdivisions (6)(A)-(D) of this section, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education the maximum number of hours required by the degree plan for the semester;</p> <p>(11) "High school grade point average" means the numbered grade average on a student's high school transcript calculated:</p> <p>(A) For a traditional student, using the first seven (7) of the last eight (8) semesters the student completed prior to graduating high school; or</p> <p>(B) For a nontraditional student, using the last eight (8) semesters the student completed before graduating high school;</p> <p>(17) "Postsecondary grade point average" means the cumulative numbered grade average for college credit courses as calculated using a 4.0 scale;</p>	<p>Non-traditional full-time student</p> <p>Non-traditional part-time student</p> <p>Programs with semesters less than 15 hours offered. (i.e. Nursing)</p>	<p><i>*((7)(A) and (B) repeated in rules; both suspended)</i></p>	<p>at least fifteen (15) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters.</p> <p>(A) For a part-time nontraditional student, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education at least six (6) semester hours of courses in consecutive semesters;</p> <p>(B) For a student who is enrolled in a degree plan that has a maximum number of semester hours in a semester that is less than the requirements of subdivisions (7)(A)-(C) of this section, he or she successfully completes at an approved institution of higher education the maximum number of hours required by the degree plan for the semester;</p> <p><b>(9)</b> "Full Time Student" means a student enrolled in at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours the first academic year and thirty (30) semester hours per academic year thereafter or the equivalent, as described in this rule, or the equivalent as defined by the Department of Higher Education;</p> <p><b>(13)</b> "High school grade point average" means the numbered grade average on a student's high school transcript calculated:</p> <p><b>(A)</b> For a traditional student, using the first seven (7) of the last eight (8) semesters the student completed prior to graduating high school; or</p> <p><b>(B)</b> For a nontraditional student, using the last eight (8) semesters the student completed before graduating high school;</p> <p><b>(18)</b> "Postsecondary grade point average" means the cumulative</p>
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<p>6-85-204(21)</p>	<p>(21) "Semester" means one-half ( ½ ) of a traditional academic year at an institution of higher education, or an equivalent approved by the Division of Higher Education, in which a student enrolls for not less than:  (A) Fifteen (15) credit hours as a full-time student, except that in the first semester as a first-time full-time freshman, a traditional student shall enroll in not less than twelve (12) credit hours; or  (B) Six (6) credit hours as a part-time student;</p>	<p>Full-time student</p>		<p>numbered grade average for college credit courses as calculated using a 4.0 scale;</p>
<p>6-85-204(24)</p>	<p>(24) "Successfully completed" means that a student completed a course at an institution of higher education and received the equivalent of a minimum letter grade of "D";</p>	<p>Part-time student</p>		<p><b>(22)</b> "Semester" means one-half (1/2) of a traditional academic year at an institution of higher education, or an equivalent approved by the Department of Higher Education, in which a student enrolls for not less than:  <b>(A)</b> Fifteen (15) credit hours as a full-time student, except that in the first semester as a first-time full-time freshman, a traditional student shall enroll in not less than twelve (12) credit hours; or  <b>(B)</b> Six (6) credit hours as a part-time student;</p>
<p>6-85-206(3)(B) and (C)</p>	<p>(B) A full-time student shall enroll in at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours the first academic year and thirty (30) semester hours per academic year thereafter or the equivalent, as described in this subchapter, or the equivalent as defined by the Division of Higher Education.  (C) A part-time student shall complete at least six (6) semester hours but less than the minimum number of semester hours for a full-time student, as defined by the Division of Higher Education;</p>			<p><b>(25)</b>"Successfully completed" means that a student completed a course at an institution of higher education and received the equivalent of a minimum letter grade of "D";</p>

6-85-207(4)	<p>(4) Meets the following criteria:  (A) Was enrolled at an institution of higher education in the immediately preceding academic year as a full-time, first-time freshman;  (B) Did not receive a scholarship under this subchapter as a full-time, first-time freshman;  (C) Successfully completed at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours of courses as a full-time, first-time freshman; and  (D) Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.</p>	Traditional student (did not receive scholarship as full-time freshman)	Additional Eligibility Requirements for Traditional Students: (4)	<p>4) Meets the following criteria:  (A) Was enrolled at an institution of higher education in the immediately preceding academic year as a full-time, first-time freshman;  (B) Did not receive a scholarship under this subchapter as a full-time, first-time freshman;  (C) Successfully completed at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours of courses as a full-time, first-time freshman; and  (D) Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.</p>
