

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FEDERAL STUDENT AID

All students attending SAU Tech are encouraged to apply for federal student aid. At SAU Tech, federal student aid includes Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work Study, Subsidized Federal Direct Loans, Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans, and Federal PLUS Loans. To be considered for these programs, a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit it to the Federal Processing Center on an annual basis. You can apply over the Internet at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>. To be eligible for Federal student aid, you must:

1. Have a high school diploma or a GED Certificate.
2. Be a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen.
3. Comply with Selective Service registration, if required.
4. Have a valid Social Security number.
5. Be accepted as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program.
6. Meet satisfactory academic progress standards set by the school you will attend.
7. Certify that you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes.
8. Certify that you are not in default on a federal student loan and that you do not owe money on a federal student grant.
9. Demonstrate financial need (except for Unsubsidized and PLUS Loans).

The information you report on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The formula used to calculate your EFC is established by law and is used to measure your family's financial strength based on their income and assets. The EFC is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Most federal student aid is awarded based on financial need.

The Financial Aid Administrator calculates your cost of attendance and subtracts the amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward that cost. The remaining difference is your financial need. Financial need is used to determine eligibility for Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Opportunities Grant, Federal Work Study, and Direct Subsidized Loans.

You will not receive any financial aid until your financial aid file is complete and you have been fully admitted into an eligible degree program. To be complete, the file must contain the following information:

1. Valid Institutional Student Information Record (electronic results of FAFSA)
2. Verification or requested documents as required
3. All prior academic transcripts, if applicable.

Verification and required documents will be requested from the student via email using both the student's SAU Tech email and the student's email listed on the FAFSA. Students will be directed to SAU Tech's website where they can access financial aid verification forms and other documents needed to complete their file. Students are also notified of the priority deadlines listed below. The Financial Aid Office will still attempt to award aid even after the listed priority deadlines, but awarded aid is not guaranteed if documents are submitted after the given dates.

Fall Priority Deadline July 1st
Spring Priority Deadline.....November 15th
Summer Priority Deadline..... April 15th

You must pay to attend SAU Tech unless your aid is fully processed. After your late application is processed, you will be awarded the amount of aid for which you are eligible. Financial aid recipients must inform the Financial Aid Office when they:

1. Withdraw from school;
2. Change enrollment status;
3. Receive any additional financial aid from any source;
4. Change their name;
5. Change their mailing address; or
6. Change major/degree program.

In order for students to continue to remain eligible for federal funds, they must meet satisfactory academic progress as defined in SAU Tech's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Students receive a link to this policy on SAU Tech's website in each award letter they receive. A copy of this policy can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office.

FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

Federal Pell Grant – Federal Pell Grants are awarded to help undergraduate students pay for education after high school. These grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid. For many students, the Federal Pell Grant will provide a foundation of financial aid to which aid from other federal and non-federal sources may be added; the amount of any other student aid for which students might qualify does not affect the amount of Federal Pell Grant they receive. The maximum award amount is set each year by the United States Congress. The amount a student receives will depend on the individual's EFC, the projected cost of attendance, the student's enrollment status, and whether the student attends for the full academic year. There is a lifetime eligibility limit of 600% (equivalent to six full-time years). Students who already received a Bachelor or professional degree are not eligible (in some cases, however, a student enrolled in a post baccalaureate teacher certification program might receive the Federal Pell Grant). Students incarcerated in a federal or state penal institution or are subject to an involuntary civil commitment upon completion of a period of incarceration for a forcible or non-forcible sexual offense are not eligible for the Federal Pell Grant.

Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG). Like other federal grants, IASG provides money to college or career school students to help pay for their education. Students may be eligible for the IASG if:

- You are not eligible for Federal Pell Grant on the basis of your EFC but
- Meet the remaining Federal Pell Grant eligibility requirements, and
- Your parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and dies as a result of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11, and
- You were under the age of 24 years old or enrolled in college at least part-time at the time of your parent's or guardian's death.

