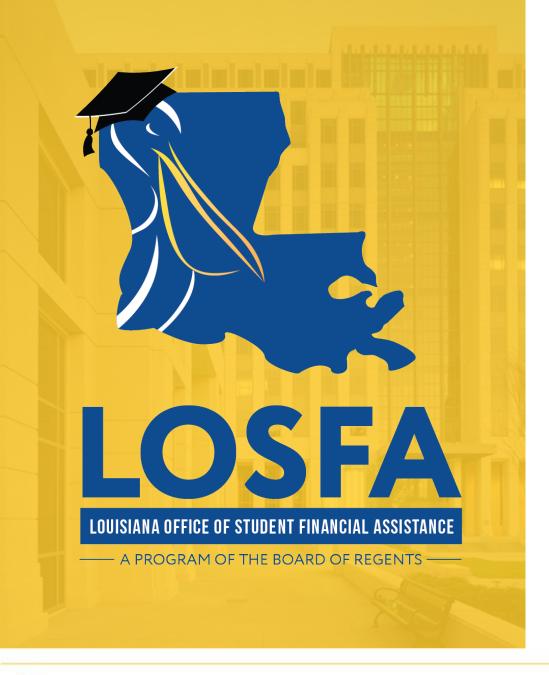


LOSFA 2025 Fast Forward Convention & CWA Summit

February 25, 2025



ABOUT LOSFA

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) is a Program of the Louisiana Board of Regents, that strives to be Louisiana's first choice for college access by promoting, preparing for and providing equity of college access. LOSFA administers the state's scholarship and grant programs and the state's Internal Revenue Code Section 529 college savings program.





Deborah Paul

Scholarships and Grants Director



- This program provides an incentive for Louisiana's public high school students to start early in preparing for a career in a qualifying Top Demand Occupation.
- Created in the Regular Session of the 2005 Louisiana Legislature.
- Funded as part of the TOPS Program and funding is contingent upon appropriation.





Eligibility Requirements

- Be in "Good Standing" as an 11th or 12th grade student in a Louisiana PUBLIC high school ("Good Standing" is defined by the student's high school)
- Have an approved 5-Year Education and Career Plan
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale on all courses attempted
- Score a 15 or above on the mathematics AND English portion of the Pre- ACT or the ASPIRE, or on the ACT, or the equivalent concordant value on the SAT, or have achieved a Silver Level score on the assessments of the ACT WorkKeys system





Award Benefits

- Provides a payment of \$50 per credit hour with a limit of \$300 per semester
- Award is limited to six credit hours per semester
- Not available for summer sessions



Retention Requirements:

- Remain in "Good Standing" as an 11th or 12th grade student in a Louisiana public high school
- Maintain a 2.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale on all high school courses attempted
- Continue to pursue one or more courses leading to a credential in an Eligible Program
- Remain in "Good Standing" with the public or nonpublic college or approved training provider
- Maintain steady academic progress





Billing: TOPS Tech Early Start Batch File Layout

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PROCESSING



CIP CODE	PROGRAM TITLE
0100	Agriculture, General
0101	Agricultural Business and Management
0102	Agricultural Mechanization
0103	Agricultural Production Operations
0106	Applied Horticulture and Horticultural Business Services
0109	Animal Sciences
0110	Food Science and Technology
0111	Plant Sciences
0301	Natural Resources Conservation and Research
0302	Natural Resources Management and Policy
0303	Fishing and Fisheries Sciences and Management
0305	Forestry
0306	Wildlife and Wildlands Sciences and Management
0399	Natural Resources and Conservation, Other



CIP CODE	PROGRAM TITLE
0402	Architecture
0403	City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning
0404	Environmental Design
0405	Interior Architecture
0406	Landscape Architecture
0409	Architectural Sciences and Technology
0499	Architecture and Related Services, Other
0907	Radio, Television, and Digital Communication
1001	Communications Technology/Technician
1002	Audiovisual Communications Technologies/Technicians
1003	Graphic Communications
1101	Computer and Information Sciences, General
1102	Computer Programming
1103	Data Processing
1104	Information Science/Studies



CIP CODE	PROGRAM TITLE
1105	Computer Systems Analysis
1107	Computer Science
1108	Computer Software and Media Applications
1109	Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications
1110	Computer/Information Technology Administration and Management
1199	Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services, Other
120500	Cooking and Related Culinary Arts, General
120501	Baking and Pastry Arts/Baker/Pastry Chef
12503	Culinary Arts / Chef Training



<u>CIP CODE</u>	PROGRAM TITLE
120504	Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager
120505	Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant
120506	Meat Cutting/Meat Cutter
120507	Food Service, Waiter/Waitress, and Dining Room Management/Manager
120508	Institutional Food Workers
120509	Culinary Science/Culinology
120510	Wine Steward/Sommelier
120599	Culinary Arts and Related Services, Other
131206	Teacher Education, Multiple Levels
1500	Engineering Technology, General
1501	Architectural Engineering Technologies/Technicians
1502	Civil Engineering Technologies/Technicians
1503	Electrical Engineering Technologies/Technicians
1504	Electromechanical Instrumentation and Maintenance Technologies/Technicians
1505	Environmental Control Technologies/Technicians
1506	Industrial Production Technologies/Technicians



