



State Introduces LA ABLE Savings Plan To Help People With Disabilities

State Treasurer Ron Henson and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), a program under the Board of Regents, today announced the launch of a new 529A saving plan to help individuals with disabilities save money in order to gain more independence, maintain their health and have a better quality of life.

“Louisiana families who are struggling to provide a better life for children with disabilities will now be able to invest money to pay for a variety of qualified disability expenses,” said Treasurer Henson.

The Louisiana Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, known as LA ABLE, allows tax-free earnings to an ABLE account, so long as the funds are used on qualified expenses such as education, housing, transportation, employment training, health and wellness - to name a few.

“LA ABLE is Louisiana’s new program that provides Louisiana families with the ability to help those with disabilities in paying for necessary expenses,” said Senator Dan Claitor.

Family and friends can now adequately save money, without worrying about whether dollars in the 529A account will be counted against them when determining eligibility for federal and state benefits programs. An

account owner can save up to \$14,000 per year and continue receiving Medicaid and Social Security. If at any time the balance in the account meets or exceeds \$100,000, SSI will be suspended. Once the balance decreases, those benefits will be reinstated.

The sponsor of the original legislation, Representative Franklin Foil, said “The LA ABLE accounts are intended to help families save money to assist with qualified disability expenses, much like the state’s START program provides a mechanism to save for college expenses.”

The State Treasurer has selected a number of short, intermediate and long-term investment options for the LA ABLE Program, thus allowing individuals to choose the option that best suits their needs.

“The Treasury is working with Vanguard to oversee investments in LA ABLE,” said Treasurer Henson. “The program will be structured very similarly to Louisiana’s START Saving Program, which was ranked number one in the nation for investment performance.”

The LA ABLE 529A Program will be administered by LOSFA on behalf of the Louisiana Tuition Trust Authority (LATA). LOSFA will be responsible for receiving and disbursing the funds using processes similar to those established for the START 529 college saving plan, which the agency also administers on behalf of the LATA.

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"We are so excited about the launch of LA ABLE and the savings opportunities that will now be available for families with disability related expenses," said LOSFA Executive Director Dr. Sujuan Boutte'. "The implementation of this program would not have been possible without the assistance and collaboration of many dedicated individuals and groups - our legislative leaders, the members of the ABLE Account Authority, Board of Regents Administration and our staff who worked diligently with all parties to make this possible," Boutte' added.

"The newly created LA ABLE program reaches out to serve individuals with critical needs and provides them with a pathway to direct their resources toward solutions," said Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Joseph C. Rallo. "At the end of the day," he continued, "it is a marvelous example of creating a public program to meet a very worthwhile private need."

The Arc of Louisiana, an organization that promotes improving services available to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, has also anxiously been awaiting the launch of this program. Kelly Monroe, The

Arc's Executive Director, said, "The Arc of Louisiana, The Arc of Baton Rouge and People First of Louisiana have been working with Representative Franklin Foil and Senator Dan Claitor on passing the Louisiana ABLE Act since 2013. In July of 2014 it passed with 68 legislators co-authoring the bill. For the first time in history, people with disabilities will be able to work and save for their future without jeopardizing their supports and services which will lead to greater independence. We are very excited to finally see this come together for individuals with disabilities and families."

Sharon Hennessey, Executive Director of People First of Louisiana and Chairperson of the LATTA's ABLE Advisory Board said, "The ABLE Act has made it possible for people with disabilities to save money without jeopardizing their services. Louisiana has recognized the value of this and has established the LA ABLE program. This is a very important step towards independence for people with disabilities in Louisiana."

To learn more and to open a LA ABLE account, visit www.able.osfa.la.gov.



2017 LA GEAR UP CONFERENCE: Leaders Rising to the Occasion

"I learned how to be a great leader," Bryona Lyons, a 7th grader at Delta Junior High School, declared when asked to recount about her experience at the 2017 Louisiana GEAR UP Conference. Her words greatly resonated with both the theme and purpose of the conference. As the first conference to be held since the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance was awarded the GEAR UP grant in September 2016, the conference's theme was "Leaders Rising to the Occasion, with the purpose of cultivating and developing the Louisiana GEAR UP students into great leaders for the schools, communities, and the world. During the conference, more than 230 students from 32 schools across Louisiana were instilled with leadership skills, college and career readiness, and financial literacy through the sessions, workshops and activities, and the keynote address given by Dr. Alfonso Wyatt.

