

Higher Education Scholarship Cuts: Louisiana TOPS

Students without access to after school activities depend on TOPS to have college as an option

Economic Pressures

- One in five Louisiana high school students live in a household affected by poverty (usnews.com)
- Louisiana averages out to 9.9% of people in poverty.(usnews.com)
- The average income for people below the poverty line is \$51,939(usnews.com)
- The total student loan debt in America is 1.3 trillion dollars(maradornetwork.com)
- For LSU four years of university cost \$86,512 (lsu.edu)
- With TOPS four years at LSU costs \$41,240 (lsu.edu)

Raising the bar

- Weed out students who would not be committed to getting a college education.
- More opportunities to students
- New standards for an academic background check, attendance, and a higher GPA standard