



Financial Aid/ Scholarships

Apply for financial aid and make your college dreams a reality

More than 80 percent of Alabama Southern's students receive some type of financial assistance, including scholarships, work study, Pell Grants and other supplemental grants. Financial aid is available for almost every program offered at Alabama Southern, and our friendly financial aid staff can help you secure the aid you need to pay for college.

Alabama Southern offers similar financial assistance packages to those of other major colleges and universities. Assistance may come from federal, state and local funds. Financial assistance is meant to supplement your resources — it is not intended to be the only means of funding your education. A level of self-help is expected from all students.

Steps for Financial Aid Success

Visit the Financial Aid office as soon as you apply for admission. Students should apply for financial aid four to six weeks prior to their planned date of enrollment in order to know their financial aid status before school starts. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid on the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Check Financial Aid Eligibility Guidelines.

To be eligible for financial aid, students must:

- Have a high school diploma or GED, or demonstrate ability-to-benefit for certain technical courses.
- Be enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program working toward a degree or certificate.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Have a valid social security number.
- Not owe a refund on a federal grant or be in default on a federal educational loan.
- Be registered with selective service, if required.
- Have a clear record in the National Student Loan Data System, which provides a history of financial aid received at prior colleges. Students must clear transfer information.



Campus Locations www.ascc.edu

Monroeville Campus

P.O. Box 2000
Monroeville, AL 36461
(251) 575-3156

Thomasville Campus

P.O. Box 2000
Thomasville, AL 36784
(334) 636-9642

Gilbertown Campus

P.O. Box 2000
Gilbertown, AL 36908
(251) 843-5265

Jackson Campus

P.O. Box 2000
Jackson, AL 36545
(251) 246-0010



Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and an Institutional Application for Financial Aid. The FAFSA application can be found on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students must list the Alabama Southern Title IV Code (001034) in the application or the application will be significantly delayed. The Institutional Application is available online at www.ascc.edu or in the Student Development Office.

Submit all additional documentation, verification, corrections and/or new information requested by either the Financial Aid office or the agency which is determining the student's eligibility. All students selected for verification must submit a copy of proper income taxes for the previous year when applying for financial aid.

Priority Deadlines for FAFSA

Fall Semester: July 15

Spring Semester: December 1

Summer Semester: April 15



Helpful Hints

Apply Early

Completing your forms accurately and submitting them early will ensure full consideration for all aid programs available.

Do Not Estimate

Use completed federal income tax returns to complete the Family Financial Statement.

Do Not Leave Blanks

Never leave questions blank on any form if you are required to complete it. Blank questions will delay your application's processing.

Keep Copies

Keep copies of all forms and correspondence you submit and note the date mailed. Refer to them when calling or writing about your application.

Check Name and Social Security Number

Be sure to enter the correct social security number. Also make sure the name you are using reads exactly the same on your social security card.

Read and Respond

Carefully read and follow all instructions provided. Respond quickly to all requests from the Financial Aid office.

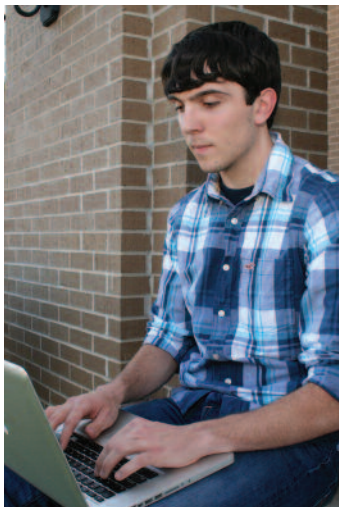
Take Responsibility

YOU are applying for financial aid to help you attend Alabama Southern. Although you may need your parent's help in completing your forms, the application is yours and you need to know what forms and information have been provided to whom and when.

Document Phone Calls

If you call to discuss your application, keep notes of the day you called, with whom you talked and what was discussed.

Frequently Asked Financial Aid Questions



How can I receive an application packet?

Call the Financial Aid office and request one. Monroeville: (251) 575-8256 or Thomasville: (334) 637-3168

What is included in the financial aid application packet?

