

Non-Federal Financial Aid

Institutional Work Study Program (IWS)

The IWS program provides jobs for students who are interested in part-time campus-based employment. Students employed in the dining area are paid \$12 per hour. Students employed in other areas are paid \$10 per hour. Students are paid monthly via student payroll. Jobs are the same as the FWS Program, but these students do not qualify for federal work study. Institutional work student funds are limited and students must be approved by the CFO. Students must be full-time and meeting satisfactory academic progress.

Alabama Student Assistance Program (ASAP)

The ASAP provides a supplemental source of financial assistance to students with unmet financial need as determined by the FAFSA. Students must be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program of study leading to a degree. Students must be a legal resident of the State of Alabama and maintain SAP. They may not be pursuing a religious degree.

Private Alternative Loans

Coastal Alabama recognizes that not all students qualify for federal aid and/or scholarships, but still need assistance paying educational expenses. We have partnered with a variety of private alternative student loan companies that can assist with current educational expenses, as well as prior balances at Coastal Alabama, paying for non-degree programs and programs that are not Title IV eligible. Private loans may not exceed Cost of Attendance. For additional information, please visit [click this link https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/106000](https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/106000)

Scholarships

Coastal Alabama Community College offers numerous institutional scholarships including Academic Scholarships, Performance and Ability Scholarships, Athletic Scholarships, Community Scholarships, and Hardship Scholarships. These scholarships recognize achievement, ability, and participation and are intended to offset the cost of attending college. A description of scholarships and the minimum requirements to be eligible and maintain eligibility are below.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Presidential Scholarship	Dean's Scholarship	Academic Excellence Scholarship
application required	application required	application required
high school GPA	3.0 high school GPA	3.0 high school GPA
25 ACT minimum	23 ACT minimum	21 ACT minimum
3.0 cumulative GPA	3.0 cumulative GPA	3.0 cumulative GPA
covers tuition and fees awarded fall/spring	\$1500 per semester awarded fall/spring	\$1000 per semester awarded fall/spring/summer

PERFORMANCE AND ABILITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Ambassador Scholarship	Technical Scholarship	Music/Art Scholarship
application required	application required	application required
2.5 high school GPA	2.5 high school GPA	2.5 high school GPA
16 ACT minimum	no ACT requirement	16 ACT minimum
2.5 cumulative GPA	2.5 cumulative GPA	2.5 cumulative GPA

covers tuition and fees	\$1500 per semester	\$1000 per semester
awarded fall/spring/summer	awarded fall/spring/summer	awarded summer/fall/spring
activity participation required	seeking technical degree	activity participation required
interview is required	interview may be required	interview/audition required

Athletic Scholarships – contact the Athletic Department for complete criteria

Full-time enrollment - 12 credit hours (9 credit hours must be seated/face-to-face)

Attend classes on the campus where the sport is located

Covers tuition and fees, plus book stipend

Student athlete is responsible for all dormitory charges

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Distinguished Young Woman, AWAG and Dogwood Pageant, and the Coastal SGA Presidents

Official notification from community entity is required prior to awarding.

2.5 high school GPA

16 ACT minimum

2.5 cumulative GPA

\$1000 per semester

Awarded fall/spring

HARDSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Courage and Perseverance and the Barnes and Noble Book Scholarships are available from the Financial Aid Office, Recruiting Office, Student Success Centers, and departments and instructors across the College.

Courage and Perseverance

Barnes and Noble Book

CAFTENT

application required

application required

application required

250 word essay required

type written statement required

2.5 cumulative GPA

covers tuition and fees

\$500 minimum

\$1500 per semester

one term only

typically one term

fall/spring/summer

FAFSA on file

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See [website](#)

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Complete all Admissions requirements
- Qualify for in-state tuition
- Be a full-time student (exception Nursing)
- Meet minimum ACT requirements – composite and/or super scores
- Meet minimum GPA requirements – dual enrollment and transfer hours included in college GPA

- Must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year
- Be a high school diploma or GED graduate.
- Renewal is automatic based on criteria being met
- Consecutive 2 year maximum, not to exceed 82 attempted cumulative credit hours, including dual enrollment and transfer hours

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Deadlines:

- September 1 Scholarship Application opens
- February 1 Scholarship Application closes – committee will assist with incomplete applications
- March 1 Applications are finalized, and the selection process begins
- March 15 Acceptance contracts are emailed to students
- May 15 Deadline for return of signed contracts; awarding begins
- June 1 All scholarships are awarded for the academic year

At the end of each term, GPA and credit hour attainment will be reviewed and necessary adjustments will be complete before the next term begins. Students will be notified of adjustments via their OneACCS student portal and their Coastal Alabama student email. Community Scholarships may fall outside the previously determined deadlines but should be awarded prior to the fall semester start date.

Process for awarding after application submission and approval:

- Academic scholarships are automatically awarded based on ACT score and GPA.
- Technical scholarships are awarded by the Dean of Career Technology, Dean of Workforce Development, and their designees. Scholarships are awarded based on a program's need along with criteria such as but not limited to interview, performance, and financial need.
- Performance and Ability Scholarships are awarded by the activity sponsors based on criteria such as interview, audition, and/or academic performance.
- Community Scholarships are awarded based on placement in community activities and community service. Official notification from the community entity is required.
- Hardship Scholarships are awarded by the Financial Aid Office based on required criteria throughout the academic year.

Additional Scholarship Clarification:

- Academic and Community Scholarships are awarded to traditional students while they are seniors in high school.
- Technical and Music Scholarships are awarded to traditional students while they are seniors in high school and may also be awarded to non-traditional students.
- Scholarships are awarded for 2 consecutive years, not to exceed 82 attempted credit hours, including transfer and dual enrollment hours, or an earned associates degree, whichever comes first.
- Students must be full-time, 12 credit hours for fall and spring, 6 credit hours for summer to be eligible.
- GPA and credit hour attainment are measured at the end of each term.
- Nursing students are not required to be full-time due to curriculum structure. These students must be accepted into the Nursing Program and enrolled in nursing classes.
- Scholarships are awarded for the full academic year but may be reduced if students do not meet minimum requirements.
- If a student fails to meet the scholarship requirements each semester, the scholarship is lost for the following semester. Students who get back on track and meet the minimum criteria may earn their scholarship back one time only.

- Scholarships that are unclaimed will be awarded to eligible students in the application pool that were not previously awarded. Scholarship funds can be shifted from one fund to the other.
- Community Scholarships may be forfeited during or after a semester if the student neglects the requirements as specified by the sponsor or the student feels they cannot uphold the requirements. These scholarships may be adjusted based on the forfeiture date. These scholarships may be awarded to another student from the applicant pool as deemed necessary by the sponsor.
- Scholarships for summer semesters will pay for less than half time enrollment but must not exceed the 82 credit hour limit.
- Scholarship recipients in their last semester of study needing to be part time will be eligible for part time enrollment to prevent exceeding the 82 credit hour limit only.
- Scholarship recipients are subject to all academic and financial aid rules that apply to all students at Coastal Alabama.
- The Scholarship Chair and Co-Chair have final approval for all scholarship awarding and exceptions.