Want all of the details of the conference? Keep reading...

THE SESSIONS

Credits and College: JumpStart/Dual Enrollment: If you're interested in getting on the fast track to completing school, you're in for a real treat! You'll also learn about JumpStart and Dual Enrollment, which are ways to help you earn credentials and college credits in high school.

Financial Aid: While you're at it, we're going to tell you more about the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), Louisiana's merit-based scholarship and how to get it, and the GO Grant, Louisiana's need-based scholarship. We're also going to talk about the different types of financial aid available, especially the FREE money you don't have to pay back.

Explorers' Club: So you're probably thinking, "What in the world are we 'exploring'?" Learn about some

of the activities your club participates in and some of the characteristics we look for in officers.

Gear Up Insider (OSSCs): Learn more about your roles and responsibilities as an OSSC, and we'll even share some tips on how to make your job easier! You'll also receive more information about the GEAR UP program and updates on JumpStart for your students.

Let's Get Real: Talent will get you in the door, but character will keep you in the room. Interviews usually make people nervous, but they're something we have to do! Put your skills to the test with our team in a no-pressure environment.

Mastery Prep: Become a test-taking warrior. Learn strategies to combat tests, attack test questions, and defeat test anxiety. This fun-filled workshop will arm you with the skills you need to face any test you take.

Money Matters 101: What's This Money Talk?! It's your money; you should be able to spend it the way you want, right? "Budget" may sound negative, but it's not. Think of a budget as a spending plan. Budgeting allows you to save money for the things you really want without going broke in the process!

My Life, My Way: Now that you know about budgeting, you're also going to learn about the cost of living and other expenses, as they relate to college and career. With your newly-found budget knowledge, you will have a better understanding of how to prepare for your desired career.

Parent/OSSC/Teacher Campus Visits: At some point or another, your student will tell you about all of the exciting things they got to do on a field trip they've gone on! Hear from representatives

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of various colleges talk about their schools and all that their campuses have to offer. This is a great opportunity for parents to take part in the same things their students are doing.

Power Up With Positivity: What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "healthy?" Probably exercise and vegetables-we knew it! That is true, but not all. We'll talk about all things "healthy" from learning how to prevent bullying to getting a good night's rest before the big test.

Ready! Set! Goal! Support Systems-If you want to succeed, you need to set goals! Without goals, you lack focus and direction. You also want to be mindful of the people you surround yourself with. After all, real friends celebrate victories together.

Unlock Your Future for Success: Have you been to a college campus yet? We can't bring you today, but we can offer you the next best thing. Check out our virtual tours of a few Louisiana colleges. Once you're done with that, we're going to show you Unlock My Future, LOSFA's career planning and college access portal. Then we can help you learn more about yourself and find future careers you might be interested in!

Advanced Placement-Are you a student that likes to be challenged-whether it's academically, physically, or just friendly competition amongst friends? Well, we've got some information on how to "accept" this challenge and possibly speed up your coursework throughout high school and on to college. '

Who is LOSFA and What is GEAR UP? (Parents): Learn about the GEAR UP program and what your role is to make the program as successful as it can be. You'll also receive bonus information for yourself and your students on the TOPS scholarship and the

START Saving Program, the state of Louisiana's 529 college savings program.

What's In a Community? (Parent/OSSC Joint Sessions): Learn about the importance of school coordinators and parents working together to help students get the most out of their GEAR UP experience!

THE WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES

College and Career Fair: Stop by the tables of various colleges and career organizations to get more information about becoming a student or entering into a career field!

College and Career Bonanza: Put your college and career knowledge to the test in this friendly competition! See if you can guess the names of some colleges and careers!

Career Speed Networking: Interested in trying a career but afraid to commit? We can help you with that! Stop by each of our tables and learn a bit about different careers from the professionals themselves! No long-term commitment necessary!