An admissions application, directions on how and where you complete the FAFSA and an Institutional Financial Aid Application.

What types of financial aid are available?

- Grants: Federal Pell Grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (Federal SEOG), and the Alabama Student Assistance Program (ASAP)
- Scholarships
- Student employment: Federal Work Study Program
- Some students may also be eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Service, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), TRA, Returning Student/Non-Traditional Program and VA Educational Benefits.

How much financial aid may I receive?

The dollar amount of financial aid you may receive is contingent upon a number of factors. These factors include your and /or your parent's financial status, your eligibility for scholarship assistance, and your willingness to accept student employment. Each student must establish a need and may not receive more than the cost of attendance.

How is my financial need determined?

The information you report in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is used in a formulation established by the U.S. Congress. The formula determines your Expected Family Contribution

(EFC) — an amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. If your EFC is below a certain amount, you'll be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, assuming you meet all other eligibility. Your financial aid administrator calculates your cost of attendance and subtracts the amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward that cost. If anything is left over, you're considered to have a financial need.

When should I apply for financial aid?

You should submit your application as soon as possible after you and/or your parents complete your federal income tax return (Form 1040, 1040a, or 1040ez) for the year. Contact the Financial Aid office for application deadlines.

How will I know if I am eligible for financial aid?

You will receive an award letter from Alabama Southern.

If I am eligible for financial aid when will I receive the funds awarded to me?

Any remaining funds available after tuition, fees and books (if desired by student) have been charged will be available to the student within fourteen days after the first day of classes. These funds may be picked up in the business office.



When do I have to reapply for financial aid?

Students must apply for financial aid every year. New applications become available after January 1 and should be completed as soon as income taxes have been filed. Students who have previously been awarded financial aid may receive a renewal application in the mail. If the student supplied an email address, the application will be sent via email.

Additional financial aid information is available online at www.ascc.edu

Scholarships

Alabama Southern offers several valuable scholarships for graduating seniors in our service area. All students who have received scholastic or leadership recognition are encouraged to apply. All scholarships have specific academic requirements, and some have special conditions to be met. Each student is eligible to accept only one scholarship.

Scholarship evaluation begins February 15. Scholarships are evaluated in the order in which they are received. To receive priority status students should apply for scholarships by December 15.

Scholarships Available Include

- **President's Scholarship** — Minimum ACT composite score of 28 and grade point average of 90 (pays tuition, fees, and books)
- **Dean's Scholarship** — Minimum ACT composite score of 24 and grade point average of 85 (pays tuition and fees)
- **Ambassador Scholarships** — Applicants are required to attend an ASCC Leadership Retreat and interview. Students will contract service hours through hosting college events, student activities, community service, recruiting, tutoring and public information. Minimum grade point average of 80 (pays \$2,500). The monetary value of the scholarship increases the second year upon successful completion of service hours.
- **Leadership Scholarship** — Must be senior class president, SGA president, County Jr. Miss contest winner or yearbook editor. Leadership Scholarships are available in University Transfer, Technical and AVC areas. Please submit a resume. Minimum grade point average of 80. (pays \$1,250 annually for two years)
- **Performing Arts Scholarship** — Art and Music (Monroeville Campus only) — Applicants are required to produce a portfolio of their work for an Art Scholarship, and they are required to audition for a Music Scholarship. Applicants will be contacted by the instructors to arrange audition/interview times and dates. Minimum grade point average of 80. (pays tuition and fees)
- **Technical Scholarships** — Available in Cosmetology, Business Technology, Machine Technology, Nursing or Welding. Students are eligible for consideration upon completion of application, ACT Work Keys Assessment and an interview. Maintain a 3.0 GPA once enrolled in the Technical Area designated by the scholarship. (pays tuition)
- **Industry Alliance Scholarship** — Area industries have partnered with Alabama Southern to offer Technical Scholarships.
- **Athletic Scholarship** — To be awarded by coach and/or athletic director.
- **Returning Student/Non-Traditional Scholarship**



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