

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lawson State Community College offers numerous scholarships in the form of tuition waivers. The college's scholarship application deadline is April 15. For specific information regarding scholarships offered at Lawson State Community College contact the Office of Student Financial Services or visit the college website.

Listings of scholarships from external organizations, foundations, or companies are available in the Office of Student Financial Services, at local libraries and at various websites on the Internet.

STUDENT INFORMATION

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Lawson State Community College is dedicated to the total development of the individual. Therefore, the variety of activities at Lawson State represents a diversity of student interests. These activities are under the direction of the Dean and staff in the Office of Student Life.

All student organizations are open to students of this institution who qualify for membership.

NO STUDENT MAY BE DENIED MEMBERSHIP TO ANY STUDENT ORGANIZATION BY REASON OF RACE, RELIGION, SEX NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The governing body of the students is the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA is composed of officers elected by the entire student body, the presidents of the freshman and sophomore classes, the Inter-Club Council, and elected representatives from two classes.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Afro-American History Club seeks to enlighten students about their Afro-American Heritage and the contributions made to the American society.

Alpha Sigma Mu is an organization for Veterans. Each member must have a service record with the armed forces of the United States. He or she also must maintain a scholastic average of 2.5 throughout the membership in the fraternity. Each year the fraternity gives a \$200 scholarship to a graduating senior who is the child of a

veteran. In addition to other activities, Alpha Sigma Mu sponsors a book exchange at the beginning of each semester and solicits the support of all veterans on campus.

Alpha Theta Phi Library Society is an organization that promotes an interest among students in the use of books and libraries. Membership is open to all interested persons. The organization promotes activities during National Library Week and sponsors literary programs during the year.

American Dental Assistants Association offers students the opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the Alabama Dental Assistants Association and participate in demonstration, essay, and poster contests sponsored by the Birmingham Dental Assistants Society. The dental assistant class elects officers each September. The president of the class serves as the representative to the Executive Board of the Birmingham Dental Assistants Society.

American Welding Society (AWS) is a multi-faceted, non-profit organization whose major goal is advancing the science, technology, and application of welding and related joint disciplines. AWS has led the way in supporting welding education and technology development to ensure a strong, competitive, and comfortable way of life for America and its people. Membership included a subscription to the *Welding Journal*, the most current welding handbook, discounts on AWS technical publications and educational programs, membership in a local AWS Section, membership certificate, card and insignia, electronic forums, and computer-based research.

Association of Information Technology Professional is the professional association comprised of career minded individuals who seek to expand their potential—employers, employees, managers, programmers, and many others. The organization seeks to provide avenues for all their members to be teachers as well as students and to make contacts with other members in the IT field, all in an effort to become more marketable in rapidly changing, technological careers. The organization is comprised of computer science students.

Human Services Club seeks to strengthen students in their work to improve humanity intellectually, morally, and religiously. Good citizenship and perpetuation of the concept of human services are encouraged.

Inter-Club Council coordinates all clubs on the campus. The Council's membership is composed of all club presidents. This organization co-sponsors with the Student Government Association, all activities, and identifies ways to improve the club program.

Kappa Beta Delta International Honor Society (KBD) is for the students who rank in the top 20 percentile in the Business and Information Technologies Department. Member institutions are accredited through the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). ACBSP was established in 1988 as an accrediting body for business programs. An Associate Degree Commission established standards in 1991 for accrediting programs at two-year institutions. Kappa Beta Delta membership is available exclusively to business students enrolled at schools accredited by ACBSP.

Kappa Beta Delta's purposes are to encourage and recognize scholarship and accomplishment among students of business pursuing associate degrees; and to encourage and promote personal and professional improvement and a life distinguished by honorable service to humankind.

Mu Beta Chi Phi is the science-mathematics club that seeks to broaden the science-mathematics experiences of Lawson State Community College's science-mathematics students. Ideas and experiences are shared with the College family and with other students and teachers. The Club's further purpose is to assist in developing greater awareness of the academic areas and their relationship to daily life in the local community. Through field trips, seminars, workshops, and special assemblies, the club provides opportunity for active participation of all its members.

Pep Squad seeks to promote school spirit and provide more student involvement in all school-sponsored athletic activities. Any student at Lawson State can be a part of the Pep Squad.

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is an organization sponsored by the Business and Information Technologies Department. The objective is to develop strong, aggressive leadership so that future businessmen and women may participate more effectively in the business and community life of which they are a part. Members learn to lead and participate in group discussions, preside at meetings and conferences, work on committee assignments, engage in group problem conferences, and work in other activities that contribute to the development of desirable leadership qualities. Phi Beta Lambda is opened to all majors.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society has as its objective to promote scholarships among students with superior achievement.