6-85-208(2)	<p>(2) If the applicant has been enrolled in an approved institution of higher education, has earned a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5.</p>	Non-traditional student	Additional Eligibility Requirements for a Non-Traditional Student: (2)	<p>(2) If the applicant has been enrolled in an approved institution of higher education, has earned a postsecondary grade point average of at least 2.5.</p>
<b>Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program</b>				
6-82-302(7)	<p>(7) "Full-time student" means a resident of Arkansas who is in attendance at an approved private or public institution and who is enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours the first semester and fifteen (15) hours thereafter, or other reasonable academic equivalent as defined by the Division of Higher Education;</p>		Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program Policy: Definitions: (9)	<p>(9) "Full-time student" means a resident of Arkansas who is in attendance at an approved private or public institution and who is enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours the first semester and fifteen (15) hours thereafter, or other reasonable academic equivalent as defined by the department;</p>

<p>6-82-311(c)(1)-(4)</p>	<p>(c) Provided sufficient funds are available, a scholarship shall be awarded for one (1) academic year and renewed annually for three (3) additional academic years if the following conditions for renewal are met:          (1) A student receiving a scholarship under <a href="#">§ 6-82-312(a)</a> maintains not less than a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale;          (2) A student receiving a scholarship under <a href="#">§ 6-82-312(b)</a> maintains not less than a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale;          (3) A recipient of a scholarship under <a href="#">§ 6-82-312(a)</a> and <a href="#">(b)</a> has successfully completed a total of at least twenty-seven (27) hours during the first full academic year and, if applicable, a total of at least thirty (30) hours per academic year thereafter;          (4) A recipient of a scholarship under <a href="#">§ 6-82-312(a)</a> and <a href="#">(b)</a> has met any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the Division of Higher Education; and</p>		<p>Continued Eligibility: (c)</p> <p>Scholarship Payment Policies: (d)(1)(A)</p>	<p>(c) Provided sufficient funds are available, a scholarship shall be awarded for one (1) academic year and renewed annually for three (3) additional academic years if the following conditions for renewal are met:          (1) The student maintains not less than a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale;          (2) A student receiving a scholarship under the Scholarship Amounts subsection (a) maintains not less than a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale;          (3) The recipient has successfully completed a total of at least twenty-seven (27) hours during the first full academic year and, if applicable, a total of at least thirty (30) hours per academic year thereafter; and          (4) The recipient has met any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the Department of Higher Education.</p> <p>(d) Cancellation of Governor's Distinguished Scholar Award          (1) The Governor's Scholars Award and the Governor's Distinguished Scholar Award shall be terminated for any one of the following reasons:          (a) Failure to maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative college grade point average (Governor's Scholars) or a minimum 3.25 cumulative college grade point average (Governor's Distinguished Scholars) on a 4.0 scale and successfully complete and pass a minimum of at least twenty-seven (27) credit hours the first academic year</p>
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<b>Arkansas Future Grant</b>				
6-82-1802(c)(3) and (4)	<p>(c) A student may continue to be eligible until the student has:</p> <p>(3) Failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the approved institution of higher education in which the student is enrolled; or</p> <p>(4) Failed to complete the mentoring or community service requirements under <a href="#">§ 6-82-1804</a>.</p>		<p>Arkansas Future Grant Program Rules and Regulations: Continuing Eligibility Requirements: (a)(3) and (4)</p>	<p>(a) A student may continue to be eligible until the student has:</p> <p>(3) Failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress, as determined by the approved institution of higher education in which the student is enrolled; or</p> <p>(4) Failed to complete the mentoring or community service requirements under the Grant Recipient Responsibilities section of this rule.</p>
