



Tab 16
FY 2024 Department and Student Financial Aid Budget
Recommendations

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
 September 14, 2022

DESCRIPTION

Staff recommendations for the FY 2024 internal operating appropriation request for the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development and the state student financial assistance programs are included in this agenda item. Most items where the FY 2024 request is only to maintain the core are included in an attachment.

Coordination

Administration

FY 2023 Core Appropriation	\$3,344,499	(47.03 FTE)
FY 2024 Core Request	\$3,175,136	(47.03 FTE)

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development seeks to implement the vision of the Coordinating Board to empower every Missourian “with the skills and education needed for success.” This is accomplished by partnering with the state system of higher education through the public institutions, the independent colleges and universities and proprietary schools, to serve the approximately 340,000 students enrolled in that system. In addition, the department works with a variety of partners, both direct and indirect, to strengthen the state’s workforce development system. Primary responsibilities include statewide planning for postsecondary education, submission of a unified annual budget request, approval/review of new degree programs, and the administration of the proprietary school certification program, state student financial assistance programs, the Federal Family Education Loan Program and the Office of Workforce Development.

This appropriation includes the Quality Improvement Revolving Fund that allows the collection of revenue on a cost-recovery basis from workshops and conferences sponsored by MDHEWD to be used to support future workshops and conferences. The fund may also be used for distribution of certain federal money to institutions.

In FY 2023, there was a core increase from FY 2022 of \$405,689 in GR personnel services and \$281,317 in GR expense and equipment. Of this increase, \$169,363 are one-time funds that will be removed from the FY 2024 budget.

Administration: Office of Operations – Fiscal and Budget Unit

FY 2024 Core Increase Request	\$135,982	(2 FTE)
Includes	\$25,860	(one-time funds)

The workload of the Fiscal and Budget unit within the Office of Operation has continued to increase as the new agency has fully integrated its operations and functions. This request is to increase staffing in three areas within that unit: Budget, Fiscal and Procurement.

Budget

Before the merger, the budget unit’s main duties were to be the liaison with the higher education institutions, review and process reimbursements to the higher education institutions, and prepare the department’s budget books. Since the merger, there has been a significant increase in the amount of reimbursements to review, process, and track. The budget unit is also monitoring the FY2020, FY2022, and FY2023 (and soon to be FY2024) MoExcels, the FY2022 GEER Excels programs, and the FY 2021

Federal Budget Stabilization Maintenance & Repair projects with quarterly reporting that has become a very time consuming process. Currently, the budget unit has only the Assistant Director of Budget and one Senior Agency Budget Analyst, plus two part-time staff members to handle the increasing workload. There is also the annual process of preparing the budget books, which has increased in complexity. The budget team also conducts the department's Cost Allocation Plan reconciliation; which has required deadline extensions in the past two fiscal years due to not only the complexity of the process, but also due to handling other department priorities. This request is for the addition of one Agency Budget Analyst and related supportive resources. Without the additional help, the budget unit will continue to struggle with maintaining the reviewing and processing of reimbursements and monitoring of programs while trying to provide supportive services to the higher education institutions.

Fiscal

Missouri citizens and internal customers need high quality data to make informed decisions on budget allocations and future expenditures to ensure that federal and state laws are being properly followed. The fiscal unit is DHEWD's only home for ensuring data collected for outside sources (i.e. State Auditor, Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)) are as accurate as possible. These tasks have suffered as there are no dedicated staff to work on them on a regular basis. There is an ever growing need for data monitoring and analysis to be done by the fiscal unit to ensure general acceptable accounting standards (GAAP), government accountability standards board (GASB) statements, and ever changing reporting guidelines are being met. This request would provide the needed resources to ensure DHEWD's fiscal unit has the capacity to handle these demands. With the increase in duties elated to the coming replacement of SAMII, this new FTE would also help address the workload of other staff members.

Administration – Office of Postsecondary Policy

FY 2024 Core Increase Request	\$100,000	(0 FTE)
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Missouri institutions of higher education are suffering enrollment declines. At the same time, Missouri is suffering critical workforce shortages in certain industries that require postsecondary education and training. To meet the state's attainment and workforce goals, we need to find a way to better serve the 1.6 million Missouri adults without a postsecondary credential. By hosting a Student Journey Mapping Community of Action, we will be able to work with institutions to help them visualize the barriers adult learners face, streamline internal processes to be more equitable and efficient, and provide targeted support to individuals who need it the most. The format will also serve to connect teams with workforce agencies and community support for more efficient use of resources. Funding would be used to provide coaching to participating institutions, contract out the programming, and host at least one large in-person event to bring all the participants together.