The grant is equal to the amount of maximum Federal Pell Grant for the award year but cannot exceed the cost of attendance for the award year. Due to sequestration, award amounts for the IASG that is first disbursed on or after October 1, 2015, and before October 1, 2016, must be reduced by 6.8 percent from the award amount for which a recipient would otherwise have been entitled. Any IASG that is first disbursed on or after October 1, 2016, and before October 1, 2017, must be reduced by 6.9 percent.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG). FSEOG is a campus-based federal grant program available to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. Eligible students with the highest need (those with the lowest EFCs) who will also receive Federal Pell Grants will be the first selection group for FSEOG funds. If remaining FSEOG funds are available, eligible students with the lowest EFCs, including students who will not receive Federal Pell Grants, will be the second selection group. FSEOG awards do not have to be repaid.

Federal Work Study (FWS). The Federal Work Study Program provides jobs for students who have demonstrated financial need. Federal Work Study gives students the opportunity to earn money to help with educational expenses. The amount that students may earn is determined by need and availability of funds. Work study employees must be able to provide certain employment eligibility verification. Jobs are limited by availability of funds. Students will be selected by the various departments based on an interview process.

Subsidized Federal Direct Loan. A Subsidized Federal Direct Loan is a low-interest loan for educational purposes only made to students who are enrolled and maintain at least half-time status (six hours or more). These loans are made by the federal government and **must be repaid with any accrued interest.** To qualify, students must have financial need and complete entrance counseling and a master promissory note. The federal government pays the interest on the loan while the student is in school. Repayment begins six months after the student drops below half-time status, leaves school or graduates. Students are only eligible for both a subsidized loan and the subsidy for which the government pays up to 150% of the degree in which they are registered.

Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan. An Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan is a non-need based loan that the student is responsible for the interest charged during in-school and deferment periods. These loans are made by the federal government and **must be repaid with any accrued interest.** Students must be enrolled and maintain at least half-time status (six hours or more). The student may allow the interest to accumulate until he/she is out of school; however, this will increase the amount of the principal payback. Repayment begins six months after the student drops below half-time status, leaves school or graduates.

Federal PLUS Loans. The Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is a non-need based loan made to parents or legal guardians of dependent undergraduate students attending school at least half-time. PLUS loans will be limited to the actual cost of attendance minus other financial aid. Repayment begins 60 days after the check is written.

STATE AID PROGRAMS

Eligibility requirements are subject to change by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). Awards are subject to availability of funds. ADHE's website is scholarships.adhe.edu

Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship. Applications are available online at scholarships.adhe.edu. The YOUiversal application must be submitted to ADHE by June 1st of the student's high school graduation year. In order to be considered for eligibility, ADHE also requires students to apply for the FAFSA by June 1st. Award amounts and enrollment requirements vary with high school graduation date, college attending, and current college completion rate. If you are awarded Academic Challenge, your award will be stated in the award letter issued by ADHE. Non-traditional students may also apply; deadline is also June 1st.

Governor's Distinguished Scholarship. The Governor's Distinguished Scholarship is the most academically rigorous scholarship program offered for those graduating seniors scoring either 32 on the ACT or 1410 on the SAT, and a 3.50 academic grade point average. Those who are named National Merit Finalists or National Achievement Scholars may qualify without meeting the GPA requirement, but must still meet the ACT/SAT requirement. The scholarship pays tuition, mandatory fees, room and board up to \$10,000 per year. Applicants must apply by February 1st.

Arkansas Future Grant. The AR Future Grant is a "last dollar" award that pays tuition and fees not already covered by a student's other scholarships and grants. Students must have graduated from an Arkansas High School, Home School, or have a GED (or) must have a high school diploma and have lived in Arkansas for the last three years; must be enrolled in a STEM or Regional High Demand Credential Program; must complete the FAFSA and YOUiversal application; must not already hold an Associate degree. Awards are made on a first-come, first-serve basis. The AR Future Grant covers tuition and fees for Associate and Certificate Programs in STEM and Regional High Demand focus. Both traditional and non-traditional students may receive this grant, and students may be enrolled either full-time or part-time. In order to maintain the grant students must receive monthly mentoring, complete at least 15 hours of community service per semester, and maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution. The grant will continue for five semesters or until the student receives an Associate degree, whichever is earlier. The grant becomes a loan if the student does not meet the following requirements after completion: live in and work for Arkansas for three consecutive years.

