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

### Important Dates

**FAFSA (Financial Aid)**
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.
The 2020-2021 academic year will last from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. A FAFSA can be filed for the 2020-2021 academic year any time between October 1, 2019 and June 30, 2021

**Scholarships**
- UALR TRIO Scholarship Database
  - http://ualr.edu/trioeocets/scholarship-search/
- Arkansas Department of Higher Education Scholarships
  - http://scholarships.adhe.edu
- Fund My Future
  - http://www.fundmyfuture.info

**Spring 2020 Registration Deadlines**
- Arkansas Baptist College — January 6, 2020
- ASU Beebe — January 13, 2020
- Philander Smith College — January 13, 2020
- Shorter College — January 20, 2020
- UA Little Rock — January 21, 2020
- UA Pulaski Technical College — January 21, 2020

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Educational Opportunity Center
5280 Asher Avenue, Suite 800
Little Rock, AR  72204

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**EOC Community Partner Spotlight**

**Goodwill Industries of Arkansas**

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. They help people with disabilities and other disadvantages reach their highest potential through training, education and employment services. "Donate, Shop, Change a Life!” is more than just a tagline - it’s how they have been operating for over 85 years. Their programs and services offer a hand up, not a hand out. Sometimes that hand up is resume development or job placement assistance. Other times, the hand up comes in the form of education or training programs. The number of transformed lives is more than just glowing statistics; they are actual stories of people who turned their lives around and discovered their potential. When you support Goodwill by donating to or shopping at stores in your neighborhood, you support their mission and make a lasting impact in your community by changing lives.

**Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE)**

Goodwill works in conjunction with Arkansas WAGE to offer a work readiness program designed to ensure that unemployed and underemployed Arkansans have the skills necessary to be successful in the workplace. WAGE provides training and certification in employability, industrial and clerical skills. The training is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit https://goodwillar.org
**Computer & Exam Tutorials**

We provide computer training to our clients and occasionally have computer workshops when the demand for a classroom based session becomes high. We also offer tutorial sessions through our online tutoring program called Shmoop for college entrance exams.

Contact us at 501-907-2470 or www.ualr.edu/trioeocets for more information.

**Mark Your Calendar**

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**Student Loan Consolidation**

While we assist in helping clients obtain student loans in the event scholarships and Pell Grant do not cover all student living expenses, we can also assist in the 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 a period of time. When student loans become delinquent which leads to default, this results in those loans prohibiting 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.

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