



STUDENT SERVICES

Educational Guidance Services personnel are committed to providing opportunities for each individual student's total educational development. Specific student services are integrated with the instructional program of the college to address individual needs for educational, personal, social, cultural and career development.

Counseling

Individuals may find the counseling services helpful as they make plans and decisions in various phases of their development. EACC honors the value and dignity of each individual; therefore, counseling is provided to help each student realize his or her full potential. Counselors can assist students in selecting courses of study, determining transferability of courses, career planning, gaining independence and confronting problems in daily living. Assistance is provided by the counseling staff in the following areas:

1. Career counseling to explore possible career directions, occupational information, and self-appraisal of interest, personality and abilities.
2. Academic advisement to develop and clarify educational plans and make appropriate course choices.
3. Confidential counseling sessions to assist students in managing academic environment and dealing with issues which can hinder classroom participation.
4. The Career Resource Center houses reference materials such as books, videos, cassette tapes, and up-to-date job listings to assist individuals in career preparation and job placements. College catalogs from various colleges and universities are also available for students who are planning to transfer from EACC. Computer programs such as the Discover Program and the KUDER Career Interest Inventory are available to students to assist with career exploration. These services are located in the Hodges Student Services Complex.

Problem identification and referral sources provide in-depth assistance for such matters as legal concerns, financial assistance, tutoring, job placement, medical problems or emotional problems.

Testing

EACC serves as a testing center for the administration of the following examinations:

Praxis Series: Specialty area, Core Battery and PPST tests. These examinations are for education majors.

CLEP: The College Level Examination Program is designed for students who possess knowledge for certain college-level courses. These exams assess knowledge of

fundamental facts and concepts, perceptions of relationships and understanding of principles. EACC awards up to 12 semester hours through CLEP. In addition, DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) exams are designed similar to CLEP but only for military personnel.

NOCTI-The National Occupational Competency Testing Institute exams are designed to test basic and specialized workplace competencies.

Correspondence/Internet Exams: The testing center also administers final exams for the convenience of students taking correspondence and/or Internet courses from other institutions.

Placement Testing

In compliance with ACT 1052, EACC will utilize the ACT, ASSET, or COMPASS standardized test batteries for placement into English, reading and mathematics. The student is responsible for providing documentation of appropriate test scores not taken at EACC.

The following guidelines are applicable to the placement testing process at EACC:

1. All first time entering college freshmen who have not taken the ACT, ASSET or COMPASS.
2. Any students interested in taking English, reading or mathematics courses.
3. Transfer students who have not taken an English, reading or mathematics course at their previous institution.

Student Advisory System

Students are assigned advisors who will assist them in choosing and planning educational programs suited to their individual needs. Various placement tests are given to assist students in planning their educational programs. As of Fall 1988, all degree-seeking students must take Placement Tests and be placed into courses according to their test scores. The advisor confers with the student during registration, at regular intervals during the semester, and whenever assistance is needed.

Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a program for students with academic needs who have the potential to successfully complete an educational program at EACC. These students must also meet certain federal guidelines. The overall objective of the program is to assist students so that they are able to graduate from EACC and transfer to a four-year school if they desire. Student Support Services

EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE Placement Test Score Recommendations

For placement into English, Math, and Reading courses, test scores must have been received within the last five years.

TEST/COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	ACT	ASSET	COMPASS
Writing Skills				
ENG 1013	English Composition I	19 or Above	45 or Above	75 or Above
ENG 0963	Writing Skills	13-18	36-44	28-74
ENG 0953	Grammar Skills	12 or Below	35 or Below	27 or Below
Reading Skills				
ENG 1013	English Composition I	19 or Above	43 or Above	82 or Above
RDG 0973	Reading II	13-18	35-42	60-81
RDG 0963	Reading I	12 or Below	34 or Below	59 or Below
Numerical Skills				
MTH 0953	Elementary Algebra	N/A	40 or Above	43 or Above
MTH 0913	Intro. Math	N/A	39 or Below	42 or Below
Intermediate Algebra (<i>Asset or Compass</i>)				
<i>Or ACT Math</i>				
MTH 1113	College Algebra	19 or Above	*43 or Above	**53 or Above
MTH 1013	College Math	19 or Above	*43 or Above	**53 or Above
MTH 1053	Intermediate Algebra	16-18	*36-42	**32-52
MTH 1083	Technical Math	16-18	*36-42	**32-52
BUS 1023	College Business Math	16-18	*36-42	**32-52
MTH 0953	Elementary Algebra	14-15	*35 or Below	**31 or Below
MTH 0913	Intro. Math	13 or below	N/A	N/A

- No test scores more than five years old will be used for placement.
- Successive developmental English and developmental math courses in the Math/English track must be successfully completed within five years of initial enrollment or the most recent developmental English and/or math course must be repeated
- Placement into higher level mathematics courses is contingent upon appropriate placement test scores which may not be included above.