<u>CIP CODE</u>	PROGRAM TITLE
1507	Quality Control and Safety Technologies/Technicians
1508	Mechanical Engineering Related Technologies/Technicians
1509	Mining and Petroleum Technologies/Technicians
1510	Construction Engineering Technologies
1511	Engineering-Related Technologies
1512	Computer Engineering Technologies/Technicians
1513	Drafting/Design Engineering Technologies/Technicians
1514	Nuclear Engineering Technologies/Technicians
1515	Engineering-Related Fields
1516	Nanotechnology
1599	Engineering Technologies/Technicians, Other
2203	Legal Support Services
2313	Rhetoric and Composition/Writing Studies
4100	Science Technologies/Technicians, General
4101	Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Technician
4102	Nuclear and Industrial Radiologic Technologies/Technicians



<u>CIP CODE</u>	PROGRAM TITLE
4103	Physical Science Technologies/Technicians
4199	Science Technologies/Technicians, Other
4301	Criminal Justice and Corrections
4302	Fire Protection
4399	Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting and Related Protective Services, Other
4600	Construction Trades, General
4601	Mason/Masonry
4602	Carpenters
4603	Electrical and Power Transmission Installers
4604	Building /Construction Finishing, Management, and Inspection
4605	Plumbing and Related Water Supply Services
4699	Construction Trades, Other
4700	Mechanics and Repairers, General
4701	Electrical/Electronics Maintenance and Repair Technology
4702	Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation, and Refrigeration
4703	Heavy/Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technologies



<u>CIP CODE</u>	PROGRAM TITLE
4706	Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Technologies
4799	Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other
4805	Precision Metal Working
4807	Woodworking
4808	Boilermaking/Boilermaker
4899	Precision Production, Other
4901	Air Transportation
4902	Ground Transportation
4903	Marine Transportation
4999	Transportation and Materials Moving, Other
5004	Design and Applied Arts
5106	Dental Support Services and Allied Professions
5107	Health and Medical Administrative Services
5108	Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services
5109	Allied Health Diagnostic, Intervention, and Treatment Professions
5110	Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science/Research and Allied Professions



<u>CIP CODE</u>	PROGRAM TITLE
5110	Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science/Research and Allied Professions
5118	Ophthalmic and Optometric Support Services and Allied Professions
5138	Registered Nursing, Vocational Nursing and Nursing Assistants
5139	Practical Nursing, Vocational Nursing and Nursing Assistants
5202	Business Administration, Management and Operations
5203	Accounting and Related Services
	NOTE TO SCHOOLS AND TRAINING PROVIDERS: For billing purposes, use 6-digit CIP code as indicated.



Program Statistics

ACADEMIC YEAR	<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>
2020-2022	\$298,300
2022-2023	\$462,350
2023-2024	\$403,400



Application Available in Fillable Format



1. Type of Form: A.	Renewal Application			
2. Louisiana Secure ID:				
3. Student's Full Name:				
4. Student's Birthdate:				
5. Student's E-mail Address:				
6. Student's Phone Number:	7. Alternate Phone Nu	mber:		
8. Student's Street Address:				
City:	_ State:	Zip:		
I certify the above information is correct and that Program.	I will comply with the requireme	ents of the TOPS Tech Early Start		
Signature of Student	Date			
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10. I hereby authorize my child's concurrent enrollm	ent in high school and college.			
Signature of Parent/Custodian	Date			
Section B: HIGH SCHOOL INITIAL CERTIFICATIO				
11. Name of High School:				
12. High School BESE's Code:				
13. School Year and Semester Covered by this Certifi	cation: 20 - 20			
1st Semester 2nd Semester (Check or	e)			
Grade Level: 11th 12th (Check one)				
14. Name of Courses:				
15. Award Eligibility Requirements:				
11th or 12th Grade Student				
Five-year Education and Career Plan comple	het			
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☐ In good standing as defined by the high scho				
16. My signature certifies that this student meets al		:k 15 if applicable, and is authoriz		
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Principal or Designee's Signature	Date			
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C: HIGH SCHOOL RECERTIFICATION (Print or Type)				
17. Name of High School:				
18. School's BESE Code:				
19. School Year and Semester covered by this certification: 2	020			
☐ 1st Semester ☐ 2nd Semester (Check One)				
20. Award Renewal Requirements: High School GPA of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale High or 12th Grade Student In good standing as defined by the high school 21. Wy signature certifies that this student meets all the requirements listed in block 20, if applicable, and is authorized to				
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Public Postsecondary Institutions	and Approved Training Providers:			
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By submitting a TTES payment request to LOSFA, the postsecondary institution is certifying: a. The student meets the eligibility criteria for the college course in which the student is enrolled in TTES; b. The student was enrolled through the census day; c. The student's high school has granted permission for the student to participate in the program; d. The student meets the TTES renewal/continuation requirements; and e. The student is in good standing at the high school and at the postsecondary institution (if renewal).				
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LOSFA also uses Signal Vine Text Mess To receive important information and updates from LO	aging to connect with students and families. SFA, sign up for Signal Vine by texting "LOSFA" to 56500.			