LOSFA FLY Tour: Why not catch a good show when you can?! FLY (Financial Literacy for You) is a dynamic theatrical presentation that uses poetry, music and drama to communicate the importance of financial literacy and fiscal responsibility. You will learn about financial aid for college, money management, on-campus support services for students and more!

Take 1...Action!: Work together with your peers on your Explorers' Club Action Plan to help develop events and activities for next year's club! The sky's the limit on the things you can accomplish!

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Rip the Career Runway: Surely you've had an adult ask you what you want to be when you grow up. Have you thought about what this would look like? Some of your fellow students will be modeling attire for different careers, along with providing you with information on salary, duties, the institutions to receive the training and more! Sit back and enjoy the show! Find one that might spark your interest!

coach, and public theologian. Additionally, Dr. Wyatt founded Strategic Destiny LLC: Designing Futures through Faith Facts, an organization that seeks to foster collaboration between socially engaged practitioners. Before founding the organization, Dr. Wyatt served as Vice President of Fund for the City of New York, which is an organization focused on improving the quality of life for citizens of New York.

THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS: REVEREND DR. ALFONSO WYATT

"I will not ever dim my light because my light shows me what's right," declared Dr. Alfonso Wyatt at the closing of his powerful and inspiring keynote speech. As someone who has followed his passions and mentored thousands of people of all ages, Reverend Dr. Alfonso Wyatt was the perfect person to inspire the entire audience, which was filled with students, parents, school administrators, and staff. During his speech, several students were encouraged to stand before the audience and share the careers that they were passionate about attaining. The students mentioned that they wanted to become lawyers, veterinarians, engineers, physicians, and professional athletes. Once all of the students shared their future careers, Dr. Wyatt encouraged them to always follow their dreams and "light" because it would always lead them in the right direction for their lives.



In addition to inspiring thousands of people through his powerful speeches and wonderful works, Dr. Wyatt has also written several books, including *Mentoring from the Inside Out: Healing Boys Transforming Men*, *Leadership by Numbers: For God's People Who Count*, and *Boys to Men: The Guide for African American Boys*.

THE STUDENTS

Over 230 students from 32 schools attended the 2017 LA GEAR UP Conference. Here's a breakdown of the school districts that these students came from:



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What'd the students have to say?

Alexis Troclair: I learned more about achieving my goals.

Landry Leach: I learned how to better prepare myself for the future, and my favorite part about this conference was getting the privilege to come to this new experience.

Terrence Williams: I learned about setting goals, and my favorite session was Capitol One because we talked about money.

Keelan Williams: I learned about rationing and budgeting money, and my favorite session was the Money Matters 101 session with Capitol One Bank.

Edwin Pierre: My favorite sessions was "Credits and College" because the session taught me what to do when I get to college.

Dakari Deround: I liked learning about the process of elimination in the MasteryPrep session.

Jaden Broussard: My favorite session was Money Matters 101 because I learned about budgeting, but it was also fun at the same time.

Zechariah Bennet: My favorite session was "Unlock Your Future." Before the session I thought that if you had a high GPA that you could automatically get into school. After, I learned that it's also about your history.

Yancy Vallery: I learned how to budget money.

Holly Turnley: I learned about ways to make it easier to get into college.

Madison Milligan: I learned about a new college, Loyola University, in New Orleans. There was originally only one college I wanted to go to, but now I may be interested in Loyola University.

Donte Penn: I learned how to better prepare for college.

Chloe Woods: My favorite part was "Ready! Set! Goal!" with Ms. Jenny. I learned how to manage my money as well as how to set goals and achieve them.

Sydnei Thomas: I learned that you have to start preparing for college now, and my favorite session was "Ready! Set! Goal!"

Taj Anthony: I learned to be a better leader.

Janice Williams: I've learned that you shouldn't let people who won't or won't try to succeed in their own lives get in the way of your life.

Felicia Caesar: I learned that you have to sacrifice to succeed in life. Also, always think positive!

Kierra Rice: I have learned that you not let negativity influence you in a bad way.