Arkansas National Guard Tuition Incentive Program (GTIP). Qualifying soldiers must complete the application (AG AR Form 621-@, 9 June 2005) for each semester and submit to the Education Center at Camp Robinson between July 1st and August 15th for fall term and between November 1st and December 15th for spring term. Award amounts are based on enrollment status and availability of funds.

Arkansas Workforce Challenge Grant. The Workforce Challenge Scholarship was created in the 2017 legislative session and is funded by lottery revenue. The purpose of the scholarship is for workforce training in high demand areas of healthcare, information technology, and industry. Classes are not limited to credit-bearing programs. Non-credit, workforce-training classes can be eligible. The Workforce Challenge Award will be the cost of a certificate program or program of study not to exceed \$800.

Arkansas Department of Higher Education. For information and applications on additional programs awarded and administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, write to Arkansas Department of Higher Education, 423 Main Street Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, call 1.800.54.STUDY, or visit their website at www.adhe.edu. These programs include but are not limited to the Governor's Scholars & Distinguished Scholars, Emergency Secondary Education Loan, Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship, Military Dependents' Scholarship, National Guard Scholarship, and the Second Effort Scholarship.

OTHER AID PROGRAMS

AmeriCorps Education Award. After successfully completing a term of community service, AmeriCorps members who are enrolled in the National Service Trust are eligible to receive an AmeriCorps Education Award. You can use your AmeriCorps Education Award to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans. For more information, call 1.800.833.3722 or visit their website at www.americorps.org.

Employer Tuition Assistance. Many employers sponsor tuition assistance programs. Some companies will pay your tuition bill directly, others will ask you to make the initial payment, reimbursing you after you have received your grades. Contact your company's Human Resources Department for specific information.

Private Scholarships. Civic groups, professional organizations, foundations, religious organizations, sororities, fraternities, and clubs may offer financial assistance. Research these options on the local, state, and national level. Scholarship searches can be done online; however, you should beware of possible scams, especially if a fee is charged. Most information is available free of charge.

Senior Fee Waiver. Persons 60 years of age or older on the beginning of the term in which the waiver is being requested and who are legal Arkansas residents may receive the senior fee waiver which covers the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for credit courses. Mandatory fees include processing, facility use, activity, technology and security fees. This waiver is awarded as funds are available, is non-refundable, and covers no other costs but those stated above.

Vocational Rehabilitation. Students who have a substantial handicap to employment as a result of a permanent disability may be eligible for tuition, books, and/or other educational assistance through this program. Contact the nearest Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Office for further information. In El Dorado, call 1.870.862.5451.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). WIOA is a program designed to provide core, intensive, and training services to youth, adults, and dislocated workers. Training services will be provided to adults and dislocated workers through the voucher system. Information is available from Southwest Arkansas Planning & Development District Inc. Counties served are Calhoun, Columbia, Dallas, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, and Union. For more information, call 1.870.837.6910 in Camden.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Arkansas National Guard Soldiers & Airmen Waiver. The Arkansas National Guard Soldiers & Airmen waiver will cover 100% of tuition costs. This waiver is for active duty National Guard soldiers and airmen who complete a National Guard Soldiers & Airmen waiver form each semester for which the waiver is to be received; provide a Memorandum for Record from Battalion as proof of active service and good-standing each semester for which the waiver is to be received; and maintain good academic standing according to SAU Tech's *Academic Probation & Suspension Policy*. Students must be considered as complete in Admissions. Students will be responsible for any fees. Waivers may be obtained in SAU Tech's Financial Aid Office or online at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/veterans.aspx>.