*ASSET: Intermediate Algebra test
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**COMPASS Algebra test

offers assistance through tutorial sessions, mentoring, open labs and the transfer initiative. Workshops and seminars are also provided. Students who need academic assistance may apply in the Student Services Complex.

Evening Services

For those students who are attending class in the evenings, the following services are available through the evening services administrator in the Student Services Complex. Advising, Counseling, Placement Testing, Veterans Services, Student Activities, and Financial Aid Information.

Student Activities

The East Arkansas Community College staff believes that activities outside the classroom enrich, supplement and provide the testing ground for classroom learning. These activities offer opportunities for social growth and for the development of values, appreciations and insights. The student personnel staff works with students and faculty to bring about an activity program appropriate to the students' needs. The staff seeks to provide an environment in which students may become self-disciplined, self-reliant and socially sensitive individuals.

The Student Activities Department includes the Student Government Association. The purpose of the East Arkansas Community College Student Organization is to provide educational, social, cultural and recreational programs for the benefit of the college's community and to help develop sound student leadership through the planning and execution of these programs.

Students serve as officers on the SGA Board as president, vice president, secretary, area coordinators, special events and county representatives. Each program area has a committee to make decisions regarding that committee's program and help organize and work in each program.

The Learning Center

The EACC Learning Center, located in the Student Services Complex, provides services and resources to all East Arkansas Community College students. The Learning Center is equipped with up-to-date computers, printers and educational software such as PLATO. The Learning Center also offers access to and assistance with software used daily by students in EACC classes. Staffed by experienced tutors, the purpose of The Learning Center is to provide tutorial assistance to any student, in any class, who needs help with an assignment or challenging objective. A scheduled appointment is not needed, and there is no charge to the student. **The hours of operation will be posted.**

Library/Learning Resource Center

The Library is located in the Learning Resource Center and houses a wide variety of information resources. With extended hours, a helpful and friendly staff provides a balanced learning atmosphere needed in a college environment. Fifteen patron accessible computers allow access to

peer-reviewed journals, an online encyclopedia, word processing programs, and other software. A collection greater than 30,000 volumes is available to support instruction on campus. The collection can be accessed using two dedicated terminals in the Library as well as from off-campus using the College website. The in-house collection also includes a number of magazines and newspapers, newly released fiction titles, and faculty reserved materials.

Coin-operated copiers are available for student use. A multi-media computer lab is located in the Library for instruction of specialized computer programs. A scantron machine is available to faculty for grading tests. ID's of students, faculty, staff and the public are issued in the Library and are needed to borrow books, to attend events on campus and to obtain parking permits. The facility opens before classes begin in the morning and extends until most classes are over at night to accommodate the needs of students. Hours of operation are posted on the Library's entrance.

Arkansas Career Pathways Program

The Arkansas Career Pathways Program at East Arkansas Community College is an educational and financial assistance program that offers students support services and financial assistance for career training. This federally and state funded program offers college classes to parents who meet established eligibility guidelines.

Career Pathways may be able to help eligible students overcome barriers that have kept them from getting the training and education needed for employment. Program benefits include: educational assistance, academic employability training, transportation assistance, daycare assistance, tuition assistance, academic and career counseling. Students receive a wide range of support services including program orientation, academic and technical classes, and assistance with job placement and retention. For more information about the Arkansas Career Pathways Program call 870-633 4480 ext. 358.

Computer Education Center

Opened for classes in August 1994, this impressive, fourteen thousand square foot facility houses ten classrooms, staff offices, a large front desk area, an open computer lab, a work room for equipment maintenance, and storage space.

The CEC is open to all registered students for independent study and is home base for all campus computer services.

The hours of operation will be posted.

Student Handbook

The EACC Student Handbook is included at the back of this catalog. It is each student's responsibility to be knowledgeable of the intent, spirit, and contents of the Handbook.

Student Conduct Policy

East Arkansas Community College has a policy of low tolerance for student misconduct involving disorderly, lewd, indecent or obscene conduct, or lewd or indecent language, including profanity (cursing) on campus and at any College-sponsored event. College discipline shall be applied to any student's misconduct that adversely affects the College community's pursuit of its educational objectives. For policies and procedures please consult the EACC Student Handbook located at the back of this catalog.

Campus Security Act and Student Right-to-Know

In compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public Law 101-542, as amended), EACC will collect and publish statistics on crimes considered to be a threat to students or employees. Copies are available in the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Counseling Center.

