

TOPS Scholarships At-a-Glance

For and where: Vocational programs, Associate, and Bachelor's degrees at public and private institutions

Award rules:

- Must enroll as a first time freshman within one year after high school graduation
- Must maintain continuous full-time enrollment and earn 24 credit hours each academic year

Louisiana's 2019 budget: \$57.9 million in Statutory Dedications (TOPS Tobacco Fund) & \$236.6 million in State General Funds

Total # of TOPS awards in 2017-18: 51,961 total awards; 48,191 to public colleges (26 percent of all public in-state Louisiana students in the Fall 2017 semester)¹



	How do you get the scholarship?	How do you keep the scholarship?	Award Amount	No. Students Receiving Academic Year 17-18	Total Amount Paid in FY 17-18
TOPS Honors	Minimum high school GPA of 3.00 ² (core courses only) 19 core units ³ Minimum 27 ACT Score	3.00 GPA at the end of each academic year Maximum of eight semesters	<i>Public colleges:</i> Full tuition, does not cover fees ⁴ <i>Private colleges:</i> \$5,718 annually Additional \$800 annual stipend	11,884 total awards <i>Public colleges:</i> 10,598 awards (6% of all in-state students) <i>Private colleges and proprietary schools:</i> 1,286 awards	\$79.8 Million
TOPS Performance	Minimum high school GPA of 3.00 (core courses only) 19 core units Minimum 23 ACT Score	3.00 GPA at the end of each academic year Maximum of eight semesters	<i>Public colleges:</i> Full tuition ⁵ , does not cover fees <i>Private colleges:</i> \$5,718 annually Additional \$400 annual stipend	13,574 total awards <i>Public colleges:</i> 12,720 awards, (7% of all in-state students) <i>Private colleges and proprietary schools:</i> 854 awards	\$79.9 Million
TOPS Opportunity	Minimum high school GPA of 2.50 (core courses only) 19 core units Minimum 20 ACT score	2.30 GPA at the end of the first academic year, 2.50 GPA at the end of all other academic years Maximum of eight semesters	<i>Public colleges:</i> Full tuition, does not fees <i>Private colleges:</i> \$5,718 annually	24,912 total awards <i>Public colleges:</i> 23,392 awards (13% of all in-state students) <i>Private colleges and proprietary schools:</i> 1,520 awards	\$128.3 Million
TOPS Tech	Minimum high school GPA of 2.50 (core courses only) 21 core units of TOPS Tech JumpStart curriculum, or TOPS Core curriculum for Honors, Performance, and Opportunity Minimum 17 ACT score or Silver Level on ACT WorkKeys	2.50 GPA at the end of each academic year Maximum of two years	<i>Public colleges:</i> Full tuition, does not cover fees <i>Proprietary Schools:</i> ⁵ \$2,380 annually	1,591 total awards <i>Public colleges:</i> 1,481 awards (0.8% of all in-state students) <i>Private colleges and proprietary schools:</i> 110 awards	\$3.7 Million

¹The in-state public student headcount in Fall 2017 was 187,074.

²Act 288 of the 2016 Regular Session raised GPA to qualify for Performance Award from 3.0 to 3.25, and Honors Award from 3.0 to 3.5 for 2021 high school graduates and later.

³19 core units consist of: four Math, English, Science, and Social Studies units; two units of foreign languages, and one unit of art.

⁴Act 18 of the 2016 Regular Session sets TOPS full tuition award payments at public institutions '16-'17 tuition level.

⁵Proprietary institutions use the weighted average of public institution's '16-17, tuition which is \$2,380.