6-82-1804(a)(1)(A) and (2)(A) and (C)	<p>(a) A student who receives an Arkansas Future Grant shall enter into a written agreement with the Division of Higher Education to:</p> <p>(1)(A) Receive monthly mentoring from a mentor from an organization determined by the Division of Higher Education.</p> <p>(2)(A) Complete at least ten (10) hours of community service each semester the student receives a grant.</p> <p>(C) A student shall certify his or her community service to the approved institution of higher education by the last regular day of the semester the student received the grant; and</p>		<p>Grant Recipient Responsibilities: (a)(1)(A) and (2)(A) and (C)</p>	<p>(a) A student who receives an Arkansas Future Grant shall enter into a written agreement with the Department of Higher Education to:</p> <p>(1)(A) Receive monthly mentoring from a mentor from an organization determined by the Department of Higher Education.</p> <p>(2)(A) Complete at least fifteen (15) hours of community service each semester the student receives a grant.</p> <p>(C) A student shall certify his or her community service to the approved institution of higher education by the last regular day of the semester the student received the grant; and</p>
<b>Children of Law Enforcement Officers “LEO” Scholarship</b>				

6-82-507	To retain eligibility for a scholarship benefit under this subchapter, a recipient shall: (1) Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scholastic grading scale; and (2) Meet any other continuing eligibility criteria established by the Division of Higher Education.		Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship Program Rules: Rule 2 – Scholarship Eligibility Criteria: III. Continued Eligibility	The scholarship will be awarded for one academic year and renewed annually up to three years (for a total of 8 semesters) so long as the student maintains a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and satisfactory progress toward a degree as defined by the institution.
<b>Military Dependents Scholarship</b>				
6-82-601(d)(1) and (f)	(d)(1) Except as provided under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, a dependent of a disabled veteran, a prisoner of war, or a person declared to be missing in action or killed in action, or a person killed on ordnance delivery as defined by the provisions of this section, upon his or her being accepted for enrollment into any state-supported institution of higher education in the State of Arkansas, shall be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree for so long as he or she is eligible with state assistance for tuition, fees, or other charges as provided under this subsection (d).  (f) An eligible recipient shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year, renewable for up to three (3) additional academic years if the recipient meets continuing eligibility criteria established by the Division of Higher Education.		Military Dependents Scholarship Program Policy: Rule 2 – Scholarship Eligibility Criteria: III. Continued Eligibility  Rule 8 – Program Definitions	An eligible recipient shall receive a scholarship for one (1) academic year, renewable for up to three (3) additional academic years if the recipient meets the following continuing eligibility criteria established by ADHE: 1. The student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. 2. The student is making satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate of completion; 3. The student is enrolled in at least twelve semester hours or the equivalent per semester and completes 24 semester hours, or the equivalent, per academic year.  <u>Full-time Student</u> : An undergraduate student enrolled in at least twelve (12) semester credit hours, or its equivalent, per semester. <u>Satisfactory Progress</u> : Undergraduate students must maintain a cumulative college grade point average of at least

				2.0 on a 4.0 scale, and make satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate of completion, as defined by the institution.
<b>Teacher Opportunity Program</b>				
6-81-604(6)	(6) Grant recipients shall maintain a grade point average in their college work of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or maintain an appropriate equivalent as determined by the Division of Higher Education.		Teacher Opportunity Program Rules and Regulations: Rule 2 – Eligibility Criteria: III. D. and IV. D.	<p>III. Recipient awarded under the Dual Licensure Incentive Program must: D. Earn a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in courses required toward dual licensure.</p> <p>IV. Non-Dual Licensure Program requires that: D. Recipient must maintain at least a 2.50 grade point average in the courses funded by the Teacher Opportunity Program. Recipients funded for one course must obtain at least a "B" for that course. Recipients funded for two courses must obtain at least a "B" for one course and a "C" for the other.</p>