TOPS Tech Early Start Application



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Instructions have been moved to Page One of the Application



TOPS TECH EARLY START APPLICATION

Instructions: This application is to be completed by the student to apply for the TOPS Tech Early Start (TTES) Award. **NOTE:** Funding for a TTES Award is contingent upon appropriations by the Louisiana Legislature. Submission of this application for TTES does not guarantee funding. This form must be used for ALL applications.

Student:

Initial Application (Follow these instructions if this is the first semester of the academic year that you apply for enrollment to utilize TOPS Tech Early Start (TTES).

- 1. Check Block 1A and complete Section A (Student Information) of this application and have your parent or guardian authorize your concurrent enrollment in high school and college by signing in Block 10.
- 2. Submit this application to your high school guidance counselor.
- 3. Your high school will complete Section B (High School Certification) and return the application to you.
- 4. It is your responsibility to submit this completed application to the admissions office at the college you will attend. Since you will be required to complete the college's admission forms, you should obtain those forms in advance and submit them with this application.

Renewal Application:

- 1. Check Block 1B in Section A and verify/update information in Section A (Student Information) of this application and submit it to your high school guidance counselor.
- 2. Your high school will complete Section C (High School Recertification) and return the application to you.
- 3. It is your responsibility to submit this completed application to the admissions office at the college you are attending. Since you will be required to complete the college's admission forms, you should obtain those forms in advance and submit them with this application.

High School Counselor, Advisor or Principal:

- 1. Advise students on the appropriateness of their career pursuits and participation in college level work. Click here for a listing of eligible TTES programs.
- 2. Review this application thoroughly for accuracy and certify, by signature, that the student has met all of the program requirements, if applicable, to participate or to continue in the program.
- 3. For an initial application, complete Section B. For a renewal, complete Section C. If the student fails to meet any of the requirements listed, advise the student accordingly and do not process the application.
- 4. If the student meets the eligibility requirements, complete the application and return it to the student for submission to the student's school of choice.
- 5. Maintain a copy of this application for your files.
- 6. Ensure that Student Data Privacy Protocols have been followed consistent with ACT 837.

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Section A: STUDENT INFORMATION: To be completed by the student.		
1. Type of Form: A. 🔲 Initial Application 🕳 🔲 Renev	val Application	
2. Louisiana Secure ID:		
3. Student's Full Name:		
4. Student's Birthdate:		
5. Student's E-mail Address:		
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City: State:	Zip:	
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Signature of Student	Date	
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIGH SCHOOLS

- Determine student eligibility
- Approve participation
- Sign the application
- Certify student meets eligibility requirements



RESPONSIBILITIES OF POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AND APPROVED TRAINING PROVIDERS

- Determine if student has met eligibility requirements
- Submit payment requests to LOSFA
- Reporting requirements



RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL (WIC) AND BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (BESE)

- WIC
 - List of industry-based occupational or vocational education credentials
- BESE
 - By March 1st for Fall, provides list of approved training providers



DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR AN AUDIT

- Student Academic Transcripts
- Student Ledger Accounts
- Budget/Cost of Attendance Figures/Calculations
- Applications for TTES participants
- Student Score Report for TTES participants on ACT, SAT, or ACT WorkKeys Assessment, if applicable



GET CONNECTED WITH STUDENT NETWORK GROUPS

VIRTUAL NETWORK GROUPS:

- Nursing
- Accounting/Finance
- Engineering
- Information Technology/ Computer Information Systems
- Behavioral Health Profession
- Education
- Postsecondary Transition

Providing Louisiana's Students the Opportunity to:

- Network with other students throughout Louisiana.
 - Discover resources and opportunities for successful degree completion, internships, and job placement.
- Connect with professionals and/or employers from their respective fields.

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for additional information





COMPREHENSIVE ADVISING

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Any Student. Any Age. Anywhere in Louisiana.

No matter where you are on the college access journey, LOSFA's Comprehensive Advising Officers can assist you.

We can help with:



Identifying how to prepare and pay for college through scholarships, grants, and financial aid.



Matching your interests, skills, and passions with a career and connecting you to employers through career exploration, job shadowing, internships, and job placement opportunities.



Discovering pathways to earn your credential or degree, finding the school that's the best fit for you, and connecting you with available support and wrap-around services.

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CONTACT LOSFA





- LEX is LOSFA's virtual response assistant
- LEX is available on LOSFA's Website at www.mylosfa.la.gov
- Available 24/7 to answer questions about TOPS

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VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

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QUESTIONS?

