

DEGREEMATTERS

Fact Sheet – June 2014

About

Degree Matters is an initiative to increase the number of Arkansans with Associate's Degrees. There are approximately 6,000 Arkansans that have completed at least 75% of the courses required to earn an Associate's Degree. Degree Matters is reaching out to these Arkansans in order to gain consent to collect all transcripts and complete a thorough review of coursework.

An Associate's Degree can mean increased salary and career opportunities.
Also, Associate's Degree completers are not required to take additional freshmen or sophomore level general education courses after transferring to a four-year university.

Eligibility

Participants must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Enrolled at any Arkansas Associate's Degree granting public college or university between fall 1994 and fall 2013
- Completed at least 15 general education transfer courses
- Did not complete a degree as of fall 2013

Process

- Participants for whom we have contact information will be notified via mail and/or email.
- They will be given a unique code that they will enter on www.degreematters.org.
- The code will allow them to confirm their identity, update contact information, and consent to the exchange and review of their transcripts.
- Those who have completed the required coursework will be awarded an Associate's Degree.
- Those who have not will be given information on the steps needed to complete the degree.

*Students also have the option to search for their name on the Degree Matters website and, if a matching name is found, submit an inquiry on how to receive a code.

*Students who do not receive a code and cannot find their name on the website should contact the college or university of their choice for information on how to complete a degree.

For more details, please go to www.degreematters.org