Campus Security

Professional security officers patrol the campus for violations of the law and college policies as well as other activities, which conflict with the interests of EACC. Students are encouraged to report crimes to the on-duty officer or to the Vice President for Student Affairs between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. In the evenings between the hours of 4:30 and 8 p.m., individuals may file incident reports in the Counseling Center in the Student Services Complex or with the security guard on duty. Assistance will be provided on contacting local law enforcement authorities if requested.

Student Injury and Sickness Insurance

East Arkansas Community College students may voluntarily enter an injury and sickness insurance agreement with an independent insurance company. The College approves and encourages the principle of insurance but does not propose to act as agent for any company. As a service, it merely provides the information to all students desiring insurance. Student Injury and Sickness insurance enrollment forms are available in the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Parking and Traffic Regulations

Parking permits are issued in the Office of Student Activities located in the Student Center. The first permit is free; all subsequent permits cost \$2. Permits are required for all vehicles parked on campus by students and faculty/staff.

Students will park in the north or west lots; visitors, faculty, and staff are to use the staff lot. Visitors

should register in the Administration Building upon coming to the campus. Illegally parked cars may be charged \$5 for no stickers and up to \$25 for other parking violations. Fines are to be paid in the Student Center at the Cashier's window. Student grades will be held at the end of the semester for students who have not paid their fines. Appeals may be made to the Vice President for Business Affairs. Repeated violations of the parking policy may result in the illegally parked car being towed away at the owner's expense.



Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office at East Arkansas Community College seeks to provide financial assistance to any student who, without such support, could not attend the College. A comprehensive program of financial aid in the form of scholarships, loans, grants, and jobs is provided to qualifying students. To become or remain eligible for financial aid, a student must maintain a half-time enrollment standing (at least six credit hours) and a satisfactory GPA. Major criteria for determining financial aid are eligibility, financial need, academic achievement, character, and the promise of future success. Students interested in applying for financial assistance should contact the Director of Student Financial Aid.

Continuing students are encouraged to complete financial aid applications by April 15 to assure processing of applications and disbursement of awards by the fall term. Some scholarships and grants may be subject to earlier deadlines. Previously enrolled students interested in a full range of financial assistance should check with the Financial Aid Office in January or February.

Loans, Grants, and Employment

Federal Direct Student Loan Program. Any student enrolled or accepted for enrollment may participate in this program. The College must endorse the application to verify the academic standing of the applicant, which will be a prime factor. To become eligible for a Federal Direct Student Loan, students must apply for an academic year beginning January 1 by completing the appropriate financial aid application. Application forms are available in the office of the Director of Student Financial Aid.

PELL Grant. The PELL program is a Federal Aid Program designed to provide financial assistance for low-income students attending post-secondary educational institutions. The maximum award under this program is based upon the institutional cost of education.

A student is eligible for a PELL Grant if:

- (1) determined to have financial need based on the

PELL Grant eligibility formula and the cost of education

- (2) enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours
- (3) a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States, or a permanent resident of the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands
- (4) full eligibility for a Pell Grant has not been used.

A student must apply for a PELL Grant each year. Students will be able to apply for an academic year beginning January 1 by completing the appropriate financial aid application. The application process takes approximately 8-12 weeks, so students are encouraged to apply early.

Financial need is determined by an annual congressionally approved formula, which is applied consistently to all participants. The formula uses the information students provide on their applications to produce an eligibility index number. This index number is not a dollar figure but is used along with the total cost of attending the institution and a student's part-time or full-time enrollment status, to determine the actual amount of the grant.

A student's eligibility for a PELL Grant does not directly affect eligibility for any other aid. However, all students are required to apply for a PELL Grant before being considered for other aid. See the Director of Student Financial Aid for specific information.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

For undergraduate students with exceptional need.

College Work-Study Under the provisions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, East Arkansas Community College cooperates with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to provide employment to students with financial need. A student may be employed by the College not exceeding 20 hours per week or 80 hours per month.

Student Employment Some students are employed by the College, community agencies and businesses. The Career Planning and Placement Office maintains an updated list of part-time and full-time jobs available to students.

Veterans Benefits The Montgomery GI Bill establishes a program of education benefits for individuals entering military service after June 30, 1985. Service persons entering active duty after that date will have their basic pay reduced by \$100 a month for the first 12 months of their service, unless they specifically elect not to participate in the program. Those veterans who have contributed are eligible for benefits.

An educational entitlement program is also available for members of the Selected Reserve, including the National Guard. Those who, after 6-30-85, enlist, reenlist, or extend an enlistment in the Selected Reserve for a period of 6 years or more; and those who are appointed or are serving as reserve officers and agree to serve in the Selected Reserve for not less than 6 years in addition to any other period of obligated Selected Reserve service after June 30,

1985, may qualify.

Veterans and their dependents are urged to contact the Veterans Affairs Office if they believe that they are entitled to V.A. monthly educational benefits.

