

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENCE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

(GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.)

The Independence County Public Education Foundation Board recognizes the importance of education in improving quality of life for individuals and bolstering economic prosperity for the community. In support of this belief, the Foundation's purpose, and the IMPACT Independence County Educational Excellence goals, the Board has established the Independence Promise scholarship program. The program is designed to support Independence County high school students who wish to begin earning higher education or training prior to high school graduation. By establishing this fund, the Foundation expects to support students who mutually promise to apply their best academic efforts in seeking to extend their education or training beyond that provided by the school systems of Independence County.

Expected immediate outcomes:

- 1) A decrease and in some cases elimination of the cost of postsecondary education and training
- 2) An increase in educational motivation, educational attainment, and credential completion
- 3) An increase in enrollment at UACCB and Lyon College

Expected broader outcomes are a more educated workforce, higher overall earnings for graduates, greater disposable income for local families, and improvements in the local economy and housing market.

FUNDING MODEL

The student's high school will pay for 20% of the total of (2) courses per semester/term (Fall and Spring) and the annual transcript fee at UACCB (if applicable) per awarded student.

The student is responsible for an amount PER COURSE as determined by his/her national student lunch status (see chart below).

The scholarship funds will pay for the remaining cost up to two (2) courses per semester/term (Fall and Spring) per awarded student and the annual transcript fee at UACCB (if applicable).

Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Paid Lunch
\$40 PER ENROLLED COURSE	\$70 PER ENROLLED COURSE	\$100 PER ENROLLED COURSE

GUIDELINES AT A GLANCE

- 1) Attend Batesville, Cedar Ridge, Midland or Southside School District(s).

- 2) Achieve placement test scores which result in eligibility for college enrollment and meet all other college admission requirements (see placement chart below).

Reading Course Placement			
	UACCB		Lyon
COURSE	ACT READING	-or-	ACCUPLACER READING
College Level Courses	Minimum of 19		Minimum of 78 in Reading
			Minimum of 20

English Course Placement			
	ACT ENGLISH		ACT ENGLISH
COURSE	ACT ENGLISH	-or-	ACCUPLACER SENTENCE SKILLS
College Level English	Minimum of 19		Minimum of 83 in Sentence Skills
			Minimum of 20

Math Course Placement			
	ACT MATH		ACT MATH
COURSE	ACT MATH	-or-	ACCUPLACER ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA
College Level Mathematics	Minimum of 19		Minimum of 42 in College Math
			Minimum 20

Grade Point Average	
MINIMUM 3.0 GPA	MINIMUM 3.25 GPA

- 3) Achieve a 90% attendance and punctuality record during all high school semesters (9th grade onward). Documentation is required for extenuating circumstances.
- 4) Have a career plan to earn a credential leading directly to employment or obtain credit hours in courses that fit the criteria of the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) in pursuit of a degree
- 5) Complete an Independence Promise scholarship application and submit for first review by April 1st (for fall coursework) or Nov. 1st (for spring coursework).
- 6) Maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA and a final grade of “C” or higher for all college-level coursework for continued eligibility and student contract compliance.

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