

## **State Aid Programs**

Each state administers its own student aid programs, which might include grants and/or scholarships. Below is a list of student aid programs that may be available to students, if qualified, based on the state in which the student resides. Please contact the Student Finance Department for additional information regarding the availability of and eligibility requirements for any of the below listed student aid programs.

### **Louisiana**

#### **M.J. Foster Promise Program**

The M.J. Foster Promise Program provides financial assistance to eligible students who enroll in a qualified program at a two-year public college or university, or an accredited proprietary school licensed by the Board of Regents to pursue an associate degree or a shorter-term postsecondary education credential required for certain high-demand, high-wage occupations aligned with Louisiana's workforce priorities.

The M.J. Foster Promise Program is available to all eligible Louisiana residents (21 years or older) with individual student awards available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will qualify for financial support to earn credentials that align to high-demand jobs in growing industry sectors, such as construction, healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, and transportation and logistics.

Students will meet the preliminary requirements for the M.J. Foster Promise Program based upon the information provided on their application and the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid). Funds are distributed on first come first served basis and considered a "last dollar" award.

See more at: <https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/mjfooster>

#### **Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)**

TOPS (Taylor Opportunity Program for Students) is a program of state scholarships for Louisiana residents who attend either 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. The four different award components of the TOPS Program are: TOPS Opportunity Award, TOPS Performance Award, TOPS Honors Award, and TOPS Tech Award.

See more at: <https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/tops/>

### **Tennessee**

#### **Tennessee Student Assistance Award**

The Tennessee Student Assistance Award Program (TSAA) was established to provide non-repayable financial assistance to financially-needy undergraduate students who are residents of Tennessee. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment, at least half time, at a public or an eligible non-public postsecondary institution in Tennessee. The TSAA is a state-funded grant program and includes funds from the Tennessee Education Lottery.

To be eligible, the applicant must: complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and have a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 5846 or less, and be a Tennessee resident, if a dependent student, parents must also be a Tennessee resident, and be enrolled at least half time at an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution, and maintain institutional satisfactory academic progress according to the standards and practices of the institution, and not be in default on a loan or owe a refund on any grant previously received at any institution, and have not received a baccalaureate degree. - See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college/grant-programs/tennessee-student-assistance-award.html>

For additional information as to scholarships that may be available, please contact the location you are enrolled/considering enrollment.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Baton Rouge	(225) 236-3200
Cleveland (Maple Heights)	(216) 475-7520
Dallas	(972) 686-7878
Fort Worth (North Richland Hills)	(817) 451-0017
Houston Southeast (League City)	(281) 554-1700
Houston North (Greenspoint Area)	(281) 885-4450
Lafayette	(337) 981-4010
Memphis	(901) 345-1000
Mobile	(251) 343-8200
Nashville	(615) 889-5520
Shreveport	(318) 671-4000