Jonece Williams: Whatever you do may be hard, but don't give up.

Sha'Kira Foster: My favorite part was learning about scholarships.

Ja'Kerinie Harris: My favorite session was Money Matters 101.

Sh'Kima Benton: I learned about the process of getting into college.

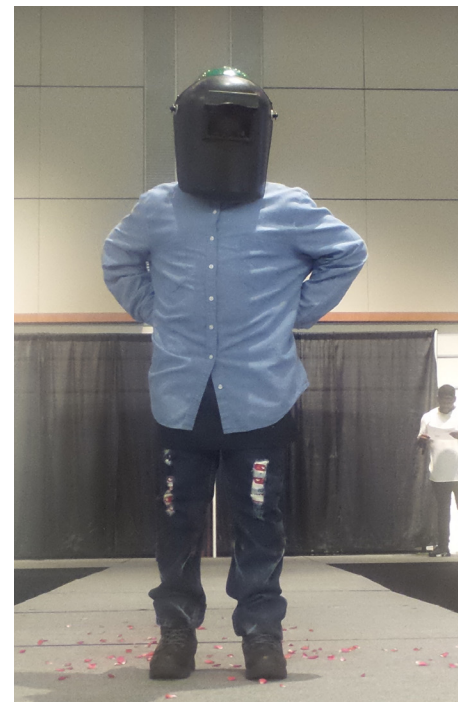
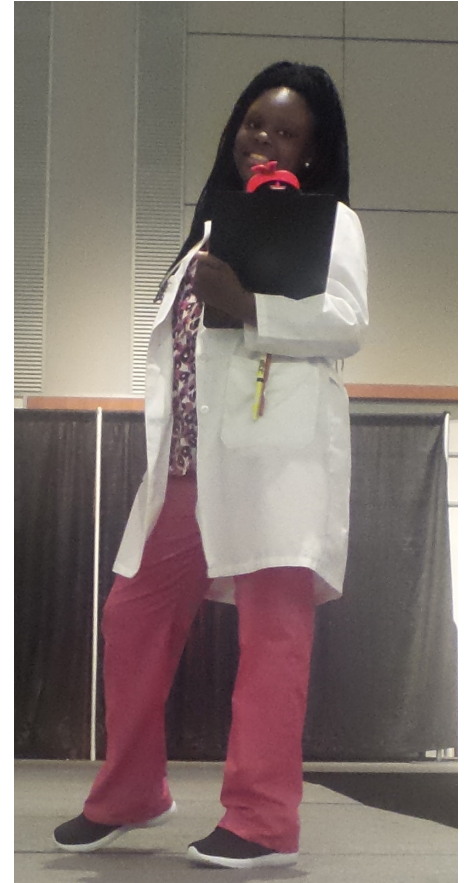
Ja'Marion Bonner: I've learned that you need to save money for college, and every penny counts!

Jer'Quarrius Myles: I learned how to budget money.

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2017-2018 TOPS Opportunity, Performance and Honors Award Amounts

