

### Higher Education Scholarship Cuts: Louisiana TOPS

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College is one of the most important and intimidating times in anyone's life, and many Louisiana students depend on the TOPS program. Current cuts on TOPS are causing students to rethink their career pathways. As a result, many students are either going out of state or are simply **dropping out.**

### TOPS Statistics

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- Louisiana is ranked lowest in education.
- To operate as it exists now would require \$300 million to fund.
- The state has already cut \$183.2 million from the budget.
- \$110 million remain.
- 51,000 students were granted TOPS in 2015.
- Approximately 17,400 are on track to receive it this year
- Source: [www.Nola.com](http://www.Nola.com)

### Humble Recommendations:

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#### For Students:

- Better College Prep & Financial Planning
- Commitment to Education

#### For Adults:

- Community & Organization Involvement
- Ex: Civic Engagement Institute