



INDEPENDENCE COUNTY "START HERE" PROGRAM

A merit-based scholarship
for every qualifying
Independence County
high school graduate.



HOW & WHY

Funded by the people
of Independence
County, for the future
of Independence
County.



WHEN

Financial partner
development 2024-
2026, with goal of
making first
scholarships 2027

UACCB Foundation
shannon.haney@uaccb.edu
www.UABfoundation.com

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY "START HERE"



ELIGIBILITY

- Complete 75 hours of community service 9th-12th grade
- Complete the state's college prep core classes
- Attendance of 85%
- "C" average



DETAILS

- Two year scholarship
- Investment dollars stay in Independence County via "Start Here" plan
- Built-in discounts for final two years if pursuing a 4-year degree
- Partners: UACCB, Lyon College, U of A, ASU





START HERE

The Independence County Start Here Program ensures every qualifying student receives a post-secondary education, starting right here in Independence County:

- Two Years of College (Associates Degree)
- Trade school
- Certificate of Proficiency
- Apprenticeship



AND THEN...

Those students seeking a four-year degree will then be able to move on to complete a bachelor's degree at these partnering institutions at a discounted rate:

- Lyon College: half price tuition (or no cost for qualifying low income students)
- University of Arkansas, Fayetteville: approximately 75% discount, equal to the UACCB tuition rate
- Arkansas State University: 2+2 seamless transfer