



College Myth Busting

There are numerous excuses students come up with as to why they think they can't go to college. They think it's too far away. It's too expensive. They're ready to make money now. None of these are good enough reasons to not attend college.

That's what college myth busting is all about.

1. There are no scholarships for me.

The state of Arkansas has more than twenty scholarship programs to assist with college expenses.

2. A College degree won't help me.

In a lifetime, a person with an associate degree will earn \$346,000 and a person with a bachelor's degree will earn \$1,112,000 more than a person with a high school diploma.

3. College is too expensive.

Tuition costs at Arkansas colleges and universities are among the lowest in the United States.

4. I have to be a great athlete to get financial aid.

In 1999-00, less than 1 percent of undergraduates received athletic scholarships. Most student aid is awarded on the basis of financial need.

5. I have to wait until I've been accepted to a school before I can apply for aid.

A student can begin to apply for institutional scholarships as early as September of their senior year. The Arkansas state scholarship application process begins January of each year.

6. College is too far from my home.

Arkansas has 22 community colleges and 11 universities. There is a college or university within 30 miles of 90 percent of Arkansas.

7. Applying for financial aid is too complicated to be worth the money.

Millions of people just like you successfully navigate the process every year. Contact college financial aid professionals and allow these experts to assist you.