Skills USA (VICA) seeks to promote progressive leadership in the field of trade, industrial, and technical education that is competent, aggressive, self-reliant, and

cooperative. Skills USA (VICA) is a national organization serving high school and college students and professional members who are enrolled in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) is an international organization whose purpose is to serve the professional enrichment needs of varied practitioners that make up the manufacturing community. Membership includes access to SME's database of more than 15,000 papers, articles, and periodicals that relate to the varied manufacturing disciplines; an opportunity to network through conferences and seminars; recognition through certification; employment and resume database assistance; and the development of personal relationships through participation in the Birmingham Area Senior Chapter activities.

Student Alabama Education Association seeks to acquaint the student with the objectives and goals of education in the American society. During American Education Week, this club sponsors special programs such as lectures, field trips of educational interest, and a social hour for respected educators. Membership in the SAEA is open to all students who plan to enter the teaching profession.

Student Nurses Association seeks to promote a spirit of citizenship, leadership and fellowship; it encourages responsibility for maintaining the high ideals for the nursing profession.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is a non-profit organization sponsored by individuals, foundations and corporations. SIFE's mission is to the performance of the American economy by establishing and directing student-generated free market educational programs at the colleges and universities to bring America's collegians and her citizens to a better understanding of current economic issues and a greater appreciation for the free enterprise system.

ALL-COLLEGE ANNUAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students are advised and encouraged to participate in annual activities designed to set the cultural, spiritual, moral, and academic tone of the institution.

Such activities include: SGA Election, Installation of SGA Officers, Convocations, Annual Christmas Musical, Black History Month, Career Day, L Week, Blood Drive, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Vocational Education Week, Health Fair, Homecoming, Miss Lawson State Coronation, Honors Convocation, Graduate/Alumni Banquet, and Commencement.

RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

Lawson State is committed to providing quality intercollegiate and intramural programs designed to foster the personal growth of each student. These programs encourage individual and team achievement and strive to enhance the academic success, social development, and physical and emotional well being of each student. There are a variety of athletics and recreational facilities available for students. The Arthur Shores Fine Arts Building is equipped with a modern fitness center, hardwood court gym, swimming pool, and locker facilities. Students may participate in basketball, baseball, volleyball, field and track, cross-country, tennis, golf and swimming.

STUDENT ID CARDS

Student registration is not complete until an ID card is issued. ID cards should be worn at all times and are required for using equipment in the library; being admitted to social, cultural, and athletic events; voting in student elections; etc. Lost or stolen cards should be reported to the Student Services office immediately. Students desiring an identification card should contact the Business Office. A fee of \$25 is assessed for the second ID.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

After a student has completed a course or a program of study at Lawson State Community College, he or she becomes a member of the Lawson State Community College's Alumni Association.

The purpose of the association is to establish and maintain a mutually beneficial relationship between the alumni and the College and to work actively and effectively in advancing the interests of Lawson State Community College, its faculty, students, alumni, and surrounding community.

Benefits of this membership include life-time career services and job placement assistance, the use of College facilities such as the bookstore, library, and physical education facilities, and communication through various College publications.

DRESS CODE

Students' dress and grooming are to reflect the high standards of personal conduct so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the college community. Students' dress and grooming will be the responsibility of the individual within the following guidelines:

1. Dress and grooming will be clean and in keeping with sanitary and safety requirements.
2. All students must wear shoes, boots, or other types of footwear made for outside wear.
3. Dress and grooming will not disrupt the teaching/learning process or cause undue attention to an individual student.
4. Class activities that present a concern for student safety may require the student to adjust hair and/or clothing during the class period, in the interest of maintaining safety standards.
5. Additional dress regulations may be imposed upon students participating in certain extracurricular activities.
6. Hats and/or head coverings are not to be worn in the buildings and are not to be visible during instructional time.
7. Shirts/tops must be worn at all times while in public or common areas of the college.
8. Attire must not display obscene, profane, lewd, illegal or offensive images or words.
9. Dress must be in good taste and appropriate for the occasion or setting.
10. Pajamas, stocking caps, wave caps or "do-rags", hair rollers and bedroom slippers shall not be worn while in public or in common areas of the college.
11. Females must not wear undergarments as shirts or skirts or shorts; dresses, shorts, and skirts must be worn at an appropriate length and in consideration of the activities attending on campus and/or representing the college; females must not wear low cut shirts or blouses which overexpose.

In many programs, a student may be encouraged to purchase clothing applicable to the trade or occupation related to his/her training. In some programs, protective eye glasses and protective footwear are required.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Using devices such as tape players, radios, beepers, cell phones, or other electronic devices in the student center, hallways, lecture rooms, classrooms, library, or any other place which will interfere with normal activity of the college is prohibited.

RETENTION/STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

The retention/student success program is a college-wide retention plan designed to assist students with their persistence and success here at Lawson State. Every faculty and staff member becomes knowledgeable of retention problems affecting our campuses and collectively work toward providing the best customer service LSCC has to offer.