

Things to Do

Submit a FAFSA application as soon as possible for priority processing

The 2017-2018 academic year will last from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. A FAFSA can be filed for the 2017-2018 academic year any time between October 1, 2016 and June 30, 2018.

The 2018-2019 academic year will last from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. A FAFSA can be filed for the 2018-2019 academic year any time between October 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019

Summer 2018 Registration Deadlines

UA Little Rock — May 21, 2018

UA Pulaski Technical College — May 25, 2018

Arkansas Baptist College — May 8, 2018

Shorter College — May 8, 2018

Philander Smith College — May 30, 2018

ASU Beebe — May 30, 2018

Educational Opportunity Center

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Educational Opportunity Center

The Educational Opportunity Center is a federally funded TRIO program that assists adults ages 19 and above and U.S. veterans to enroll in and complete a postsecondary education program. All services are provided free of charge to participants who meet the eligibility requirements.

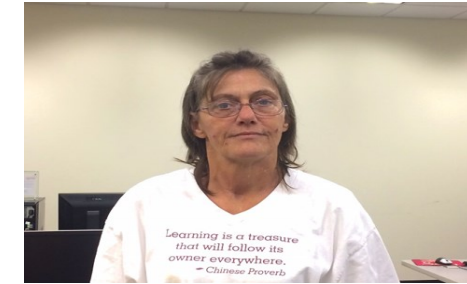
Services Provided

**Academic Assistance • Career Assistance • Enrollment Counseling
Financial Aid Counseling • Computer Lab**

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EOC Client Spotlight



In 2015, Janie Anderson became a participant in the EOC TRIO Program. Janie is now a junior at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UA Little Rock) and hopes to obtain a degree in Finance with an emphasis on Real Estate. Her goal is to relocate to Florida, become a real estate agent, and sell beachfront property. Eventually, she will purchase a home to leave to her son as a reminder of her love, dedication, and hard work.

She began her academic career at a Dallas Community College, 20 years ago, but left school and returned ten years ago at UA Little Rock, but once again dropped out. She decided to go back, two years ago, after speaking with one of the EOC counselors. "This time I'm going to finish," she affirmed and then joked, "even if they have to carry my coffin across the graduation stage."

Janie is completing her second consecutive year at UA Little Rock. She continues to visit the EOC office and credits the staff for assisting some of her family members with every step of the college application process. "I don't want you all to go anywhere, the EOC staff are my rock," she said and explained, "the EOC staff members have motivated me to continue school and they have become my friends and mentors." She is extremely proud of how far she has progressed because of her persistence and the assistance EOC has provided.

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FREE 2018 TAX PREPARATION LOCATIONS



VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program) is free tax preparation and electronic filing by certified, trained volunteers. CADC files federal and state returns AT NO COST. CADC's VITA program ensures that individuals and families receive all tax benefits for which they are eligible, most importantly the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which has been recognized as the single most powerful tool to lift children out of poverty. The list below features providers in Pulaski and Saline County.

City of Jacksonville 109 South Second St. in Jacksonville By Appointment / 501-982-0026	Goodwill Industries of Arkansas 7400 Scott Hamilton Rd. in Little Rock By Appointment / 501-320-1908
AR Workforce Center of Little Rock 5401 S. University Ave. in Little Rock By Appointment / 501-320-1908	NLR Community Center 2700 Willow St. in NLR Walk-ins Welcome Thursdays Only 9am—1pm
Esther D. Nixon Library 703 West Main St. in Jacksonville Walk-ins Welcome Sat. 9:30 am – 2:00 pm / Feb. 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 April 7	Bob Herzfeld Memorial Library 1800 Smithers Dr. in Benton By Appointment / 501-326-6203
Dee Brown Library 6325 Baseline Rd. in Little Rock Walk-ins Welcome Sat. 10 am – 2 pm Feb. 17, 24, March 17, 24, 31	Benton Senior Activity Center 1800 Citizen Dr. in Benton Walk-ins Welcome Beginning January 24 Mon. & Wed. 8:00 am – 2:00pm
Life Spring Church 7004 W 65th St. in Little Rock Walk-ins Welcome—Sat. 10 am – 2 pm. Feb 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 14 By appointment 501-681-7979	

FREE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE



There are a lot of scholarships available inside and outside institutions of higher learning. Scholarships are funds that you do not have to pay back. Many are unaware of the opportunities that are available to pay for college. We have a section on our TRIO website filled with links to these scholarships. Should you need assistance, we are here to not only assist you with finding the links for the scholarships, but also with any scholarship essays or collecting information to complete your scholarship packet.

Here are a list of scholarship databases:

- TRIO Scholarship: <http://ualr.edu/trioecets/scholarship-search/>
- FUND MY FUTURE: www.fundmyfuture.info
- Shmoop Database: <http://www.shmoop.com/college/types-of-scholarships.html>

Contact us at 501-907-2470 or www.ualr.edu/trioecets for assistance.

ARKANSAS LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship applications for the Arkansas Academic Challenge and AR Future opened on October 1st, 2017 for 2018-2019 School Year.

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