TOPS OPH ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNTS FOR 2017-18

Institutions		2016-17 TOPS Annual Amount	2017-18 TOPS Annual Amount(4) (6)	Fall Semester/ Quarter 2017-18 TOPS Maximum Payment	Winter Quarter 2017-18 Maximum TOPS Payment	Spring Semester/ Quarter 2017-18 Maximum TOPS Payment	TOPS Stipend Amounts
Technical							
Northwest Louisiana Technical College(1)		\$2,081.20	\$2,081.20	\$1,040.60		\$1,040.60	HONORS = \$800 PERFORMANCE = \$400 Annually HONORS = \$400/semester or \$266.66/quarter/term PERFORMANCE = \$200/semester or \$133.33/quarter/term
South Central Louisiana Technical College(1)		\$2,081.01	\$2,081.01	\$1,040.50		\$1,040.51	
2 Year							
Baton Rouge Community College(1)		\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04	
Bossier Parish Community College(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
Central Louisiana Technical Community Col.(2)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
Delgado Community College(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
L. E. Fletcher Technical Comm. Col.(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
Louisiana Delta Community College(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
LSU – Eunice		\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32	
Northshore Technical Community College(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
Nunez Community College(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
River Parishes Community College(2)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
South Louisiana Community College(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
SOWELA Technical Comm. College(1)		\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08	
SU-Shreveport		\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00	
4 Year							
Grambling State University		\$5,139.75	\$5,139.75	\$2,569.87		\$2,569.88	
Nicholls State University		\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$2,461.14		\$2,461.14	
LSU – Alexandria		\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25	\$2,447.12		\$2,447.13	
LSU – BR		\$7,462.98	\$7,462.98	\$3,731.49		\$3,731.49	
LSU HSC – NO	Allied Health	\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22	\$3,836.61		\$3,836.61	
	Nursing	\$5,611.50	\$5,611.50	\$2,805.75		\$2,805.75	
	Dental Hygiene	\$5,517.00	\$5,517.00	\$2,758.50		\$2,758.50	
	Dental Lab Tech	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26	\$2,493.63		\$2,493.63	
LSU HSC – Shreveport		\$7,182.56	\$7,182.56	\$3,591.28		\$3,591.28	
LSU – Shreveport		\$5,372.29	\$5,372.29	\$2,686.14		\$2,686.15	
Louisiana Tech University (Quarters)		\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00	
McNeese State University		\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34	\$2,573.67		\$2,573.67	
Northwestern State University		\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00	\$2,590.00		\$2,590.00	
Southeastern La University		\$5,652.21	\$5,652.21	\$2,826.11		\$2,826.10	
SU-Baton Rouge		\$4,973.10	\$4,973.10	\$2,486.55		\$2,486.55	
SU-New Orleans		\$4,236.21	\$4,236.21	\$2,118.10		\$2,118.11	
UL – Lafayette		\$5,406.96	\$5,406.96	\$2,703.48		\$2,703.48	
UL – Monroe		\$5,787.52	\$5,787.52	\$2,893.76		\$2,893.76	
University of New Orleans		\$6,090.37	\$6,090.37	\$3,045.19		\$3,045.18	
Out-of-State Institutions for Hearing Impaired Students (3)							
Gallaudet University		\$5,567.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00	
Rochester Institute of Tech.		\$5,567.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00	
LAICU Institutions: Centenary, Dillard, Holy Cross College, Louisiana College, Loyola, NO Baptist Seminary, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (Formerly OLOL), St. Joseph's, Tulane, Xavier							
All Schools (Academic Program)		\$5,567.00	\$5,718.00	\$2,859.00		\$2,859.00	
Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools							
Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools		\$2,497.00	\$2,380.00	\$793.33	\$793.33	\$793.34	
TOPS Eligible Students in a Graduate Program							
All Graduate Programs(5) (Semester)		\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22	\$3,836.61		\$3,836.61	
All Graduate Programs(5) (Quarter)		\$7,673.22	\$7,673.22	\$2,557.74	\$2,557.74	\$2,557.74	

Notes: (1) Includes all campuses within the designated colleges.

(2) The TOPS Award amount for students who attended campuses of the LCTCS that have been absorbed by another umbrella school will remain the same as it was during Spring 2017. Awards for students who are attending the absorbed campus for the first time in the fall semester of 2017 will be that of the absorbing umbrella campus.

(3) Schools/Programs that are specifically designed to accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Includes both Academic and Technical Programs.

(4) The total amount does not include summer payments allowed for students enrolled full time in technical programs or students in an academic program that elect to have their award paid for a qualified summer session. The amount of the award may not exceed the tuition amount charged to the student for summer attendance.

(5) The TOPS Award Payment for TOPS eligible students enrolled in a graduate/professional program is limited to the full tuition charged by a school for enrollment in the respective graduate program or the maximum TOPS Award amount listed here, whichever is less.

(6) Actual amounts payable subject to appropriation and funding.

