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TOPICS:	GO Youth ChalleNGe Program – ACT 402

Under the provisions of ACT 402, approved during the 2019 Louisiana Legislative Session, graduates of the Louisiana National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program are now eligible to pursue a certificate, diploma, associate or baccalaureate degree required for a high-demand, high-skill, and high-wage career. High-demand, high-skill, high-wage careers are considered to be three, four, and five star jobs. A list of three, four, and five star jobs can be found at [www.laworks.net](http://www.laworks.net). The GO Youth ChalleNGe grant covers the cost of tuition at a public two-year or four-year college or university for a program of study that meets these requirements. Students attending a LAICU accredited college or university will receive the weighted average of amounts paid to students attending public colleges and universities under the this program.

ACT 402 also provides that a student who completes course credit recovery while participating in the National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program may be eligible for the GO Youth ChalleNGe Award if he graduates from the Youth ChalleNGe Program and graduates from his high school with a high school diploma. In addition to the GO Youth ChalleNGe Award, these students may also qualify for and receive a TOPS Award if they meet all TOPS eligibility requirements.

Questions regarding the GO Youth ChalleNGe Award should be directed to Caleshia Clark, Student Financial Aid Specialist at [Caleshia.clark@la.gov](mailto:Caleshia.clark@la.gov) or call 225.219.7707.