Vocational Rehabilitation Vocational Rehabilitation assists students in paying for all or part of their tuition, books, and activity fees. Students must be in good standing in order to continue in this program. Students with either physical or emotional disabilities may qualify. Persons wishing to qualify for this program should contact the Director, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, 211 Broadway, Little Rock, AR 72201.

Student Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Federal and state regulations require that students receiving financial aid must maintain satisfactory academic progress. The General Academic Requirements are as follows:

1. Only students seeking a degree are eligible to receive financial aid.
2. Financial Aid is initially awarded based on the number of semester hours enrolled.
3. Students receiving financial aid must complete 50 percent of courses enrolled in each semester to comply with the "cumulative course completion rate."
4. Students who fall below the 50% completion rate will be placed on financial aid probation for one semester. If during this semester, the student satisfies the 50% completion rate with a GPA of 2.00, the student is eligible to receive financial aid for the next semester. Students who fail to meet the cumulative GPA requirements will remain on financial aid probation.
5. Transfer students must have their official transcript on file in the Registrar's Office prior to receiving financial aid. Students who have been denied financial aid at another post-secondary institution due to unsatisfactory academic progress will also be denied financial aid at EACC until their cumulative GPA meets EACC's academic progress policy.
6. Students withdrawing from the college prior to receiving and completing the appropriate financial aid forms will be required to repay all charges to the college.
7. Students are limited to 30 semester hours of developmental classes.
8. The maximum time a student may receive financial aid to complete a degree at EACC is 3½ years.
9. The following GPA is required for satisfactory academic progress:

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS	GRADE POINT AVERAGE
19-30.....	1.55
31-45.....	1.70
46-60.....	1.85
61 and above.....	2.00

A student's GPA is reviewed by the Financial Aid Director at the end of each semester to establish his or her eligibility to continue to receive financial aid. Once a student fails to meet the above grade requirements, he or she is no longer eligible to receive financial assistance. Even though a student is permitted to re-enroll after suspension does not mean automatic reinstatement of financial aid. When the minimum GPA is met, financial aid will be restored.

Any student wishing to appeal the decision of the Director of Financial aid may do so only in writing, to the Appeals Committee. The appeals committee will review and determine whether the Financial Aid suspension is justified. The student will be advised in writing by the committee of the decision and recommendation.

The Appeals Committee will consider exceptions to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy on an individual case-by-case basis where extenuating circumstances exist that are fully documented, such as the following: illness, death in the family, financial hardship, injury, a change in a student's objectives and a returning student taking into account how long ago the previous enrollment occurred.

Fresh Start Students who have not been enrolled in any institution of higher education for a minimum of five years will be eligible for "Fresh Start." This means that a student may appeal after five years, and if approved and eligible, may be awarded financial aid. The student must also earn and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00 each semester.

Local, State Scholarships, Awards, and Grants

Local Scholarships

EACC Freshman Academic Scholarships EACC provides a number of freshman scholarships, which remit full tuition for the first semester and are renewable at EACC for the subsequent semesters if the recipient maintains a grade point average of at least 3.00 and completes a minimum of 6 semester hours during the summer or 12 semester hours during the fall or spring semester to receive the next semester's award. Selection criteria are as follows:

1. Academic scholarships shall be only for freshmen who are graduates of Arkansas high schools and who rank in the top one-fourth of their graduating class;
2. Scholarship recipients must enter East Arkansas Community College within one year of high school graduation;
3. Awarding of academic scholarships will be based upon scholastic achievement, rank in high school class and desire for achievement. A high school transcript is required to verify points mentioned above;
4. The scholarship amount is allocated for **tuition only**;
5. The academic scholarship will remain in effect until a student has completed his or her degree, provided the student maintains a minimum 3.00 grade point average during

each sequential semester at EACC (for a maximum of 64 hours or the total hours required for the specific major);

6. Recipients will be notified of their awards.
7. Acceptance forms must be signed and returned to the Financial Aid Office before registering for classes.
8. A student receiving a scholarship must carry a full load of academic course work (at least 12 semester hours during the fall and spring and at least six hours during a summer term) and be making satisfactory progress toward fulfilling the requirements for a degree. Scholarship applications must be submitted prior to applicant's enrollment and may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office and are encouraged to apply by April 15.

EACC Foundation Scholarships

The East Arkansas Community College Foundation offers students three \$500 scholarships awarded annually and divided equally between fall and spring semesters. Award is based upon academic achievement and financial need. Applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

General Education-awarded annually, divided equally between fall and spring semesters. Presented to a full-time sophomore in the Associate of Arts Program who plans to transfer to a 4-year institution after graduation. Student must possess a GPA of 3.00 on all coursework-minimum of 30 hours completed. Application deadline is May 15.

