

HOW 1 POINT ON THE ACT CAN SAVE YOU \$56,000!

If you haven't taken the ACT yet, you might be wondering how important the test really is. One way you can make the most of your score is by finding guaranteed ACT scholarships. You can earn thousands of dollars in scholarships based just on your scores.

HAVE I SPARKED YOUR CURIOSITY?

Everyone knows that one of the main ways to save on college tuition is to stay in state. So let's take the example of Arkansas State University here in Jonesboro. Let's see how much merit-based financial aid is at stake for a potential Red Wolf freshman, based solely on the ACT score.

For an in-state student with a 3.5 GPA, the difference between an automatic scholarship of \$5,500 per year and \$14,000 per year is just 1 point on the ACT. In other words, if you have a 3.5 GPA and you scored a 31 on the ACT, you'd get **\$5,000** per year, but if you scored 32, you'd get **\$14,000** per year. If you meet these criteria, these rewards are automatic. Let's look at this in a little more detail.

- The ASTATE Pride Scholarship is administered through the ASU Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. The ASTATE Pride Scholarship provides the following annual (split between Fall and Spring terms) award amounts:

27 ACT – **\$3500** and an allowance for ASUJ housing valued at a maximum of \$3720

26 ACT – **\$3250** and an allowance for ASUJ housing valued at a maximum of \$3720

25 ACT – **\$3000** and an allowance for ASUJ housing valued at a maximum of \$3720

If you thought saving at least \$3000 a year is great, after all that is **\$12,000** off a four-year undergrad degree, see what happens when you increase your ACT score by just one point.

- The ASTATE Leadership Scholarship is administered through the ASU Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. The ASTATE Leadership Scholarship provides the following annual (split between Fall and Spring terms) award amounts:

29 ACT – **\$5000** and an allowance for ASUJ housing valued at a maximum of \$3720

28 ACT – **\$4500** and an allowance for ASUJ housing valued at a maximum of \$3720

The ASTATE Leadership Scholarship translates into big money towards your undergrad degree saving you a whopping **\$20,000** by the time you graduate!

SWEET DEAL, don't you think? But wait! It gets even better! If you can increase your ACT score by just 1 more point, the savings are more. You automatically qualify for the ASTATE Excellence Scholarship which is administered through the ASU Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.

- The ASTATE Excellence Scholarship provides the following annual (split between Fall and Spring terms) award amount:

30-31 ACT – **\$5500** and an allowance for ASUJ housing valued at a maximum of \$3720

*This results in a savings of **\$22,000** towards your undergrad degree!!*

If you can increase your score by just 1 more point, you become eligible for the ASTATE Scholar Scholarship, which is also administered through the ASU Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.

- The ASTATE Scholar award provides **\$14,000** annually (split between Fall and Spring semesters). This includes up to \$3,720 for on-campus housing and up to \$3,000 for on-campus meal plan, with remaining award for tuition and fees.

One more point on your ACT has earned you **\$8500** more per year than someone who has scored a 29 on the ACT.

You would have saved \$56,000 by the time you graduate, just because you raised your ACT score by 1 point!

And remember this is just for merit based guaranteed scholarships. As you can now see,

the ACT is much more than a college admissions test. It is your key to graduating with minimal student debt.

ASTATE Scholarship	ACT SCORES	ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED TOWARDS 4-YEAR UNDERGRAD DEGREE
ASTATE PRIDE	25	\$3,000	\$12,000
	26	\$3,250	\$13,000
	27	\$3,500	\$14,000
ASTATE LEADERSHIP	28	\$4,500	\$18,000
	29	\$5,000	\$20,000
ASTATE EXCELLENCE	30-31	\$5,500	\$22,000
ASTATE SCHOLAR	32	\$14,000	\$56,000

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