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EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS TO TOPS

Your Options to Earn the
Taylor Opportunity Program
for Students

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS TO TOPS

Graduate from Public or State-Approved Nonpublic High School

Completion of the TOPS OPHE or TOPS Tech JumpStart Core Curricula

Meet Minimum Requirements listed below:

TOPS Opportunity

- ✓ **TOPS OPHE Core GPA:** 2.50
- ✓ **Composite ACT Score:** Score equal to the previous year's state average, but never less than 20

TOPS Performance

- ✓ **TOPS OPHE Core GPA:** 3.25
- ✓ **Composite ACT Score:** 23

TOPS Honors

- ✓ **TOPS OPHE Core GPA:** 3.50
- ✓ **Composite ACT Score:** 27

TOPS Excellence

- ✓ **TOPS OPHE Core GPA:** 3.50
- ✓ **Composite ACT Score:** 31

TOPS Tech*

- ✓ **TOPS OPHE or TOPS Tech JumpStart Core Curricula GPA:** 2.50
- ✓ **Composite ACT Score:** 17 or WorkKeys Silver Level
- ✓ **Earn 9 early college credits**

Graduate from State (BESE)-Approved Home Study Program

Complete a BESE-approved home study program for 11th grade, if applicable, and 12th grade

Must begin home study program no later than the conclusion of the 10th grade

Meet Minimum ACT Composite Score:

TOPS Opportunity	20
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TOPS Tech	17
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Students who graduate from a BESE-approved home study program qualify for TOPS under Alternate Eligibility based on the ACT score in lieu of the GPA and core curriculum requirements.

Students must apply for TOPS by completing the TOPS Online Application or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

LA GATOR – State-Approved Nonpublic High School

Completion of the TOPS OPHE or TOPS Tech JumpStart Core Curricula

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LA GATOR – Approved Home-Based Education Setting and/or Service Provider

Complete the 11th- and 12th-grade levels of an educational program provided through the LA GATOR Scholarship Program

Enrollment at approved home-based education setting and/or service provider

Must not be enrolled full time at a public or state-approved nonpublic school or be enrolled in a BESE-Approved Home Study Program or Home Study Program Registered with the LDOE as a Nonpublic School Not Seeking State Approval.

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Students who graduate through the LA GATOR Scholarship Program qualify for TOPS under Alternate Eligibility based on the ACT score in lieu of the GPA and core curriculum requirements.

*Students on the TOPS Jumpstart Diploma Pathway must achieve at least two of the three requirements listed above. Students on the TOPS University Diploma Pathway must meet the minimum TOPS Core GPA and ACT requirements listed above.

BRAIDED FUNDING SOURCES FOR HIGH SCHOOL



START

- Dual enrollment course(s) at any eligible educational institution
- Books and materials (computer allowed)

START K12

- Tuition and other eligible expenses (books, materials, testing, tutoring, dual enrollment, etc.) related to attendance at eligible Louisiana elementary or secondary schools that provide kindergarten through 12th-grade instruction
- Up to \$20,000 per calendar year.

LA ABLE

- Any educational expense for a disabled student, as well as other expenses which may be necessary for such a student to succeed, such as assistive technology and related services and transportation



TOPS TECH EARLY START

- The TOPS Tech Early Start Award provides eligible 11th- and 12th-grade students at Louisiana public high schools up to \$600 per academic year to pursue an approved credential while still in high school. Students may enroll in up to six credit hours per semester in an eligible program at an approved college or training provider.

LA GATOR

- Tuition or fees at a nonpublic school or for nonpublic online learning programs.
- Curricula and textbooks or other instructional materials, including but not limited to any supplemental materials or online instruction required by a participating school or service provider.
- Tuition, fees, instructional materials, and examination fees at a career or technical school.
- Fees for Louisiana Educational Assessment Program tests, national norm-referenced examinations, Advanced Placement examinations, and examinations related to postsecondary education institution admission.
- Educational services and therapies, including but not limited to occupational, behavioral, physical, speech-language, and audiology therapies, tuition and fees at a postsecondary education institution providing instruction for a student participating in dual enrollments provided in Chapter 18-A of this Title.
- Any other educational expenses approved by the state board.



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