

A Call to College Last-Dollar Grant Guidelines

Below are the guidelines adopted by A Call to College (ACTC), an Ohio non-profit corporation, for the application and awarding of Last-Dollar Grants, and for setting forth the obligations of recipients. Guidelines may be amended at any time without prior notice by ACTC.

ACTC encourages students to apply for all possible sources of funding for their post-secondary education, including local, state, federal and college-based scholarships, grants and subsidized loans. ACTC does not guarantee that every Newark City School District student will receive financial aid to fund his/her post-secondary education. Students should not rely on, or plan to receive such assistance.

ACTC does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, national origin, physical disability or sexual orienta-

Last-Dollar Grants will be awarded for up to four years of undergraduate education to students who qualify each year, subject to the availability of funds.

A. ELIGIBILITY—To be considered for a Last-Dollar Grant, a student must:

1. be a graduate of Newark High School and be younger than 24 on January 1 of the year he/she applies;
2. have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of no less than 2.5 (or no less than 2.5 for the academic year in which application is made). During post-secondary education a one-time exemption is permitted allowing one academic year in which the GPA may fall, but not below a 2.0;
3. plan to attend full-time an accredited post-secondary school which accepts federal student aid;
4. file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the institution's priority deadline; and
5. apply for campus-based aid and other sources of financial aid for which the student feels he/she may be eligible by the applicable priority deadlines.

B. APPLICATION—To apply for a Last-Dollar Grant, an eligible student must submit to the ACTC office by the applicable deadlines or by August 1, whichever is earlier:

1. the Last-Dollar Grant application by the required deadline—applicants requesting funding for any part of the school year must meet this deadline;
2. a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) based on the FAFSA;
3. a copy of the Financial Aid Award Letter from the college the student plans to attend; and
4. an unofficial copy of the student's college transcript or latest grade card for grant renewal determination.

C. AWARDS

1. To be considered for a Last-Dollar Grant, an eligible student must demonstrate unmet financial need in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) as determined by the SAR, Financial Aid Award Letter, and financial aid received from other sources.
2. All Last-Dollar Grants are paid directly to the post-secondary institution, prorated over the number of terms in the school year.
3. The maximum amount of each Last-Dollar Grant and the total amount to be awarded will be determined each year by the Governing Board of ACTC and will be based on the availability of funds.
4. Award of a Last-Dollar Grant for any term or year neither guarantees nor implies award of a subsequent grant.
5. All decisions of ACTC with respect to Last-Dollar Grants are final and may be appealed only under unusual circumstances.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF RECIPIENTS

1. Students must notify ACTC immediately, if they do not attend college, leave or plan to change schools mid year, so adjustments may occur.
 - a. It is the responsibility of the student to request funds to be returned to ACTC. Eligibility and/or re-awarding within the school year can only be processed once the unused portion of the grant is returned to ACTC.
2. Grant recipients shall volunteer up to four hours of service to ACTC for each year grant is received.