Federal Tuition Assistance. Qualifying soldiers must apply online at www.virtualarmory.com by July 31st for fall term and by December 31st for spring term. Print the completed application form and submit to the Financial Aid Office. The military typically pays 75% of tuition and fees through this program. **SAU Tech waives the other 25% of tuition upon submission of the completed application form.**

GI Bill. Veterans Benefits are awarded to veterans and their dependents that qualify under Chapters 30, 32, 33, 1607, and 35 of Title 38 USC and Chapter 1606 of Title 10. For information and application forms, contact the Financial Aid Office, call the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1.888.442.4551, or visit their website at www.gibill.va.gov. You must submit your class schedule each semester to the Certifying Official in the Financial Aid Office. You must notify the Certifying Official any time changes are made to your schedule or your selected major. Payments that are made directly from the Veterans Affairs Office to the qualifying student are not posted to your student account at SAU Tech.

Military Activation Waiver. A student who ceases attendance at SAU Tech without completing and receiving a grade in one or more courses shall receive compensation for the resulting monetary loss if the student ceases attendance because the student is activated/deployed by the military or the student's spouse is activated/deployed by the military and the student or the student's spouse has dependent children residing in the household. The student or student's spouse will be required to complete a

Military Activation Waiver form and turn in specified documentation. Additional information is available in the office of SAU Tech's Vice Chancellor for Academics.

Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation. Any veteran with a compensable disability rating of 10% or more is invited to file an application for Vocational Rehabilitation by completing VA Form 28-1900 and submitting it to the Department of Veterans Affairs in North Little Rock. Once the application is filed, an appointment will be scheduled for you to discuss your educational plans, test your aptitude, interests and abilities as well as review the nature of your disability and how it affects your ability to gain employment. A decision of your entitlement to the benefit will be rendered after the counseling appointment. If the veteran is eligible, the program makes direct payment to the school for tuition, fees, and books.

Veterans Educational Assistance. The following individuals shall be charged in-state/in district rate, or otherwise considered a resident, for tuition purposes:

1. A veteran using educational assistance under either chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill-Active Duty Program) or chapter 33 (Post 9/11 G.I. Bill) of title 38, United States Code, who lives in the state of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service.
2. Anyone using transferred Post 9/11 G. I. Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. & 3319) who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service.
3. A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. & 3311 (b) (9)) who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal State of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the Service members death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service.
4. Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code.

Title 38 US Code 3679(c). In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679(c), Southern Arkansas University Tech (SAU Tech) will not impose any penalty, including but not limited to, the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, institutional facilities/resources, or require students to borrow additional funds for which interest or other charges are assessed, on any covered individual that is unable to meet his or her financial obligations because of a delayed disbursement of funds from the Veterans Administration (VA) for tuition payment under chapter 31 or 33. Effective July 1, 2019.

A covered individual is any individual entitled to educational assistance for tuition payment under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits who has submitted to Southern Arkansas University Tech:

1. A certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of a course of education (a "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the VA website –eBenefits, or VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes), and
2. SAU Tech's Request for certification of Veteran Benefits to declare the individual's intent to use the benefits for the given semester, and
3. Payment for the remaining tuition and fee charges not covered by the anticipated VA tuition payment.

Students who need assistance with anything concerning their VA educational benefits should contact SAU Tech's VA School Certifying Official, Shannon Green at 870-574-4669 or sgreen@sautech.edu.

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Requirements are subject to change by SAU Tech. Applications may be obtained from SAU Tech's Financial Aid Office or <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/scholarships.aspx>. Be sure to review General Requirements for Institutional Scholarships for additional eligibility and renewal requirements.

Academic Challenge Supplemental Scholarship. The Academic Challenge Supplemental Scholarship valued at \$250 per semester towards tuition, fees or books will be awarded to students who receive the Academic Challenge Scholarship from ADHE. As long as a student is eligible for and receiving the Academic Challenge Scholarship from ADHE they will be eligible for

the supplement. Funds are very limited so apply early as awards will be based on eligibility and timeliness of the FAFSA application. This scholarship has no refundable cash value (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms.)

