

State Government

Many student financial aid programs in Alabama are administered by state agencies. This chapter provides information on state-administered programs, including mailing addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and websites.

State Government

Federal Government

Public Universities

**Private Colleges,
Universities, and
Seminaries**

**Two-Year
Public Colleges**

Technical Colleges

**Alabama Companies
and Organizations**

Alabama Board of Nursing



Contact: Alabama Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900; phone 334.293.5200 or 800.656.5318; fax 334.242.4360; e-mail jennifer.weaver@abn.state.al.us; website www.abn.state.al.us; or contact financial aid office of school student plans to attend

Conversion Scholarships/Loans

Deadline: July 30 (must be received at Board of Nursing by close of business)

Nursing Instructor Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be an Alabama resident and an RN admitted to a graduate nursing program at an accredited school. Must agree to teach nursing full time for at least 1 year in Alabama following graduation or repay the scholarship to the State Treasury.

Award: Varies; amount reduced by declared proration

Post Baccalaureate Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be an Alabama resident and an RN admitted to a graduate nursing program at an accredited school. Must agree to practice nursing for at least 1 year in Alabama following graduation or repay the scholarship to the State Treasury.

Award: \$3,800 minus declared proration

Alabama Commission on Higher Education



Contact: Unless otherwise noted, Alabama Commission on Higher Education, P.O. Box 302000, Montgomery, AL 36130-2000, phone 334.242.2273, website www.ache.alabama.gov/Index.htm

Grants

Alabama Student Assistance Program Grant

Eligibility: Must be a financially needy Alabama resident enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate at an eligible school.

Award: \$300–\$5,000 each academic year

Application: FAFSA

Alabama Student Grant

Eligibility: Must be an undergraduate Alabama resident enrolled at least half-time at an eligible independent Alabama college or university, which includes Amridge University, Birmingham-Southern College, Concordia College, Faulkner University, Huntingdon College, Judson College, Miles College, Oakwood University, Samford University, South University, Spring Hill College, Stillman College, the U.S. Sports Academy and the University of Mobile. Not based on financial need.

Award: Up to \$1,200 per year

Contact: Financial aid office of the school you plan to attend for an application

Other

Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor's Educational Assistance Program

Eligibility: Must be the dependent or spouse of an Alabama police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty and be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an Alabama public college or university. Other special eligibility requirements may apply.

Award: Tuition, fees, books and supplies

Alabama Community College System



Contact: Unless otherwise noted, the Alabama Community College System, 135 South Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104-4340; phone 334.293.4500; website www.accs.cc/

Scholarships

Two-year College Athletic Scholarship

Eligibility: Must meet admissions requirements; demonstrate satisfactory athletic ability during tryouts; enroll full-time in a 2-year public community college in Alabama; and participate in a designated sport or activity. Not based on financial need.

Award: Tuition (limits on various sports may apply); renewable on the basis of continued participation

Number: Varies by sport

Contact: Coach, athletic director or college financial aid office

Two-year College Institutional Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be accepted for enrollment at a 2-year public college in Alabama and meet admissions requirements and eligibility criteria, as determined by each college's scholarship committee.

Award: Tuition and mandatory fees

Number: Varies

Contact: College financial aid office

Two-year College Senior Adult Scholarship

Eligibility: Must be at least 60 years old, attend a 2-year public college in Alabama and meet admissions requirements and eligibility criteria, as determined by each college's scholarship committee.

Award: Tuition

Number: Varies

Contact: College financial aid office

Alabama Department of Industrial Relations



Contact: Jackie Atkins, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, 649 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36131, phone 334.242.8635, website <http://dir.alabama.gov>

Other

Trade Adjustment Assistance

Eligibility: Must be a worker who has lost employment, wages or hours of work with an affected employer, who has been certified by the U.S. Department of Labor, due to increased imports or shifts in production to foreign countries; must file a claim for unemployment compensation and a claim for Trade Adjustment Assistance; upon approval of claim, must report to One-Stop Career Center to apply for reemployment benefits and services.

Award: Additional unemployment compensation; Health Coverage Tax Credit (65% of worker's health insurance premium); and tuition, fees, supplies and tools for training worker to achieve reemployment.

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services



Contact: See contact information under each program.

