

# ATLASS STUDENT SUPPORT (Financial)

## Adult Training for Lifelong Advancement Support Services (ATLASS): Guidelines for Adults (25 Years of Age or Older)

### General Information

The Adult Training for Lifelong Advancement and Support Services (ATLASS) Scholarship, within the College of Lifelong Learning, provides financial support services for adults in the form of work aid, tuition assistance, and/or book vouchers. The scholarship cannot be used to reimburse a student who has already paid tuition or made arrangements to pay tuition. The College of Lifelong Learning reserves the right to determine the type of scholarship awarded each recipient. The type of award may vary each year. These undergraduate scholarships are awarded based on the availability of funds. Prior to the awarding of the scholarship, the student must show evidence of admission to Jackson State University for academic credit course work. In addition, the student must meet the State of Mississippi residency requirements as set forth by Jackson State University.

### Qualifications

Applicants must:

1. Have a high school diploma, GED equivalent or an official transcript from all colleges/universities attended.
2. Be an adult learner 25 years of age or older who lives in excess of ten (10) miles from Jackson State University.\*\*
3. Have a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (if you attended high school only), or a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (if you attended college).
4. Have a minimum passing score of 2250 points (average of 450 points on each test) AND no test score below 410 on the five battery tests (if you have a GED).
5. Have proof of attending an adult education class for a minimum of 24 hours if possessing only a GED.
6. Have submitted one official signed and sealed high school transcript or one official transcript from all colleges/universities or one official GED transcript.
7. Have submitted three (3) letters of recommendation from persons who can attest to the applicant's special skills, performance, and abilities.

### Renewal and Duration

Students must maintain an academic grade point average of 3.0 in order to have their scholarship renewed on a semester basis. Scholarships for students who fail to maintain the required academic grade point average will be automatically terminated for the next academic term.

ALL applicants must reapply for a scholarship each academic year for which they qualify. The College of Lifelong Learning reserves the right to determine the type of scholarship awarded each recipient. The type of award may vary each year. A scholarship recipient working toward an undergraduate degree can receive the scholarship for a maximum of eight semesters if they qualify.

### Deadline

The deadline for submitting a Scholarship Application for the coming year is July 15.

\*\*An adult learner is an individual who is 25 years of age or older who has a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

## Adult Training for Lifelong Advancement Support Services (ATLASS): Guidelines for Graduating Nontraditional High School Students and Adults (17 to 24 Years of Age)

### General Information

The Adult Training for Lifelong Advancement and Support Services (ATLASS) Scholarship, within the College of Lifelong Learning, provides financial support services for graduating nontraditional high school students or GED completers in the form of work aid, tuition assistance, and/or book vouchers. The scholarship cannot be used to reimburse a student who has already paid tuition or made arrangements to pay tuition. The College of Lifelong Learning reserves the right to determine the type of scholarship awarded each recipient. The type of award may vary each year. These undergraduate scholarships are awarded based on the availability of funds. Prior to the awarding of the scholarship, the student must show evidence of admission to Jackson State University for academic credit course work. In addition, the student must meet the State of Mississippi residency requirements as set forth by Jackson State University.

### Qualifications

Applicants must:

1. Have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
2. Be a nontraditional high school or GED adult graduate between 17 and 24 years of age who lives in excess of ten (10) miles from Jackson State University.\*\*
3. Have a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (if high school completer).
4. Have a score of 18 or higher on the ACT or 1600 on the SAT if less than 21 years of age.
5. Have a minimum passing score of 2250 points (average of 450 points on each test) AND no test score below 410 on the five battery tests (if you have a GED).
6. Have proof of attending an adult education class for a minimum of 24 hours if possessing only a GED.
7. Have submitted one official signed and sealed high school transcript or one official GED transcript (GED completer).
8. Have submitted three (3) letters of recommendation from persons who can attest to the applicant's special skills, performance, and abilities.

### Renewal and Duration

Students must maintain an academic grade point average of 3.0 in order to have their scholarship renewed on a semester basis. Scholarships for students who fail to maintain the required academic grade point average will be automatically terminated for the next academic term. ALL applicants must reapply for a scholarship each academic year for which they qualify. The College of Lifelong Learning reserves the right to determine the type of scholarship awarded each recipient. The type of award may vary each year. A scholarship recipient working toward an undergraduate degree can receive the scholarship for a maximum of eight semesters if they qualify.

### Deadline

The deadline for submitting a Scholarship Application for the coming year is July 15.

\*\*A nontraditional high school student is an individual between the ages of 17 and 24 who has recently earned a high school diploma or GED and can validate that attending traditional college classes would cause extreme hardship because of early adulthood responsibilities.



## The ATCLASS Program - Application

Universities Center  
3825 Ridgewood Road, Box 23  
Jackson, MS 39211

Office: (601) 432-6234  
Fax: (601) 432-6124  
Toll free: 1-800-264-6234

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- ☐ Admitted to the College  
☐ Application Complete  
☐ Ineligible for Federal Financial Assistance

- ☐ Fall \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Spring \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Tuition Asst.  
☐ Book Voucher  
☐ Job Training  
☐ Approved  
☐ Incomplete

### Personal Data

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Residency : ☐ In-State ☐ Out-of-State Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work/Cell

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Citizenship: ☐ U. S. Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Foreign Race: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Level of Student: ☐ Freshmen ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Total semester credit hours: Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Semester GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cumulative credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment Level: ☐ Full-Time ☐ Part Time

### Other Relevant Information

List other forms (if any) of financial aid for which you have applied and the status of your applications.

Please attach a written Statement of Need.

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Employers (List any employment experiences you have had.)

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Honors/Activities (List any activities, specials honors, awards, or commendations you have received on or off campus).

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### Signature

Please indicate for which program you wish to apply: ☐ Tuition Assistance ☐ Book Voucher ☐ Job Training

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY INFORMATION WILL BE VERIFIED BY MY OFFICIAL RECORDS AT THE COLLEGE OF LIFELONG LEARNING.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_