**AHS NEWSLETTER/COLLEGE EVENTS**

 **ATTN: SENIORS**

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**ACT TEST DATES**

**AHS School Code: 191-905**

**AHS test site code: 166580**

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| **Test Date** | **Registration Deadline** | **(LATE FEE REQUIRED)** |
| Dec. 12, 2015 | Nov. 6, 2015 | Nov. 7–20, 2015 |
| Feb. 6 2016 | Jan. 8, 2015 | Jan. 9–15, 2016 |
| Apr. 9, 2016 | Mar. 4, 2016 | Mar. 5–18, 2016 |
| June 11, 2016  | May 6, 2016 | May 7–20, 2016 |

 Visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for more information concerning dates, fees and deadlines.

**Deadline Dates Vary:**

• Scholarships available – visit [www.chegg.com/scholarships](http://www.chegg.com/scholarships)

• Scholarships available - visit [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com)

• Scholarships available - visit [www.asklela.org](http://www.asklela.org)

• Scholarships available - visit [www.lsu.edu/scholarships](http://www.lsu.edu/scholarships)

• Scholarships available - visit [www.louisianabelieves.com](http://www.louisianabelieves.com)

• Scholarships available – visit [www.fastweb.com/educators](http://www.fastweb.com/educators)

• Scholarships available – visit [www.LouisianaConnect.org](http://www.LouisianaConnect.org)

• Scholarships available – visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

• Scholarships available – visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

• Scholarships available – visit [www.imfirst.org](http://www.imfirst.org)

• Scholarships available – visit [www.March2success.com](http://www.March2success.com)

• Scholarships available - visit [www.tulane.edu](http://www.tulane.edu)

• Scholarships available – visit [www.nextstepu.com](http://www.nextstepu.com)

• Scholarships available – visit [www.discovercolleges.com](http://www.discovercolleges.com)

• Scholarships available – visit [www.braf.org](http://www.braf.org)

• American Legion – “Need a Lift” College Financial Aid Handbook offering scholarships, financial aid, and college information. For more information visit [www.needalift.org](http://www.needalift.org). See Chapter 6 for Private Sources: “Free Money “Programs.

• Interested in a career in American Sign Language? Visit [www.unco.edu/doit](http://www.unco.edu/doit) for scholarship information.

* AXA Achievement Scholarships offered – Visit [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) for more information.
* Universities: Clarkson University – For more information visit [www.clarkson.edu](http://www.clarkson.edu); Drexel University - [www.drexel.edu](http://www.drexel.edu) ; Johnson & Wales University - [www.jwu.edu](http://www.jwu.edu); Merrimack College – [www.merrimack.edu](http://www.merrimack.edu); SUNY Oswego – [www.oswego.edu](http://www.oswego.edu); or the University of Massachusetts Lowell - [www.uml.edu](http://www.uml.edu); Rochester Institute of Technology – [www.rit.edu](http://www.rit.edu); University of Toledo – [www.utoledo.edu](http://www.utoledo.edu); Wentworth Institute of Technology – [www.wit.edu](http://www.wit.edu); or [www.waceinc.org](http://www.waceinc.org)
* National College Match Application – Scholarships available to questbridge’s partner schools which include full cost of tuition and full cost of room and board. Amounts vary depending upon the college. Application deadlines vary. Visit www.questbridge.org .
* Marine option NROTC scholarship – covers full tuition (up to $180,000) at an NJROTC affiliated school. Provides a well-paying steady job as a commissioned officer in the Marine Corps following successful completion of the program. Visit [www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx) for more information.

**Quarterly Deadlines:**

LELA’s Quarterly Drawing (Louisiana Educational Loan Association): Drawings for $1,000.00 held every September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30. Visit [www.asklela.org](http://www.asklela.org).

**No Deadlines:**

* Army ROTC full tuition scholarship. For more information and to apply, visit

[www.armyrotc.com](http://www.armyrotc.com/).

