PREPARE NOW FOR YOUR FUTURE SUCCESS

Good High School Choices = Career Success
You are an Arkansas Scholar beginning the first day of 9th Grade.

Being an Arkansas Scholar can lead the way to finding a career that you enjoy rather than just a job.
Show Me the Money!

Median Annual Incomes in the U.S.

High School Graduate: $33,852
Associate’s Degree: $40,404
Bachelor’s Degree: $57,616
Master’s Degree: $69,108
Professional Degree: $89,128


On average those who complete college earn almost ONE MILLION DOLLARS more than high school graduates over the course of a lifetime.
A TRANSCRIPT is a permanent record of your high school years.

1. Courses
2. Grades (GPA)
3. Attendance
4. Any issues
Arkansas Scholars Requirements

1. Take the Smart Core curriculum during high school.

2. Make a semester grade of "C" or better in all courses.

3. Maintain a 95% attendance rate.

   Miss no more than 9 days per year or 36 days total in 4 years.

4. Complete high school in eight consecutive semesters.
Arkansas Scholar Scholarship Benefits

U of A Pulaski Technical College
Offers up to $500 per qualifying semester for up to four qualifying semesters

Local employers look for the Arkansas Scholars seal on your transcript

Requirements:
Graduate in 8 consecutive semesters with a “C” in all Smart Core classes and maintain a 95% attendance record.
Critical Year Investment = Profitable Working Years

8 Critical Years
Ages 14-22

48 Working Years
Ages 22-70

Age in Years

0 Birth
14 High School
18 Education
22
70 Retirement
90
Choices After High School

College
Technical training
Military
Entry-level job
Unemployment
### Minimum Wage Household Budget

#### Monthly Earnings

$1,900 per Month Earnings
($22,880/ Year or $11.00/ Hour)

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What? That won't work?!!?
Arkansas Scholars Requirements:

1. Take all required SMART CORE courses in high school.
2. Make a C (or better) in all classes, each semester.
3. Show up! Miss no more than 5% of school days.
4. Stay focused and finish on time.

It pays to be an Arkansas Scholar graduate.

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