Academic Scholarship. The initial requirement for this scholarship is a minimum ACT score of 24. Student must enroll the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. The scholarship may be renewed for three semesters if student enrolls in 15 credit hours each semester, completes a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year, and maintains a 2.50 cumulative GPA. The scholarship is valued at full tuition and standard processing fees up to 15 credit hours plus \$250 for books per semester. The value of this scholarship does not cover housing or other additional costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms.)

Concurrent Program Award. To be eligible for the Concurrent Program Award the student must receive a Certificate of Proficiency through the SAU Tech Concurrent Enrollment Program or through the SAU Tech Career Academy or completed nine hours of concurrent credit with a minimum of 2.5 GPA. The student must enroll the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. The award is valued at \$1500 per semester. The scholarship may be renewed for three semesters if the student enrolls in 15 credit hours each semester, completes a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year and maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA. The value of this scholarship covers tuition only; it does not cover fees, books, housing or other costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms.)

Fire Service Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to applicants who are currently employed in fire service or active duty volunteers in fire service in Arkansas and have successfully completed the Arkansas Fire Training Academy (AFTA) Firefighter II Certification Program. The scholarship is limited to college credit classes that apply toward a degree in fire service. This scholarship is renewable until the degree is completed or until the student has attempted 90 credit hours, whichever is earlier. The recipient must also maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA each semester or term. Complete withdrawals for two consecutive semesters of enrollment will result in the loss of the scholarship. To regain eligibility after such withdrawals, at least one semester must be successfully completed at the student's expense. The value of this scholarship is the cost of tuition for classes taken at SAU Tech; it does not cover processing fees, Internet fees, non-credit course fees, books, supplies or other costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available and can be awarded in summer. Applicant must be registered for classes for scholarship to be awarded. Proof of certification and department affiliation are required. A renewal application must be submitted each semester.

First Generation Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to applicants who are first generation students. The scholarship may be renewed for three semesters if the student enrolls in at least 12 hours per semester, completes 75% of all enrolled classes, and maintains a 2.5 cumulative GPA. The value of this scholarship covers tuition only, it does not cover fees, books, housing, or other costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available. (Scholarships cannot be used for summer terms.)

Law Enforcement Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to applicants who are currently employed in law enforcement within the state and have successfully completed the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy (ALETA) Certification Program or the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Academy Certification Program. The scholarship is limited to college credit classes that apply toward the Professional Studies degree with emphasis in law enforcement or wildlife and fisheries. This scholarship is renewable until the degree is completed or until the student has attempted 90 credit hours, whichever is earlier, provided the recipient maintains a 2.00 cumulative GPA each semester or term. Complete withdrawals for two consecutive semesters of enrollment will result in the loss of the scholarship. To regain eligibility after such withdrawals, at least one semester must be successfully completed at the student's expense. The value of this scholarship is the cost of tuition for classes taken at SAU Tech; it does not cover processing fees, Internet fees, non-credit course fees, books, supplies, or other costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available and can be awarded in summer. Applicants must be registered for classes for scholarship to be awarded. Proof of certification and agency affiliation are required. A renewal application must be submitted each semester.

Merit Scholarship. The initial requirement for this scholarship is a minimum ACT score of 19 or equivalent. The student must be a first-time entering freshman (regardless of age). The scholarship may be renewed for three semesters if the student enrolls in 15 credit hours each semester, completes a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year, and maintains a 2.00 cumulative GPA. The scholarship is valued at \$1500 each semester. The value of this scholarship covers tuition only; it does not cover fees, books, housing, or other costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms.)

Nursing Scholarship - To be eligible for the Nursing Scholarship, the student must be accepted into the nursing program and be recommended by the Nursing Department. This scholarship covers tuitions costs for the Practical Nursing program. For continued eligibility, the recipient must maintain a 2.50 cumulative GPA and remain in the nursing program.