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2017-2018 TOPS Tech Award Amounts

TOPS TECH ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNTS FOR 2017-18

Institutions		2016-17 TOPS Annual Amount	2017-18 TOPS Annual Amount ⁽³⁾ (4)	Fall Semester/ Quarter 2017-18 TOPS Maximum Payment	Winter Quarter 2017 18 Maximum TOPS Payment	Spring Semester/ Quarter 2017-18 Maximum TOPS Payment
TECHNICAL PROGRAMS OF STUDY*						
Technical						
Northwest Louisiana Technical College ⁽¹⁾		\$2,081.20	\$2,081.20	\$1,040.60		\$1,040.60
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SU-Shreveport		\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00
* Unless otherwise indicated, technical programs at all campuses of each of these schools are TOPS Tech eligible.						
APPROVED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**						
4 Year						
BRCC	Business (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04
	Computer Science (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04
	Criminal Justice (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04
	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04
	Surgical Technology (AS)	\$3,086.08	\$3,086.08	\$1,543.04		\$1,543.04
BPCC	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Accounting (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
Delgado CC	Business Administration (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Criminal Justice (AA)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Electrical – Elect Engineer Tech (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
L.E. Fletcher TCC	Cardiopulmonary Care Science (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Criminal Justice (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
La Delta CC	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
La Tech (Quarters)	Nursing (ASN)	\$5,553.00	\$5,553.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00	\$1,851.00
	Nursing (ASN)***	\$2,497.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00		\$1,190.00
LSU - Alexandria	Radiologic Technology (AS)	\$4,894.25	\$4,894.25	\$2,447.12		\$2,447.13
	Criminal Justice (ASCI)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32
LSU - Eunice	Nursing (ASN)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32
	Radiologic Technology (AS)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32
	Respiratory Care (AS)	\$2,710.64	\$2,710.64	\$1,355.32		\$1,355.32
LSU HSC – NO	Dental Lab Tech	\$4,987.26	\$4,987.26	\$2,493.63		\$2,493.63
McNeese	Paralegal Studies (AA)	\$5,147.34	\$5,147.34	\$2,573.67		\$2,573.67
Nicholls	Petroleum Services (AS)***	\$2,497.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00		\$1,190.00
	Safety Technology (AS)	\$4,922.28	\$4,922.28	\$2,461.14		\$2,461.14
Northwestern	Nursing (ASN)***	\$2,497.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00		\$1,190.00
Nunez CC	Paralegal Studies (AA)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
SLCC	Business (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Industrial Technology (AS)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
Southeastern	Industrial Technology (AAS)***	\$2,497.00	\$2,380.00	\$1,190.00		\$1,190.00
SOWELA TCC	Nursing (ASN)	\$3,214.15	\$3,214.15	\$1,607.07		\$1,607.08
SU -Shreveport	Accounting (AS)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00
	Business Administration (AS)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00
	Computer Science (AS)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00
	Nursing (ASN)	\$2,618.00	\$2,618.00	\$1,309.00		\$1,309.00
**Other School/Programs of Study May Become Eligible: To check your School, e-mail custserv@la.gov . Academic courses of study may change periodically. If one of these programs is removed from the list of approved programs while you are enrolled, you will be permitted to finish the program of study. You will not be permitted to begin a program after it has been removed from the list unless it becomes eligible again at a later date and you are still eligible to receive the award.						
***The TOPS Award Amount for TOPS Tech eligible students who enroll in a proprietary or cosmetology school or in an associate's degree program at a school that offers a baccalaureate degree in that same program is an average of the amounts paid to TOPS Tech eligible students in all other TOPS Tech eligible programs.						
Programs at Approved Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools						
Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools***		\$2,497.00	\$2,380.00	\$793.33	\$793.33	\$793.34

Notes: (1) Includes all campuses within the designated colleges.

(2) The TOPS Award amount for students who attended campuses of the LCTCS that have been absorbed by another umbrella school will remain the same as it was during Spring 2017.

Awards for students who are attending the absorbed campus for the first time in the fall semester of 2017 will be that of the absorbing umbrella campus.

(3) The total amount does not include summer payments allowed for students enrolled full time in technical programs or students in an academic program that elect to have their award paid for a qualified summer session. The amount of the award may not exceed the tuition amount charged to the student for summer attendance.

(4) Actual amounts payable subject to appropriation and funding.

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