Technical Education-awarded annually, divided equally between fall and spring semesters. Presented to a full-time sophomore in an Associate of Applied Science degree program. Student must possess a GPA of 3.00 on all coursework (minimum of 30 hours). Application deadline is August 1.

Non-Traditional Student-awarded annually, divided equally between fall and spring semesters. Presented to a full-time sophomore student who is 25 years or older. No specification is placed upon the student's academic program. Student must possess a GPA of 3.00 on all coursework to date (minimum of 30 hours). Application deadline is May 15.

Community Leader Scholarship

The scholarship was created to assist students at EACC who have demonstrated leadership skills in their community. To be eligible for consideration applicants must be enrolled at EACC as a full-time student or have completed 15 hours of college credit, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Application deadline is May 15.

Nimocks Oil Company Scholarship

The NOC scholarship was created by Mallory Nimocks, and Carla Morehead Nimocks in conjunction with Nimocks Oil Company for area high school students who are enrolled in concurrent credit courses at EACC.

Through this scholarship, Nimocks Oil Company is dedicated to furthering the educational endeavors of those students in the EACC service area who attend Forrest City High School, Lee Senior High School, Brinkley High School, Wynne High School, Palestine/Wheatley High School and Lee Academy in Marianna. The NOC Scholarship is designed to offer high school students an opportunity to earn credit towards their high school graduation while earning college credit as well. Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office and must be submitted by May 15th for summer and fall term courses and Dec. 1st for Spring Term

The Ben T. Whitfield Endowed Scholarship

The family of Dr. Ben T. Whitfield has established an endowed scholarship at East Arkansas Community College in Forrest City to honor his memory and to show support for education which was such an important part of his life.

Dr. Whitfield served as the interim college President at East Arkansas Community College from August 1998 to June 1999. Dr. Whitfield was a long time educator in Arkansas. He was the founding President of South Arkansas Community College in Eldorado, Arkansas and also served in various positions at West Arkansas Community College (now University of Arkansas at Fort Smith). The Dr. Ben T. Whitfield Endowed Scholarship is made possible through the generosity of his wife, Mrs. Adell Whitfield.

The Whitfield Endowed Scholarship is dedicated to assisting a first-time entering college student at EACC who plans to attend as a full-time student. The award is \$250 per semester, based on availability of funds to cover expenses of tuition, fees, books and supplies. Application deadline is August 1.

The Walter N. Moorehead, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

First-time entering students who are planning to receive a transfer degree from EACC then transfer to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The \$500.00 scholarship will primarily assist with tuition, fees and textbooks for a maximum of \$250.00 per semester. The recipient must maintain a 2.50 grade point average. Applications may be obtained from the EACC Financial Aid Office and must be submitted by April 15th.

The Eleanor B. and Harry E. Beasley Scholarship

The family of Harry and Eleanor Beasley established this endowed scholarship in 2004 to keep alive the love of education their parents exhibited throughout their lives. Dedicated to assisting students at EACC who graduated

from accredited high schools in St. Francis County, this scholarship will be awarded to a full-time sophomore student with a minimum 3.00 GPA. The award is \$500 per academic year to cover the expenses of tuition, fees

and books. Applications may be obtained from the EACC Financial Aid Office and must be submitted by May 15th.

The George P. and Alice H. Walker Endowed Scholarship

Because of the caring attention given to members of this family, especially in their final days, this scholarship was established in 2004 through the estate of Mildred Sikes, daughter of George and Alice Walker and dedicated to the support of students at EACC pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in an Allied Health Field. It is expected that these students will become practicing health care professionals and provide care for many others over their lifetime. Awarded to a full-time sophomore student with a minimum 3.00 GPA, the award is \$1,000 per academic year to cover expenses of tuition, fees and books. Applications may be obtained from the EACC Financial Aid Office and must be submitted by August 1st.

Jarratt Family Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Jarratt family is committed to the advancement of academic, economic, and cultural conditions and the general quality of life in eastern Arkansas. The Jarratt Family Scholarship Endowment Fund has been established to provide scholarships for the educational expenses for students attending East Arkansas Community College. To be eligible for the scholarship students must have earned 24 college credit hours; be enrolled for and continue to pursue a degree as a full-time student, and have achieved and maintain a GPA of 2.00 or higher. Special consideration may be given to first generation college students or students who have had an interruption in their education. Applicants must be a resident of a county where a branch or office of First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas is located. Award is up to \$1,000 for an academic year. Application deadline is May 15th.

Hammons Charitable Foundation Scholarship

Established by Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Hammons and their son, Dr. Edward P. Hammons, the Hammons Charitable Foundation provides assistance to freshman and sophomore students from eastern Arkansas and western Tennessee who need help in accomplishing their educational goals. Preference is given to active members of a Southern Baptist Church. The student must provide 1/4 of the tuition cost personally and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Information is available from the EACC Financial Aid Office or online at www.abf.org The application deadline is February 1st.