Progressive Scholarship - The initial requirement for this scholarship is a minimum ACT score of 19 or equivalent or a minimum 2.50 cumulative college GPA; is at least 21 years of age at the beginning of the fall semester; has not yet received an associate or bachelor degree; and has not attended college for at least two years. The Progressive Scholarship is renewable for three additional semesters provided the recipient enrolls in 12 credit hours each semester and completes a minimum of 18 credit hours per academic year and maintains a 2.00 cumulative GPA. The value of this scholarship is \$1000 per semester towards tuition; it does not cover fees, books, housing, or other costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms).

SAU Tech GED Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to two GED graduates per year who score the highest on the GED exam taken at the SAU Tech Adult Education Center in Ouachita, Dallas and Columbia counties. The scholarship must be used within one year of the scholarship award. The SAU Tech GED Scholarship is renewable for three additional semesters, provided recipients enroll in 15 credit hours a semester and pass at least 12 credit hours a semester, or students enrolled in 12 credit hours or less must complete all courses; students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours each semester and maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA each semester. The value of this scholarship is the cost of tuition for the classes in which the recipient is enrolled up to 15 credit hours; it does not cover fees, books, housing, or other costs and has no refundable cash value. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms).

SkillsUSA Scholarship. Students who have earned the Tuition Waiver Award by receiving a GOLD MEDAL in state competition or participated as an officer and present a certificate from SkillsUSA will be awarded a tuition only scholarship for \$1500 per semester. The student must be fully admitted in a degree/certificate program, begin the fall semester after high school graduation, and be enrolled in 15 credit hours each semester. The scholarship is renewable for up to three additional semesters provided the student maintains 2.00 cumulative GPA and completes 24 credit hours per academic year. The value of this scholarship covers tuition only; it does not cover fees, books, housing or other costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms.)

Student Life Ambassador Academic Scholarship. To be eligible for the Student Life Ambassador Academic Scholarship the student must turn in two written recommendations, one from their high school counselor and one from a high school teacher. The applicant must also write a one-page essay on why they want to be a Student Life Academic Ambassador at SAU Tech and achieve a minimum ACT score of 24. Student must enroll the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. The scholarship may be renewed for three semesters if student enrolls in 15 credit hours each semester, completes a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year, maintains a 2.50 cumulative GPA, and is recommended by their work supervisor. The scholarship is valued at full tuition and standard processing fees up to 15 credit hours plus \$250 for books per semester. Recipients must work 15 hours a week and will be paid from either FWS or IWS in addition to their scholarship. Student Life Ambassadors will work for the College giving tours, making telephone calls, doing mail outs, visiting local high schools, working college nights, and other duties as assigned. Students will be selected by the Student Life Office or Enrollment Services Office through an interview process. The value of this scholarship does not cover housing or other additional costs and has no refundable cash value. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms.)

Student Life Ambassador Merit Scholarship. To be eligible for the Student Life Ambassador Merit Scholarship the student must turn in two written recommendations, one from their high school counselor and one from a high school teacher if they are a high school senior. If the applicant is not a high school senior, he/she can turn in recommendations from a college professor and/or employer. The applicant must also write a one-page essay on why they want to be a Student Ambassador at SAU Tech and achieve a minimum ACT of 19 or equivalent or has a college cumulative GPA of 2.5 if not an incoming freshman. The scholarship may be renewed for three semesters if the student enrolls in 15 credit hours each semester, completes a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year, maintains a 2.50 2.00 cumulative GPA, and is recommended by their work supervisor. The scholarship is valued at \$1500 per semester. Recipients must work 15 hours a week and will be paid from either FWS or IWS in addition to their scholarship. Student Life Ambassadors will work for the College giving tours, making telephone calls, doing mail outs, visiting local high schools, working college nights, and other duties as assigned. Students will be selected by the Student Life Office or Enrollment Services Office through an interview process. The value of this scholarship does not cover housing or other additional costs and has no refundable value. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms).

