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Legislature Increases Louisiana GO Grant Appropriation

BATON ROUGE — Additional need-based state financial aid will be available to Louisiana postsecondary students during the 2018-19 academic year thanks to a \$2 million increase in funding for the popular Louisiana GO Grant program, bringing the full annual allocation, as approved by the Board of Regents, to \$28,429,108.

“We are grateful to the Governor and Louisiana Legislature for recognizing the value of increasing aid for Louisiana’s most needy students,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Kim Hunter Reed. “With this increase in funding for the GO Grant program, we will improve affordability for more of our students beginning this fall.”

The GO Grant program was created in 2007 to provide a need-based component to the state's financial aid plan to support nontraditional and low-to-moderate-income students who need additional aid to afford the cost of attending college.

During the 2017-2018 Academic Year a total of 22,953 students, representing every parish in Louisiana, received GO Grant assistance with an average award amount of \$1,144.59.

To be considered, the student must be a Louisiana resident, have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), have been awarded a Pell Grant, and still have unmet remaining financial need after all other scholarships, grants and the expected family contribution (EFC) have been considered.

The Financial Aid Office of the eligible participating institution is responsible for determining a student's eligibility. All schools in the LSU, University of Louisiana, Southern University and Louisiana Community and Technical College systems participate in the GO Grant program. Additional information may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office at the school attended.

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) is a program of the Louisiana Board of Regents. LOSFA administers the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), the TOPS Tech Early Start Program, the Louisiana GO Grant program, The Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) 529 College Saving Program, the START K12 529 Saving program, the LA Able saving program for persons with disabilities, the Louisiana Gear Up Program, the Rockefeller State Wildlife Scholarship, the John R. Justice Loan Repayment Program, and the Chafee Educational Training Voucher (ETV) Program.

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GO RECIPIENTS BY PARISH

Parish	# of Recipients
ACADIA	179
ALLEN	63
ASCENSION	431
ASSUMPTION	75
AVOUELLES	153
BEAUREGARD	134
BIENVILLE	91
BOSSIER	538
CADDO	1,432
CALCASIEU	760
CALDWELL	27
CAMERON	4
CATAHOULA	46
CLAIBORNE	63
CONCORDIA	66
DE SOTO	166
EAST BATON ROUGE	2,611
EAST CARROLL	35
EAST FELICIANA	94
EVANGELINE	110
FRANKLIN	84
GRANT	85
IBERIA	303
IBERVILLE	181
JACKSON	62
JEFFERSON	2,790
JEFFERSON DAVIS	103
LA SALLE	39
LAFAYETTE	1,007
LAFOURCHE	293
LINCOLN	311
LIVINGSTON	378
MADISON	64
MOREHOUSE	131
NATCHITOCHEs	288
ORLEANS	2,700
OUACHITA	935
PLAQUEMINES	107
POINTE COUPEE	80
RAPIDES	671
RED RIVER	52
RICHLAND	111
SABINE	87
SAINT BERNARD	225
SAINT CHARLES	273
SAINT HELENA	34
SAINT JAMES	109
SAINT LANDRY	383
SAINT MARTIN	181
SAINT MARY	244
SAINT TAMMANY	1,054
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	323
TANGIPAHOA	588
TENSAS	20
TERREBONNE	394
UNION	86
VERMILION	174
VERNON	145
WASHINGTON	152
WEBSTER	195
WEST BATON ROUGE	126
WEST CARROLL	37
WEST FELICIANA	37
WINN	73
NOT REPORTED	160
Grand Total	22,953