Jessie Smith Swindle Nursing Scholarship

The family of Jessie Smith Swindle has established this scholarship in 2009 to honor her memory and to show support for nursing education which was such an important part of her life. At age 50, Jessie began her training to become an LPN. Once completed, she had a nursing career that spanned 22 years in Cross County, Arkansas.

The Jessie Smith Swindle Scholarship is made possible through the generosity of her son, Mr. Ronald K. Swindle and his wife, Minette Clarke-Swindle.

The Jessie Smith Swindle Nursing Scholarship is dedicated to assisting an EACC nursing student from Cross County with financial need who plans to attend as a full-time nursing student. The award is \$1000 per academic year, based on availability of funds to cover expenses of tuition, fees, books and supplies. Applications may be obtained from the EACC Financial Aid office and must be submitted by August 1st.

Business Affairs Memorial Scholarship

Established by co-workers of the Business Affairs Department as a way of memorializing loved ones by assisting the educational endeavors of students who attend EACC. Donations to the scholarship fund may be made as memorials or honorariums. The scholarship seeks to provide assistance to deserving, eligible EACC students for tuition, fees, books, or required supplies and will be awarded annually and credited to the student's account in the fall and spring semesters. Applicants must have been accepted for admission to EACC, a 3.0 GPA, be degree-seeking, or equivalent, in the highest level of academic work completed. If college is the highest level of academic work, a minimum of 12 hours is required for the applicant. They must have completed a financial aid (FAFSA) form for the appropriate award year. Priority for the scholarship will be given to residents of the EACC service area.

Applicants must submit a one-page essay expressing their educational goals and need for financial assistance, and two letters of recommendation from a non-family member. Scholarship applications must be received by the EACC Business Affairs Department on or before July 15. The announcement of the recipient(s) will be made on or before August 5.

GED Scholarships

Scholarships are also available for GED recipients who score in the top 25 percentile (an average score of 550 or above). Enrollment must occur within one year of passing GED.

Tuition Waivers/Discounts

Tuition charges and mandatory fees for students 60 years of age and older shall be waived for credit courses when taking classes for credit and on a space-available basis. Payment of course specific fees are required of all students.

Students aged 50-59 will receive a 50% tuition discount

for CREDIT classes taken for credit. Payment of mandatory fees and course specific fees are required.

St Francis County public school employees qualify for a 50 percent reduction in tuition for credit classes when taken for credit.

Arkansas National Guard and Reserves Tuition Waiver

EACC offers members of the Arkansas National Guard and Reserves a tuition waiver of 25%. This partial tuition waiver for these individuals is in addition to the 75% tuition already offered to members of the Arkansas National Guard and Reserves.

Kiwanis Freshman Scholarship

The Forrest City Kiwanis Club awards one freshman scholarship to a graduate of Forrest City High School. The scholarship is awarded based upon academic excellence, service to the school and community, and need. Applications may be obtained from high school counselors and should be returned to the counselor by April 15 of the current year. The freshman scholarship is \$1,000 (\$500 each semester).

EMT-Paramedic Scholarship

The EMT-Paramedic Scholarship is provided by the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health, Section of EMS and Trauma Systems. Applicants must have successfully completed one semester of the EMT-Paramedic program and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applicants must reside within the EACC service area and must be willing to work in one of those counties for six months after successfully completing the EMT-Paramedic program. The deadline for application each year is May 9th.

Rotary Scholarships

The Forrest City Rotary Club provides two scholarships for sophomore students each academic year. Applicants must have completed 30 hours, have at least a 3.0 grade point average, be a resident of St. Francis County, and be a full-time student. Applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office and should be returned by May 15 of the current year. The scholarships are in the amount of \$250 each.

Mary Emma Piper Memorial Nursing Scholarship

A memorial endowment fund has been established to award a nursing scholarship to an outstanding second-year nursing student. Applications for the scholarship may be obtained from the Nursing Office and should be returned to that office. The amount of the scholarship varies.

First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas Board of Directors Scholarship

Established as an endowment fund to honor former members of the board, the First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas scholarship will be awarded to one or more full-time sophomore students (completed 30 hours toward a degree) with GPAs of at least 3.0. Applicants must reside in a county served by an office or branch of the bank. Financial need and the educational background of the applicants will also be considered.

EACC Drama and Music Scholarships

EACC awards a limited number of scholarships each academic year to qualified students in music and drama. Students don't have to be music or drama majors to apply. Applicants must be an incoming freshman and must audition before a three-member committee. For complete applicant requirements visit the Financial Aid Office in the Betty Jo Hodges Center or call 870-633-4480 ext. 332 for more information.

