



LOSFA

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

— A PROGRAM OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS —

LOUISIANA'S FIRST CHOICE FOR COLLEGE ACCESS

Your one-stop shop for...

- ✓ Comprehensive one-on-one college access advising
- ✓ Connecting to programs, schools, and colleges aligned to your career goals
- ✓ Scholarships, grants, and financial aid to pay for school
- ✓ Career exploration and mentoring with business and industry leaders
- ✓ Virtual Student Network Groups of fellow peers in your major
- ✓ Job shadowing, internship, and job placement opportunities
- ✓ Assistance with FAFSA® completion and applying to college

and so much more!

CONTACT **LOSFA**



Schedule Virtual Office Hours
(Available 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on
Monday – Friday)



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Ask LEX
(LOSFA's virtual response
assistant, available 24/7)

WHO IS LOSFA?

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) is a Program of the Louisiana Board of Regents that strives to be Louisiana's first choice for college access by promoting, preparing for, and providing college access support to any student, any age, anywhere in Louisiana. LOSFA administers the state's scholarship and grant programs and the state's Internal Revenue Code Section 529 college saving program, the educational savings plan for K-12 tuition, and the 529A savings plan for eligible individuals with disabilities.



PROMOTE

We promote college access through educational programs, FAFSA® and college application completion support, college access browses, integrated business and industry visits, postsecondary campus visits, comprehensive communications and outreach, and more, as the state's expert source of information on financial assistance.



PREPARE

We prepare students for college success by providing intensive comprehensive college and career advising, connections to support services, mentoring, student network groups, opportunities to connect with employers for job shadowing and internships, partnerships with community organizations and postsecondary institutions, college access educational programs, financial literacy resources, and more.



PROVIDE

We provide college financial assistance and related support services by administering Louisiana's merit-based Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholarship, need-based Louisiana GO Grant scholarship, M.J. Foster Promise Program, Louisiana Geaux Teach, Louisiana National Guard Patriot Scholarship Program, Louisiana's 529 START Saving Plan, K12 Saving Plan, LA ABLE, and more.

WHO LOSFA SERVES

- High school students and parents
- Traditional postsecondary students
- Non-traditional postsecondary students
- Home study students
- Working parents in need of training or retraining
- Adults in rural communities
- Returning veterans
- Individuals with disabilities
- Aged-out foster youth
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Justice-impacted (incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals)

Any Student. Any Age. Anywhere in Louisiana.

COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE ACCESS

ADVISING SERVICES

No matter where you might be on the college access journey, LOSFA's Comprehensive Advising Officers can help. You will be assigned your own personal college access coach and mentor who will work with you for as long as you need their services and support. Comprehensive Advising Officers can assist you with:



- Saving and preparing for college
- Identifying resources to pay for college
- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)®



- Matching your interests, skills, and passions with a career
- Facilitating networking opportunities with peers, near peers, and individuals who are successful in your field of study
- Connecting you to employers through career exploration, job shadowing, internships and job placement opportunities



- Discovering pathways to earn your credential or degree
- Finding the school and program that's the best fit for you
- Applying to the postsecondary option that is the best fit for you
- Connecting you with available support services

...AND SO MUCH MORE!

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STUDENT NETWORK GROUPS

PROVIDING LOUISIANA'S STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

1

Network with other students throughout Louisiana

2

Discover resources and opportunities for successful degree completion, internships, and job placement

3

Connect with professionals and/or employers from their respective fields

GROUPS:

Nursing
Accounting/Finance
Engineering
Information Technology/
Computer Information Systems
Behavioral Health Profession
Education
Postsecondary Transition
M. J. Foster Promise
Multidisciplinary - for all other majors



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GET A HEAD START WITH

LOUISIANA'S 529 SAVING PROGRAMS



STUDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE AND REVENUE TRUST PROGRAM (START) is Louisiana's Internal Revenue Code Section 529 college saving program designed to help families save for future educational expenses. It offers tax advantages, flexible investment options, and the ability to use the funds at accredited postsecondary institutions nationwide. With the START program, families can start saving early for their children's education, ensuring a brighter future.

