

## **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**

All M.J. Foster Promise Award payments are contingent upon funding availability and are allocated as outlined above on a first-come, first-billed basis.

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 with individual student awards available based on eligibility and enrollment. 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.

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

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

TOPS (Taylor Opportunity Program for Students) is a program of state merit-based 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 five different award components of the TOPS Program are: TOPS Opportunity Award, TOPS Performance Award, TOPS Honors Award, TOPS Excellence 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 (TSAA) provides non-repayable financial assistance to financially-needy undergraduate students who are residents of Tennessee. Funds are disbursed to the institution on behalf of the recipient for educational expenses and will be credited to the student's account in accordance with the institution's published policy. Award recipients must attend an eligible Tennessee postsecondary institution and be enrolled at least half-time.

To be eligible, the applicant must: complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and have a valid Student Aid Index (SAI) of 5000 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 institution attended, 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.collegefortn.org/tennessee-financial-aid/tennessee-student-assistance-award/>.

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 (League City)	(281) 554-1700
Lafayette	(337) 981-4010
Memphis	(901) 345-1000
Mobile	(251) 343-8200
Nashville	(615) 889-5520
Shreveport	(318) 671-4000