State Scholarships, Grants & Awards

For more information visit www.adhe.edu

Arkansas Public Health Association

The Arkansas Public Health Association offers a \$500 scholarship to an individual that demonstrates the desire to enter a public health field and indicates financial need. Applicants must be Arkansas residents, is a high school senior or have a high school diploma or GED, and must have at least a 2.5 GPA (based on a 4.0 system.) Applications can be received in the EACC Financial Aid Office or from your high school counselor. Application deadline is March 16th.

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarships

St. Francis County single parents may qualify to receive career development, counseling, and educational services free of charge. Contact the St. Francis County Community Development Cooperation (CDC), 550 S. Rosser, PO Box 863, Forrest City, AR 72335, (870) 630-9131 for application and further information.

The Cross County Single Parent Scholarship Fund provides assistance to single parents who are pursuing a vocation-oriented course of study to ensure a better standard of living. Recipients must reside in Cross County; must have a high school diploma or GED or be enrolled in college; must live at or within \$340 of the Federal poverty level; and, must have applied for a federal pell grant. Applications are available from the EACC Financial Aid Office and must be submitted to the Cross County SPSF, PO Box 504, Wynne, AR 72396

Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Minority Teacher Scholarship Program

Designed to provide scholarships to African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American and Native American

students who will be attending public or private institutions of higher education in the State of Arkansas with approved teacher education programs or at an accredited state-supported community college, recipients who maintain eligibility may receive the scholarship for a maximum of four (4) academic years or until such time as they have completed certification requirements. Scholars must agree to teach in the Delta or in a geographical area of the state in which there exists a critical shortage of teachers as designated by the State Board of Arkansas. Information can be received in the EACC Financial Aid Office. Application deadline is June 1st for Fall Semester and October 10th for Spring semester.

Governor's Scholar

High school seniors with a minimum ACT score of 27, a minimum SAT score of 1100 or a grade point average of 3.60 are eligible to apply for this award. Effective 2001-2002 academic year, all recipients will be expected to complete 27 hours of college credit during the freshman year and 30 hours every year thereafter. Program applications must be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education no later than March 1. With a maximum award of \$4,000 per year, this scholarship is based on outstanding academic achievement and leadership.

Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

High school seniors with financial need, a minimum ACT score of 19 and a grade point average of 2.50 in the pre-collegiate or the technical preparation core course curricula may apply for this award. Effective 2001-2001 academic year, new recipients will be expected to complete 27 hours of college credit and 30 hours every year thereafter. Recipients of the Governor's Distinguished Scholarships are prohibited from receiving Challenge Scholarships.

MIA/KIA Dependents' Scholarship

Full-time undergraduate and/or graduate students and high school seniors who are dependent children or spouses of persons who were declared Killed in Action, Missing in Action, who are 100% permanently disabled, or were Prisoners of War in 1960 or after may apply for this award. The scholarship includes waiver of instate tuition and fees. Application deadline is Aug. 1 for the Fall semester, Dec. 1 for the Spring semester, May 1 for the Summer I term and July 1 for the Summer II term.

Law Enforcement Officers Dependents' Scholarship

Full-time undergraduates who are dependent children or spouses of persons who were killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty as law enforcement officers in the State of Arkansas and certain Highway and Transportation Department employees may apply for this award. The scholarship includes waiver of instate tuition and fees. Application deadline is Aug. 1 for the Fall semester, Dec. 1 for the Spring semester, May 1 for the Summer I term and July 1 for the Summer II term.

Second Effort Scholarship

Applications are sent to the 10 individuals with the best GED scored for the year. ADHE will contact the applicants who qualify for the \$1,000 scholarships.

Arkansas High Tech Scholarship

Available for students enrolling in eligible post-secondary technical programs, this program provides \$250 per semester. Preference will be given to graduating seniors with a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (based on seven semesters), a minimum composite ACT of 19 or ranking in the upper 10 percent of the graduating class. Applications are available in high school counselors' offices. Call 501-682-1360 for more information.

Awards, Grants, and Programs

Spirit of EACC Award

This award is a cash award presented each year to the student who best exemplifies the Spirit of EACC through academic achievement, involvement in college activities, and use of education for their personal advancement. The award is funded from the income earned from an endowment established in honor of Rachel Bradham and Thomas M. Spencer. Their families taught them that education offered the best opportunity for advancement and they took advantage of education for themselves, passed those values on to their children and worked as educators to provide opportunity for others. Nominations are generated from EACC faculty and staff.

Academic All-Star Award

The purpose of this program is to recognize the scholarly and service achievements of Arkansas' two-year college students. Nominations are based on outstanding academic performance; awards, honors, and recognition for academic achievement; and service to the college and the community. The \$500 scholarship awards are presented in the spring semester and are disbursed and/or paid by the sponsoring college the following academic year. Recipients are invited to attend the annual AATYC Convention as held in October. Applications are available in the Student Affairs Office and deadline for application is May 15.