* Financial Aid for Special Education, 504, and Handicapped Students may be available through Louisiana rehabilitation Services – call 225-295-8900 to set up an interview. If you qualify for funding, it is distributed on a first –come, first –served basis.
* Ask Lela Facebook Scholarship Drawing (Louisiana Educational Loan Association): Drawings for $1,000.00 held every September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30. Visit [www.facebook.com/asklela](http://www.facebook.com/asklela)

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| Dec. 18 | NFIB Young Entrepreneurs Award program offering scholarships valued between $1,000- $15,000. To apply visit [www.NFIB.com/YEA](http://www.NFIB.com/YEA) and click the Apply Now Link |
| Dec. 18 | Assumption Chamber of Commerce – Teenager of the Year Scholarship – Packets available in the Guidance Department |
| Dec. 31 | askLELA - Enter “Lela’s College Planning Photo Challenge” to win cool prizes and to be eligible for a $1,000 Instagram Scholarship Contest. Visit [www.lela.org/freemoneysearch](http://www.lela.org/freemoneysearch) for contest rules.  |
| Jan. 7 | 2015 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program – Each year, the Program selects numerous recipients to receive a $10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years up to $40,000 total per recipient. Apply at [www.scholarsapply.org/ge-reagan/](http://www.scholarsapply.org/ge-reagan/)  |
| Jan. 30 | Southeastern University – Lion Pride Preview <http://www.southeastern.edu/> |
| Feb. 1 | Louisiana Solid Waste Association – Dr. Gordon P. Boutwell Memorial Scholarship Fund will be awarded for full-time study for one academic year. The panel will select up to three high school seniors. The scholarship amount is $1,000.00 per recipient. Funding will be paid directly to the college or university of choice. Visit [www.lswa.us](http://www.lswa.us) for more information or visit guidance for a scholarship packet.  |
| Feb. 6 | Louisiana Legislative Women’s Caucus Foundation (LLWCF) accepting applications for the Educational Advancement Opportunity (EAO) Scholarship. For more information or to apply visit the website at [www.llwcf.org](http://www.llwcf.org)  |
| Feb. 24 | William Carey University – Junior Preview Day. For more information contact bpitts@wmcarey.edu  |
| Feb. 24  | Southeastern University – Scholars Showcase (invitation only) http://www.southeastern.edu/ |

**\*\*\*Senior & Junior Athletes \*\*\***

**Athletes** if you plan to play sports in college**,** please visit the **NCAA Eligibility Center** for moreinformation at [**www.eligibilitycenter.org**](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

**Institutions** **Scholarship Deadline** **Financial Aid Deadline**

BRCC 06/01 07/15

BPCC 03/31 06/01

Centenar 02/15 02/15

Delgado 03/15 04/14

Delta CC 07/01 04/15

Dillard 12/01 03/01

Grambling 12/01 04/03

Holy Cross 01/01 07/01

La. College 12/05 05/01

LSU-A 12/01 03/01

LSU-BR 11/15 03/01

LSU-E 02/01 06/01

LSU-S 01/31 07/01

La. Tech 03/01 04/01

Loyola 01/15 02/15 (Priority)

McNeese 12/01 05/01 (Priority)

Nicholls 01/05 04/15

Northwestern 12/01 05/01

River Parishes CC 04/15 04/15

OLOL 01/15 03/02

South Louisiana CC 05/01 04/01

SLU 07/15 05/01 (Priority)

SOWELA 04/01 03/01 (Priority)

SU-BR 12/01 03/31

SU-NO 05/15 04/15

Tulane 12/15 02/15

ULL 01/31 05/01

ULM 12/15 06/03

UNO 01/15 06/06

**\*\*The above dates are provided for informational purposes only. You should verify scholarship & financial aid deadlines with the institution of your choice\*\***

