

Important Dates

FAFSA (Financial Aid)

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

The 2019-2020 academic year will last from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. A FAFSA can be filed for the 2019-2020 academic year any time between October 1, 2018 and June 30, 2020.

Scholarships

[UALR TRIO Scholarship Database](#)

<http://ualr.edu/trioecets/scholarship-search/>

[Arkansas Department of Higher Education Scholarships](#)

<http://scholarships.adhe.edu>

[Fund My Future](#)

<http://www.fundmyfuture.info>

DEADLINE APPROACHING - Arkansas Academic Challenge and AR Futures scholarship deadline application is June 15th, 2018 for the 2018-2019 academic year. Applications will reopen for the 2019-2020 year starting in October.

Fall 2018 Registration Deadlines

UA Little Rock — August 19, 2018

UA Pulaski Technical College — August 9, 2018

Arkansas Baptist College— August 11, 2018

Shorter College — August 20, 2018

Philander Smith College — August 23, 2018

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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**

SUMMER 2018



New Employee Spotlight



A native of Arkadelphia, Ms. Angela McGhee graduated from Henderson State University in 2012. After accepting a job with The Department of Human Services, she relocated to Little Rock. During that time, she pursued a degree from The University of Arkansas at Little Rock which she completed in 2017. She's an active member of the Junior League of Little Rock, a community-based mentor for Central Arkansas Big Brother Big Sister, and a member of New Hope Baptist Church NLR. Presently, Ms. McGhee works with The Educational Opportunity Center TRIO Program providing assistance to individuals applying for college admissions and financial aid. In addition, Angela works part-time for Arkansas PROMISE, a research grant through the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, which connects youths with disabilities and their families with agency resources to improve their educational and employment outcomes.

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Special Upcoming Event



Learn the secret tools to successfully graduate and triumph in life! The College Crash will provide valuable information including tips for college, financial literacy, improving college placement test scores, career opportunities, scholarship searches, leadership training, and much more. Lunch will be provided!

CALL TODAY! 501-907-2470 RSVP by June 5

Time of Event:

Tuesday, June 12 @ 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Wednesday, June 13 @ 10:00 AM—1:30 PM

Scholarship Search Assistance



Applying for and receiving financial aid is an important part of the college admissions process. If you can't pay your tuition, you won't be able to go to your intended college. That's why it's important to look at all of your financial aid options, including reading up on scholarship information to find out what you need to do before applying for aid.

For more information and/or assistance, contact us at 501-907-2470 or www.ualr.edu/trioecets.

Student Loan Consolidation



While we assist in helping clients obtain student loans as a last resort if scholarships and Pell Grant do not cover all educational and living expenses, we also assist in consolidation of student loans. Many do not know about consolidation of loans or are not aware that their loans are in default. Consolidation is often necessary when loans are delinquent and the student has been out of school for an extended period of time. When student loans become delinquent, which leads to default, those loans prohibit returning students from obtaining financial aid as well as damage their credit profile.

A *Direct Consolidation Loan* allows you to consolidate (combine) multiple federal education loans into one loan. The result is a single monthly payment instead of multiple payments. Loan consolidation can also give you access to additional loan repayment plans and *forgiveness* programs.

There is no application fee to consolidate your federal education loans into a Direct Consolidation Loan. You may be contacted by private companies that offer to help you apply for a Direct Consolidation Loan, for a fee. These companies have no affiliation with the U.S. Department of Education (ED) or ED's consolidation loan servicers. There's no need to pay anyone for assistance in getting a Direct Consolidation Loan. The application process is easy and free.

You can complete and submit the application online, or you can download and print a paper application from StudentLoans.gov for submission by U.S. mail.

For more information and/or assistance, contact us at 501-907-2470 or www.ualr.edu/trioecets