Adult Students Program
General Information
The Adult Students Program (ASP), a scholarship program based on need, began in 1972. The goal of the ASP is to help students with financial needs stay enrolled in Amarillo College. Our funding comes from many generous donors who have established or donated to scholarships. The ASP program is part of the Advising and Counseling Center, a department in the Student Services Division of Amarillo College.

What is the Adult Students Program?

*Married students with children
*Single students with children
*Students responsible for disabled family members
*Economically disadvantaged women and men, especially over age 24

Who does the Adult Students Program serve?

First-time Applicants

1. Complete both sides of the Adult Students Program Scholarship Application. Please complete ALL questions and sign.
2. Write a letter describing your needs, circumstances, and goals. This takes the place of an interview and is very important. Most people will write approximately two pages.
3. Obtain three letters of reference from persons NOT related to you. Professionals like instructors, physicians and ministers often can give strong referrals. This is a character-reference. We are interested in the person attesting to your need, motivation and ability to complete a goal you set for yourself.
4. Provide a copy (not official) of your most recent transcript (high school, GED or College).

Renewing Applicants

(Must be done each semester you need assistance)
1. Complete a renewal form available from the ASP office.
2. Submit it by the deadline. (Fall - May 30, Spring - Oct. 30, Summer - May 1)
How do I contact an ASP staff member?

By Mail:  
Adult Students Program  
Amarillo College  
PO. Box 447  
Amarillo, Texas 79187-0001  
Attn: (staff member you wish to contact)

By E-mail:  
asp@actx.edu

By Fax:  
Attn: (staff member you wish to contact)  
(806) 3455570

By Telephone:  
Coordinator  
371-5450  
Counselor  
371-5451  
Program Specialist  
West Campus 356-3619  
Amarillo Technical Center 335-4303  
Counseling Assistant  
371-5449  
Administrative Assistant  
371-5447
Childcare
The Adult Students Program can often help with a portion of the student's daycare expenses while the student is in class or clinicals. This is done with a contract between the provider and this program. Emergency childcare funds are also available as long as funding allows.

Transportation
Mileage reimbursement may be available to students commuting from outlying areas.

Car Repair Assistance
Through cooperative arrangements with local shops and charities, AC students with significant financial need may be able to receive assistance with car repairs. Referral by an Adult Students Program staff member is required. The student will be expected to bear as much of the cost as possible.

Emergency Transportation
Alternative transportation is available through area transit providers. Certain emergency and short-term transportation arrangements may be made through referral by an Adult Students Program staff member.

Textbooks
Students may borrow textbooks from our lending library. These are available to the student for classes during the semester in which he or she is enrolled. A valid library card from any of the Harrington Library Consortium partner libraries is required. There can be no outstanding fines with any of these libraries or AC.

School Supplies and Equipment
Many vocational and technical programs require students to obtain equipment, uniforms, or other expensive items. When there is financial need and the program has funding available, equipment may be available to students through the Adult Students Program,
Scholarships
The Adult Students Program awards numerous grants and scholarships to students based on financial need and demonstrated motivation. Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 hours long semester/3 hours summer) and be on good academic standing (2.0+ GPA). Grants may be applied to tuition, books, supplies and other school-related costs as stipulated by the scholarship donor.

TASP Test Fee Assistance
A portion of the TASP test fee may be available to students demonstrating financial need. This is available to first time test takers only.

Career Counseling
The Career Planning and Placement office offers job placement services for AC students. Educational and Career Planning classes are also available for those whose educational or career decisions are uncertain.

Job Shadowing
Students can make contacts and learn more about different career fields. The Adult Students Program will pair students with professionals so the student can have a first-hand experience in his or her particular field of interest and training.

Personal Counseling
Staff counselors are trained and experienced to provide counseling regarding family problems, mental health issues, stress, or other problems you may face. When the problems are not appropriate for our counselors, referral will be made to others in our community.
No. To be renewed, four things must happen:

1. You must have at least a 2.0 GPA the previous semester and be in good academic standing.

2. You must have completed a minimum of 1/2 time in the previous semester; 6 hours credit in a long semester and 3 hours credit in the summer. Summer attendance is optional.

3. You must have renewed by the deadline.

4. We must have adequate funding available.
1997  “Advancing the Status of Women” awarded from Soroptimist International of Potter/ Randall Counties.

1997  “Model Program” from the American Association of Women in Community Colleges.

1995  “Advancing the Status of Women” awarded from Soroptimist International of Potter/ Randall Counties.

1992  “Model Program” from the Texas State Higher Education Coordinating Board, STARLINK Teleconference on Equity Programs.

1991  “Service Provider” awarded from Women’s Coalition of Change: Focus on Poverty

1990  “Profile by School of Social Work” from the University of Texas at Austin and Texas Employment Commission in Job Training and Placement Programs: Five Community Colleges.
Referral to area agencies for specialized assistance is available to all Amarillo College students through the Adult Students Program.