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START K12 allows Louisiana families to save for tuition expenses at eligible K-12 schools, including public, private, and parochial institutions. Like the START college savings plan, it provides tax benefits and flexibility, making it easier for parents to plan and manage educational costs from kindergarten through high school.

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ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE

WITH LA ABLE



LA ABLE is Louisiana's 529A savings plan which offers tax-advantaged savings accounts for individuals with disabilities, allowing them to save and invest without affecting their eligibility for certain public benefits. Designed to support greater financial independence and long-term planning, the program helps cover qualified disability expenses such as education, housing, healthcare, and more.

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PLAN YOUR PATH

There are multiple pathways available to reach your career goals—and every student can find the one that works best for them. Whether you choose an apprenticeship, vocational training, or college, it's important to take smart steps along the way: pick the school or program that's the right fit, make the most of financial aid, and have a plan to get you to the finish line.

FIND YOUR MATCH AND FIT

- 1** **Explore** potential career options that align with your abilities, interests, strengths, and goals.
- 2** **Identify** the degree or credential required to reach your career objectives and the best pathway to earn it.
- 3** **Evaluate** the costs associated with your chosen path and the options available to pay for them.
- 4** **Choose** the school or program that offers the environment best suited to your preferences and goals.
- 5** **Confirm** the institution or program provides the resources and support essential for your success, persistence, and completion.

CHOOSE A PATHWAY

- **Four-Year College or University**
- **Community College**
- **Technical or Vocational School**
- **Apprenticeship**
- **Military Service**
- **Workforce Training Programs**

COLLEGE ACCESS ON THE GEAUX

Scan the QR Code below to access resources to assist with the college planning and access journey such as:

LOSFA Resources and Assistance
Career Assessments
College Match Tools
FAFSA® Information and Support

Scholarship Searches
Financial Aid Information
ACT/SAT Support
And more!

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SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

LOSFA provides several different scholarship and grant programs for students based on merit, need, program of study, and more!

TAYLOR OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS (TOPS)

A program of state merit-based aid for Louisiana residents who attend an approved school, college, or university. There are five award levels: Opportunity, Performance, Honors, Excellence, and TOPS Tech.

TOPS TECH

An award that may be used for up to two years of skill or occupational training at an approved school, college, or university to pursue a vocational or technical education certificate, diploma or non-academic degree program.

TOPS TECH EARLY START

An award for Louisiana public high school juniors and seniors enrolled in dual enrollment courses at a Louisiana postsecondary institution in a top demand occupation.

M.J. FOSTER PROMISE PROGRAM

A program that provides financial support for students aged 19 years or older to earn credentials in high-demand, high-income program areas in industries such as construction, healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, and transportation and logistics.

GO GRANT

A program to provide a need-based component to the state's financial aid plan for Pell Grant recipients who need additional aid to afford the cost of attending college.

ROCKEFELLER STATE WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIP

A competitive scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students majoring in forestry, wildlife, or marine science at a Louisiana public college or university.

PATRIOT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A scholarship that pays required fees for members of the Louisiana National Guard who qualify for the National Guard tuition exemption.

REGIONAL CONTRACT PROGRAM

A program that allows Louisiana students opportunities to study optometry and podiatry at select out-of-state institutions at discounted tuition rates.

GO YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM

A program that provides tuition aid for students who graduate from or complete course credit recovery through the Louisiana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program.

JOHN R. JUSTICE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

A program that provides student loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to extended service in those roles.

STRATEGIES TO EMPOWER PEOPLE (STEP)

A program funded by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients.

CHAFEE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING VOUCHER (ETV)

The Chafee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program awards \$5,000 per academic year to qualified undergraduate and graduate students who have been in the foster care system to assist in offsetting the costs of postsecondary education.

GEAUXTEACH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A program that provides scholarships to students who are enrolled in teacher preparation programs or alternate certification programs approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

BESE TUITION PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

A competitive program that provides funding for selected teachers to enroll in courses at regionally accredited colleges or universities in Louisiana.

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