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship. The initial requirement for this scholarship is that the student must graduate from high school as either the valedictorian or salutatorian, achieve a minimum ACT score of 21, and enroll the fall semester immediately following high school graduation. For schools that do not designate a valedictorian or salutatorian SAU Tech can accept a ranking of one or two from the high school counselor. The scholarship may be renewed for three semesters if the student enrolls

in 15 credit hours each semester, completes a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year, and maintains a 2.00 cumulative GPA. The scholarship is valued at full tuition and standard processing fees up to 15 credit hours plus \$250 for books per semester. This scholarship does not cover housing or other additional costs and has no refundable cash value. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis provided funds are available. (Scholarship cannot be used for summer terms).

General Requirements for Institutional Scholarships

1. All applicants must be fully admitted and degree seeking; must not already have an Associate or Bachelor degree.
2. Must be a US citizen or permanent resident alien.
3. Beginning with the 2017-2018 recipients, students receiving the Merit Scholarship, Concurrent Award, Student Life Ambassador Merit Scholarship, and SkillsUSA Scholarship are allowed to enroll in 12-15 credit hours in the fall and/or spring, BUT if students are enrolled in 12-14 hours in fall and/or spring, they will be REQUIRED to take 3-6 credit hours in the summer (if in 12-14 in fall only 3 in summer, if 12-14 in fall and spring 6 in summer). If students enroll in 15 credit hours per semester, they are required to complete 24 credit hours by year end (no summer classes required). If students enroll in 12-14 credit hours per semester, they are required to complete all courses taken including the required summer courses. If in 12-14 hours in fall/spring, scholarship will be awarded at \$1200 for the semester, and the remaining portion will be awarded in summer (example: take 12 hours in fall and spring, award fall - \$1200, spring - \$1200, summer - \$600 to still allow a total of \$3000 for the year).
4. Scholarships are awarded on a fall/spring basis. Scholarships cannot be used for summer sessions (unless otherwise stipulated).
5. Scholarships are good for a total of up to four consecutive semesters or until the student receives an Associate degree, whichever is earlier, provided the student meets renewal requirements. If the student is not enrolled for a semester the scholarship is lost. Depending on the scholarship requirements the student may be able to reapply.
6. Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted with items needed by the stated deadline; first to apply and submit all documentation will receive preference; waiting list applies after stated deadline. Scholarships will be awarded to the extent funds are available.
7. ACT, Compass, and other assessment scores are accepted for some scholarship applications.
8. SAU Tech scholarship funds only pay for tuition (in-state only), unless otherwise notated. Only one scholarship awarded per student.
9. Scholarships are reviewed at the end of the spring semester to determine if renewal requirements are met (i.e., "at year end").
10. These scholarships are merit based, but the Financial Aid Office will encourage and strongly recommend students fill out a FAFSA and apply with other aid sources.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors by Southern Arkansas University Tech Foundation Board. Application deadline is March 1st. The Southern Arkansas University Tech Foundation Board will review financial status annually and then specify the scholarships to be awarded for the next academic year and determine the dollar amount of each scholarship. Applications may be obtained from the SAU Tech Financial Aid Office or www.sautech.edu. Foundation scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors only except for the Betty J. Lewis Minority Scholarship, the George R. Brown Scholarship, and the Ouachita Electric Cooperative Scholarship.

Alfred Smith Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of a Ouachita County high school. Subject to availability of funds, this scholarship may be renewed for one semester provided a 3.00 cumulative GPA is maintained.

Betty J. Lewis Minority Scholarship. This academic scholarship is awarded to a student with a high school diploma or GED. The candidate must have at least one biological parent whom is African American, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, Native American or Asian. Subject to the availability of funds, this scholarship may be renewed provided a 2.00 cumulative GPA is maintained.

Camden Kiwanis Club Scholarship. This award, in the amount donated by the Kiwanis organization, is available to a local senior selected by Kiwanis representatives. Subject to availability of funds, this scholarship may be renewed for one semester provided a 3.00 cumulative GPA is maintained.

Carol Ferns Nursing Scholarship. This award is available to a Ouachita County resident who is enrolled in SAU Tech's Practical Nursing (PN) program. Applicant must have a 3.0 high school or college GPA. Subject to availability of funds, this is a one-time award in the amount of \$500.