

**2008-2009 Non-traditional Lottery Program
(New Adult Student Lottery)**

A non-traditional student is defined as:

- A person who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age and enrolls in an eligible postsecondary institution as an entering freshman or has had at least two (2) years but not more than 5 years since last attending any postsecondary institution.

To apply for the non-traditional lottery scholarship a student must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. It is required that these students work their way into the HOPE Scholarship program by attempting twelve (12) semester hours beginning fall 2008 and receive a minimum grade point average of 2.75.

Students are eligible to receive the HOPE Scholarship in the semester following the one in which the academic requirement is met. Also, the adjusted gross income from the student's 1040 federal income tax return must be no more than \$36,000 per year.

To continue receiving the HOPE Scholarship, the adult learner must maintain satisfactory academic progress, (found on RSCC website, www.roanestate.edu, and keyword: Financial Aid, 2008-2009 forms, Financial Aid Orientation/SPS), maintain the adjusted gross income requirement, and be continuously enrolled.

Other criteria affecting the receiving of the non-traditional lottery scholarship:

- Cannot have earned a bachelor's degree
- Cannot receive the scholarship for more than five (5) years
- Cannot receive lottery scholarship if it has been over five (5) years since the student enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution as a non-traditional student.
- Cannot be enrolled in a Certificate Program and/or classes leading to a Certificate Diploma

****No retroactive award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship shall be made under this section prior to fall 2008.**