

Frequently Asked Questions about the ARE Grant (AREFAF)

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What does AREFAF stand for?

Architect Registration Examination Financial Assistance Fund, also known as the ARE Grant.

I have just started taking the ARE. Can I receive an ARE Grant now and use it to pay for portions of the exam at a later date?

No. According to rule 1.52(b)(4), “Each recipient shall have attained passing scores on sections of the ARE for which the combined fees total at least \$500.” In other words, once you have passed at least \$500 worth of exam sections (currently 3 sections, as of July 2021), you may apply for an ARE Grant.

I’m a little behind in my record maintenance fees. Will this be a problem?

Yes, you must be “in good standing,” which means that all fees owed to TBAE must be paid in full. Once the delinquent fee and any applicable penalties are paid, you will meet this requirement.

What are the financial need requirements?

The statute requires TBAE to “consider at a minimum the financial need of each person applying for an award.” If you currently earn less than \$73,000 per year, you meet the income requirement.

May I receive more than one ARE Grant?

No. Rule 1.52(b) states that “A onetime maximum award of \$500 shall be awarded to each approved applicant.”

I completed the ARE and received my initial registration in Texas; I recently moved to another state and hold a reciprocal registration there. Do I qualify for an ARE Grant?

No, you must reside in Texas for at least 18 months immediately preceding the date shown on your application form.

If I am turned down for an award, can I reapply?

Yes. You may reapply once all of the requirements have been met.

Is it okay to scan and email my application?

Yes, as long as your application is fully filled out, signed, and dated. You may also fax, mail, or hand deliver your application form to TBAE.