



Why should I be an Arkansas Scholar?

- There is a direct link between the level of education that a person has and their potential income-earning power.
- Being an Arkansas Scholar can provide more opportunities for continued education after high school.
- Becoming an Arkansas Scholar can help in leading the way to finding a career that you enjoy and not just a job.



Arkansas Scholars

It's for YOU!



Web sites: www.arkbea.com or
www.arkansasscholars.org

Phone: 879-866-7673

A GOOD EDUCATION PAYS!

Median annual incomes in the U.S. with various levels of education:

Some High School: \$24,544

High School Diploma: \$33,852

Some College: \$37,804

Associates Degree: \$40,404

Bachelors Degree: \$57,616

Masters Degree: \$69,108

Professional Degree: \$89,128

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Position Survey (2013)



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Being an Arkansas Scholar gives you more:

- **choices** for education beyond high school
- **opportunities** for a better job
- **money** for greater buying power
- **control** over your future

BENEFITS OVERVIEW

Local business leaders want you to do well in school. Many businesses have agreed to recognize the achievement of high quality education.

If you, as a student, meet the Arkansas Scholars' criteria over the next four years (grades 9-12), you will be designated as an Arkansas Scholar and be recognized by your local chamber of commerce.

The Arkansas Business & Education Alliance and your local or region chamber of commerce will provide an Arkansas Scholars seal to be placed on your transcript. Because a growing number of employers are asking job applicants for high school transcripts, the Arkansas Scholars seal could improve your chances for employment.

Note for Parents: As parents, you want a bright future for your children. Then you want them to do their best in school. Your support is the most important factor in your student's education. Encourage them to make good grades, take challenging courses, and attend school regularly. By doing this, you can send a positive message about the value of education.



REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING AN ARKANSAS SCHOLAR

If you follow the four criteria listed below in grades 9-12, you will achieve Arkansas Scholars status at the end of your senior year. In addition to the recognition, you will have prepared yourself for more educational opportunities or a better job. You will have positioned yourself to be successful in life.

- Earn semester grades of "C" or above in all courses
- Achieve 95% or better attendance record (averaged over four years)
- Complete the balance of the state mandated high school graduation requirements (Smart Core)
- Finish high school in 8 consecutive semesters

YOU CAN BE AN ARKANSAS SCHOLAR!

How I Can Invest in My Education?

Ask your parents to remind you to do your homework

Become an Arkansas Scholar

Make "C's" or better in all your subjects

Go to class

Listen

Take good notes

Ask questions when you don't understand something

Talk with other students about your course work

Study or prepare for exams (it matters)

Do your homework and ask for help when needed

These 10 things can help you be a good student even if you have struggles to this point.