Workforce Improvement Grant

This grant (up to \$2,000) aids college students over the age of 24 who file a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and show financial need.

STAR Program

This grant (up to \$6,000) is available for sophomore students enrolled in an AAT program, juniors or seniors enrolled in a Teacher Education Program or students enrolled in a MAT program.

The Honors Program at EACC

Limited to 15 students per year, the Honors classes provide an environment that challenges motivated students. The scholarship includes full tuition and a book stipend for Honors Program students who maintain a minimum 3.00 grade point average.

All Honors students must participate in a one-hour Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar and complete a minimum of ten hours of approved community service per semester. Students must also take at least one additional Honors class each semester as designated in the printed class schedule. For courses in which Honors sections are not offered, students may earn Honors credit through contract arrangements. Honors Students will travel to a variety of cultural events, seminars, and related enrichment activities and become provisional members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

To apply for acceptance into the Honors Program, students must meet one of the following criteria:

- High school GPA of 3.5 or greater
- Score of 23 or higher on the ACT
- Minimum SAT 1050
- GPA of 3.5 or better on 15 transferable college credits

For more information, contact the Honors Program chair at 633-4480.

The A.C.E. Program

The A.C.E. (Academic and Cultural Enrichment) Program at EACC invites students to participate in an innovative academic and cultural enrichment program with Norton Radstock Technical College located in beautiful Bath, England. Students who are accepted into the program will be asked to serve as an ambassador and will be required to enroll in special classes and participate in public speaking engagements and informational lectures about the A.C.E. Program. There will be opportunities for travel, sightseeing, and leisure time. A selection committee will select up to four students to participate in the A.C.E. Program on the basis of the following criteria:

- Minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA on at least 12 regular college credit hours earned at EACC
- Submission of a 500 word essay
- Personal interview
- Must be currently enrolled fulltime
- Two EACC academic references
- Must be 18 years of age or older

For more information please contact the EACC Office of Academic Affairs.

There are many additional scholarships available. For more information on state awards and scholarships visit www.studentaid.ed.gov or www.adhe.edu



Student Clubs, Organizations & Community Service

EACC offers a variety of clubs and organizations which can enhance a student's understanding of himself and others. Students may join any college-sponsored activities for which they are eligible. All student organizations are sponsored by a staff or faculty member, and all groups function within the guidelines of the Student Affairs office. All requests to form a student club or organization should be processed through the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Student Government Association (SGA) A student government organization established to provide an open line of communication between students and the Vice President for Student Affairs. SGA supervises campus elections and/or social functions. The Coordinator of Student Programs serves as the group's advisor. SGA is open to all students who are interested in attending and participating. President of the organization may be eligible for a scholarship.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries The Baptist Collegiate Ministries is open to all students. The purpose of this organization is to promote students' spiritual growth and development.

EACC Ambassadors EACC Ambassadors is an organization designed to serve and promote East Arkansas Community College through recruitment and retention activities, hospitality, peer tutoring, positive role models, and various public relations functions.

Student Ambassadors are selected on the basis of good leadership qualities, interpersonal skills, academic standing, dependability, willingness to work and a desire to attract and retain students at EACC. Membership applications are accepted during each registration period. Officers are elected each fall.

M-MAP Program

M-MAP is an acronym for Minority-Male Assistance Program. This is a peer advisor program targeting entering freshmen. The program is designed to assist minority male students in reaching their educational goals. These students will participate in scheduled lectures on study skills, test taking, time management, values, responsibility, dressing for success and motivational workshops. In addition, they will be assigned to an "EACC Ambassador" who will serve as their "mentor."

Phi Theta Kappa (Beta Zeta Gamma Chapter) Chartered on the EACC campus in the fall of 1997, Phi Theta Kappa is an international honorary society. Membership is

based solely upon academic achievement. Students must have a GPA of 3.5 or greater and have completed at least 12 hours of coursework leading to an Associate Degree.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon Established on the Forrest City campus in 1992, Lambda Alpha Epsilon promotes professionalism in law enforcement. The international organization stresses high standards in law enforcement education and hiring and also promotes modern methods in field operations.

Literati Open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community, the purpose of this group is to further the reading of books as a recreational and intellectual pursuit. "The Readers" meet monthly to discuss literary works selected for review. When meetings are conducted during the noon hour, participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and join in the discussion.

Diverse Women of EACC Established on the East Arkansas Community College campus in 2005, the mission of the organization is to prepare college women for success. Diverse Women provides an open forum for college women to dialogue and address issues, concerns, and problems that impact women locally, nationally, and globally. Membership is open to any female student enrolled in college classes at EACC, regardless of age, race, background, or socio-economic status.