**Emergencies**
- United Way Helpline
  806-373-2662

**Utilities Assistance**
- Panhandle Community Services
  806-372-2531
  (call for information on which center serves you)
- Catholic Family Services
  1422 S. Tyler
  806-376-4571

**Career Assistance**
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
  2736 W. 10th
  806-372-5521
- AC Job Placement
  806-371-5459

**Scholarships and Grants**
- AC Foundation
  Financial Aid Office
  Amarillo College
  Student Service Center
  Room 151D
  806-371-5310

**Housing**
- AC Student Housing
  806-335-4246 family
  806-335-4224 single
- City of Amarillo HUD
  Family Self-Sufficiency Program
  806-378-3098
- Panhandle Community Services
  HUD - Families in Training Program
  806-372-2531
- Buckner Brown Plaza
  Single Parent Housing Program
  1613 S. Tyler
  806-373-3422

**Child Care and Transportation Assistance**
- Child Care Management Services
  724 S. Polk, Suite 800
  806-372-2836
- Choices Program
  Texas Workforce Commission
  AC Advising & Counseling offices
  806-345-5543
Amarillo College - Adult Students Program
Scholarship Application
Student Services Center, Room 130

ATTACH TO YOUR APPLICATION: (Your application cannot be accepted without these three items)
1. A 1- to 2-page description (autobiography) of what help you need and why you need help, including your educational goals and other information which would help us know you better.
2. 3 letters of reference from professionals or friends; but no family members. (This is comparable to a job reference letter.)
3. A copy of your most recent transcript, either high school, GED, or college.

Please return this application and above documents at the same time to the Adult Students Program, Student Services Center, Rm. 130, Amarillo College-Washington Street Campus.

☐ Semester Applying: ☐ Fall: July 1 ☐ Spring: October 29 7 Summer I & II: May

YOU MUST RENEW EVERY SEMESTER BY THESE DEADLINE DATES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AN AWARD.

I. PERSONAL

Ethnic Origin
- Hispanic
- White
- Black
- Asian
- Other

Marital Status
- Married
- Divorced
- Widowed
- Single
- Single (never married)

Residence
- In District
- Out-of-State
- In State, Out of District
- 3 U.S. Citizen
- Foreign National/Alien

These are the people who live in my household: (excluding myself)

This person is my: (child, spouse, roommate, parent, etc.)

Date of birth: 00/00/0000

II. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS:

Type of Aid Needed

Indicate greatest need as 1, through the least (up to 5).
Select only types of aid you need.

Example:

Childcare
Transportation
Textbook Loan
Tuition Scholarship
Graphing Calculator

Answer here:

Childcare

Transportation

Textbook Loan

Tuition Scholarship

Graphing Calculator

III. EDUCATION

College Major: ...

Major Code: ... (found in college catalog)

Do you plan to attend: ☐ Full Time (12 hours or more) ☐ Part Time (Less than 12 hours) ☐ Summer (3hrs)

(You must be enrolled at least half time and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA to be awarded a scholarship through ASP.)

High School graduate: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:

GED: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:

AC hours previously completed: ...

Anticipated AC Graduation: (month/year) __/___

Other colleges attended: ...

Hrs completed at other schools: ...

Name any previous degrees you have earned: ...
• Have you previously applied with Adult Students Program?  ❑ Yes  ❑ No  When?:

• Who referred you to Adult Students Program? __________________________

IV. ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CRITERIA

Please check all that apply:

PELL Recipient  ❑ Yes  ❑ I have applied, but do not yet know.
❑ No  ❑ I am ineligible because, ________________________________

Recipient of Public Assistance  ❑ Yes  ❑ If so, name of agency:  ❑ HUD  ❑ FIT  ❑ DHS  ❑ WIA  ❑ WIG  ❑ OTHER ______  
❑ No

Gross Monthly Household Wages/Income $______________  ❑ (include all monthly income of each person over 18 years old in your household)

• List any other financial resources will you have while in college? ________________________________

• Is there other information that would be helpful as we consider you for financial assistance?_____

CERTIFICATION

The information contained in this scholarship application is complete, correct, and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: __________________________  ______  Date: __________________________

STATEMENT OF CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW

I understand that the Adult Students Program of Amarillo College may under certain conditions forward my application and supporting documents to other groups, organizations, or persons who are offering scholarships to students. The sole purpose of this will be to attempt to qualify me for the scholarship being offered by that group or individual.

I also understand that I am not required to sign this release and, if I choose not to participate, it will have no impact on my eligibility for the grants and scholarships offered through this program.

I hereby authorize any and all information including my description of needs, letters of reference, unofficial record of grades, etc., to be forwarded to groups, organizations, or persons offering scholarships for which I might be eligible.

Signature: __________________________  SS#: ____________  Date: ____________

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Initial: _______________________  Date application received: ____________  Date Entered: ____________
❑ New Application  3 Applied Previously  3 Send to West Campus

August 14, 2000  2