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

* Lela is a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority (LPFA), a non-profit public trust established to bring financing assistance and advantages to the people of Louisiana.  Lela's mission is to serve the students of Louisiana by providing resources for college planning and statewide outreach initiatives to insure student's success on their path to and during college. For more information visit [www.asklela.org/](http://www.asklela.org/)
* Be sure to check out LOSFA (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Services) for important college and financial aid websites at www.osfa.la.gov. For Federal Student Aid, TOPS, GO Grant, and other state aid programs visit FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
* Fastweb - Quick Reference Guide 2014-2015 [www.fastweb.com/educators](http://www.fastweb.com/educators)
* TOPS Tech Brochure: [www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPS\_Tech\_brochure\_11-17.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPS_Tech_brochure_11-17.pdf)
* Surfing The Web for Financial Aid: [www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/surfin.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/surfin.pdf)
* TOPS Core Curriculum Flyer for Graduates from 2015-2017: [www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/Core\_Curriculum\_14.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/Core_Curriculum_14.pdf)
* TOPS Core Curriculum Flyer for Graduates of 2018 and thereafter: [www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPSCoreCurriculum2018.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPSCoreCurriculum2018.pdf)
* TOPS Tech Core Curriculum Flyer: [www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPSTechCoreCurriculum.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPSTechCoreCurriculum.pdf)
* TOPS Core Courses Approved by BESE and Board of Regents for Calculation on 5.00 Point Scale for Graduates of 2018 and thereafter: [www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPSCoursesApproved5Scale.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPSCoursesApproved5Scale.pdf)
* TOPS Questions and Answers (Q&A): [www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPS\_Q\_and\_A.pdf](http://www.osfa.la.gov/MainSitePDFs/TOPS_Q_and_A.pdf)
* START Brochure (currently being revised): <http://www.startsaving.la.gov/savings/pdf/STARTbrochure.pdf>
* **Free Application for Federal Student Aid:**[https://fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov/?utm_source=College+Planning+Center+Release+3+19+14&utm_campaign=Lela+FAAM+2014+campaign&utm_medium=archive) is the free government website where the FAFSA is filed electronically. It includes links to videos and other information about financial aid, as well as a link to[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov/?utm_source=College+Planning+Center+Release+3+19+14&utm_campaign=Lela+FAAM+2014+campaign&utm_medium=archive), which has financial aid information geared to students.
* **Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov** - [www.Financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov](http://www.financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/?utm_source=College+Planning+Center+Release+3+19+14&utm_campaign=Lela+FAAM+2014+campaign&utm_medium=archive) is aimed at guidance counselors, nonprofit mentors and other adults who work with students and parents. It provides tutorials about financial aid and about educating others on the topic.
* **Imfirst.org** - [www.imfirst.org](http://www.imfirst.org/?utm_source=College+Planning+Center+Release+3+19+14&utm_campaign=Lela+FAAM+2014+campaign&utm_medium=archive) - An online social networking site for first-generation college students and their supporters. Funded in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Facebook, students share stories, discover colleges that are a good fit for first-generation students, find answers to questions about college, and receive guidance.
* **Louisianaconnect.org** - [www.LouisianaConnect.org](http://www.louisianaconnect.org/?utm_source=College+Planning+Center+Release+3+19+14&utm_campaign=Lela+FAAM+2014+campaign&utm_medium=archive) is Louisiana's student portal for college and career planning. It has interactive tools for parents and students: Plan to Geaux, Pay to Geaux and Geaux to Work.
* **Geauxtocollege.la.gov** - [www.GeauxtoCollege.la.gov](http://www.geauxtocollege.la.gov/?utm_source=College+Planning+Center+Release+3+19+14&utm_campaign=Lela+FAAM+2014+campaign&utm_medium=archive) is a web portal connecting Louisiana students, young and old, with a college education and high-demand jobs. It targets middle and high schools students, parents and mentors and adults learners.
* **March2success.com** - [www.March2success.com](http://www.march2success.com/?utm_source=College+Planning+Center+Release+3+19+14&utm_campaign=Lela+FAAM+2014+campaign&utm_medium=archive) - Sponsored by the U.S. Army, this site provides content and lessons to improve scores on standardized tests (state exit exams, SAT and ACT).

**Various Scholarships Offered**

* [Charter One](http://www.charterone.com/scholarship)
* [Bienecke Scholarship](http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/beinecke/)
* [Coca-Cola Two Year College Scholarships](https://www.coca-colascholars.org/cokeWeb/)
* [DOE Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internships at Oak Ridge National Laboratory](http://www.orau.gov/orise/edu/ornl/doeprog/)
* [William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Minority Students](http://www.apsanet.org/content_11389.cfm)
* [Holocaust Remembrance Scholarships](http://holocaust.hklaw.com/)
* [INROADS internships](http://www.inroads.org/)
* Luard Scholarship
* [Microsoft Computer Science Scholarships](http://careers.microsoft.com/careers/en/us/collegescholarship.aspx)
* [NIH Undergraduate Scholarships](https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp)
* [The Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship](http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_undergrad/index.php)
* [Microsoft Computer Science Scholarships](http://careers.microsoft.com/careers/en/us/collegescholarship.aspx)
* [NIH Undergraduate Scholarships](https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp)
* [The Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship](http://www.woodrow.org/higher-education-fellowships/foreign_affairs/pickering_undergrad/index.php)
* [Ayn Rand Essay Scholarships](http://aynrandnovels.com/essay-contests/)
* [Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford](http://www.rhodesscholar.org/info)
* [Scholarships for Chemistry Majors](http://www.xula.edu/prem/scholarships.php)
* [Siemens Westinghouse Competition](http://www.siemens-foundation.org/en/)
* [Student Inventors Scholarship](http://www.invent.org/collegiate/)
* [Morris K. Udall Scholarship](http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/MKUScholarship/MKUScholarship.aspx)
* [UNCF Scholarships](http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarship.asp)
* [Cable TV Scholarship](http://www.cabletv.com/scholarship)