Scholarships

Alabama Scholarship for Dependents of Blind Parents/Textbook Benefits for Dependents of Blind Parents

Eligibility: Must be an Alabama resident for at least five years; be from a family in which the head of household is blind and whose family income is at or below 1.3

times the current poverty income level, as determined by federal poverty guidelines based on family size; and begin attending an Alabama public college, university or technical college within 2 years after high school graduation but before the age of 23.

Award: Tuition and instructional fees (waived by college); renewable up to 4 years. Number of free textbooks provided is contingent upon the number of participants in the program.

Contact: Debra Culver, Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, #4 Medical Office Park, Talladega, AL 35160; call 256.362.0638; or e-mail debbe.culver@rehab.alabama.gov

Other

Vocational Rehabilitation

Eligibility: Based on disability creating an impediment to employment.

Award: Varies

Number: Varies

Deadline: Varies

Contact: Local Vocational Rehabilitation office or Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, 602 S. Lawrence Street, Montgomery, AL 36104; phone 334.293.7500 or 800.441.7607; fax 334.293.7371; website www.rehab.state.al.us

Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs



Contact: County veterans service officer or Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1509, Montgomery, AL 36102-1509, phone 334.242.5077, website www.va.alabama.gov

Scholarships

Alabama GI Dependents' Educational Benefit Program

Eligibility: Must be the child, stepchild, spouse or unremarried widow/widower of an eligible disabled Alabama veteran and attend an Alabama public college or technical school. Children and stepchildren of the disabled veteran must begin college before they are 26 years old,

in some cases 30 years old. Spouses and widows/widowers have no age deadline.
Award: Tuition, instructional fees and book assistance

Alabama Indian Affairs Commission



Contact: Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, 771 South Lawrence Street, Suite 106, Montgomery, AL 36130; phone 334.242.2831; fax 334.240.3408; website www.aiac.alabama.gov; e-mail aiac@att.net

Scholarships

Alabama Indian Scholarship Fund

Eligibility: Must have a tribal roll card in a state or federally recognized tribe; be a resident of Alabama; attend a school in Alabama unless the program is not offered in Alabama; and have a letter of acceptance from the school of choice.

Award: Varies

Number: Varies

Deadline: First Friday in March

Alabama National Guard



Contact: State Military Department, ALJ1-MPO-ESO, P.O. Box 3711, Montgomery, AL 36109-0711; phone 334-213-7580; website <http://alguard.state.al.us>

Other

Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program

Eligibility: Must be an Alabama resident and active member in good standing with a federally recognized unit of the Alabama National Guard; be enrolled in a degree program and making satisfactory academic progress at an accredited Alabama college, university, community college or junior college; and have completed

basic training and advanced individual training. Based on need, as defined by tuition and fees that exceed the allowable payment from federal veterans' educational benefits (tuition/fees minus veterans' benefits must equal at least \$25). **Award:** Tuition, educational fees, books and supplies up to \$1,000 per year (\$500 per term)

Number: Limited

Alabama

State Treasury

Contact: Alabama State Treasurer's Office, College Savings Programs, 600 Dexter Avenue, Suite S-106, Montgomery, AL 36104; phone 334.242.7514 or toll free 866.529.2228; website www.CollegeCounts529.com

Other

CollegeCounts 529 Fund

Description: A tax-advantaged way to save for future college costs. Alabama provides a state income tax deduction of up to \$5,000 (for single filers) or \$10,000 (for joint filers) for contributions made to Alabama's 529 college savings plan. CollegeCounts has no minimum or annual contribution requirements. Funds you build in the plan can be used nationwide at most colleges, universities, trade, vocational, professional, graduate and even some foreign schools. Qualified withdrawals for college are exempt from state and federal income tax and include payments for tuition, fees, room and board (if enrolled at least one-half time), books, supplies and equipment required for enrollment. Plan offers investment diversity, flexibility and choice with a number of quality fund families.

Deadline: Open enrollment year-round

Governor's Office of Workforce Development



Contact: Alabama Career Center System. Visit <https://joblink.alabama.gov> to find the location and phone number of your local Career Center.

Other

Training/Employment Services Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

Eligibility: Must be 18 years or older to access services from a number of different programs through 1 of 3 local workforce areas: the Jefferson County Commission, the Mobile County Commission and the Alabama Workforce Investment Area, all of which administer these federal programs. Programs are offered locally through the Alabama Career Center System. Youths 14–21 can access a variety of education and employment services as they prepare for the workforce. To receive services, youth must be low-income and have at least 1 barrier to employment. Dislocated workers can access training and other re-employment service, including scholarships, through local Career Centers.