Administration – Office of Communications & Outreach (Fund Switch)

FY 2023 Core Appropriation (Loan Operating Fund)	\$50,627	(1 FTE)
FY 2024 Core Request (General Revenue)	\$50,627	(1 FTE)

Completing the FAFSA is the first step to securing financial aid for students and adults looking to further their education. Our existing statewide FAFSA Coordinator position helps to further FAFSA completion throughout Missouri. The coordinator is responsible for establishing statewide filing programs, determining program goals, and is a direct resource for high school counselors, financial aid officers and other access organizations as they assist students in filing the FAFSA. The coordinator researches and develops incentives to help increase filing among high school seniors and returning college students.

This position coordinates, tracks, and maintains outreach activity data, conducts FAFSA presentations and workshops, as well as creating and maintaining strong professional relationships with collaborative partners. No new FTE is being requested. The current FAFSA Coordinator's salary is funded 100 percent with loan program funds, which will not be available by FY 2024. This request is to move funding of this position to general revenue to continue to support this position as.

Performance & Efficiency Study

FY 2023 One-time Appropriation	\$450,000
FY 2024 Request	\$0

This study is to provide recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on public higher education performance funding models and make recommendations regarding higher education efficiency and possible reforms, considering current institutional missions and state fiscal resources. This study is to be completed by July 1, 2023.

MoExcels Workforce Initiative

FY 2023 One-time Appropriation	\$31,496,061	(0 FTE)
FY 2024 One-time Request	\$50,300,000	(0 FTE)

MoExcels was established to facilitate development and expansion of employer-driven education and training programs to increase educational attainment and career opportunities for populations historically underserved by higher education. For FY 2024, a total of 25 requests for new funds and one request for continued funding from FY 2023 was submitted to the department. The deadline to submit proposals was July 1, 2022. Proposal summaries can be found in Tab 15, Attachment E.

Student Financial Assistance

The department has identified additional needs in core and core transfer appropriations for two of the scholarship programs it administers.

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship (173.2505, RSMo.)

FY 2023 Core Transfer Appropriation	\$7,000,000
FY 2024 Core Transfer Request	\$7,000,000

This program, which replaces the scholarship administered in FY 2022 through Section 160.545, RSMo., provides tuition and fee reimbursement for dual credit or dual enrollment coursework to high school students who meet the criteria outlined in Section 173.2505, RSMo. Awards are based on financial need demonstrated by one of six statutory criteria. The student financial assistance received through this program is intended to increase the number of low-income students taking dual credit or dual enrollment coursework by covering the students' costs for those courses. Students who qualify for any other non-loan aid applicable to their dual credit or dual enrollment tuition and fee charges will have their Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship reimbursement reduced by a corresponding amount. Core funding is projected to be sufficient to fund all eligible students in FY 2024.

Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant Program

FY 2023 Core Transfer Appropriation	\$4,700,000
FY 2023 Core Supplemental Request	\$800,000

FY 2024 Core Transfer Request	\$4,700,000
FY 2024 Core Requested Increase	\$800,000

The Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant is a financial aid program designed to help primarily adult students complete an instructional program leading to employment in a high-need area. SB 672 enacted in 2022 expanded the program to include additional eligible training providers and apprenticeships and removed all loan-related provisions. Previously, students were required to live and work in Missouri for three years after graduating or receiving an industry-recognized credential or the grant would convert to a loan that had to be repaid with interest.

Based on the best information available at this time, program growth is expected to triple as a result of the expansion combined with the removal of the loan provisions in FY 2023, with additional but much more modest growth in 2024. The core transfer appropriation, when combined with unspent funds carried over from previous years, is expected to be sufficient to award all eligible students so additional funding is not being requested at this time. However, based on current estimates, a supplemental core increase of \$800,000 is needed for FY 2023 to provide the spending authority necessary to ensure all eligible students can receive their awards. A corresponding \$800,000 new decision item for FY 2024 is also being requested to ensure spending authority is sufficient to allow all eligible students to receive their awards in that year.

Missouri Student Loan Program

The Loan Program is ending and the portfolio of loans will be transferred to Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC) effective October 1, 2022. Once all of the financial reporting is closed out, the department will need to return all remaining funds in the federal fund to the United States Department of Education. This money is owned by U.S. Department of Education (USDE), not the State of Missouri. Once all of the bills are paid out of the operating fund and the financial reporting is closed out, there will need to be spending authority for any leftover funds. The department can request to use these leftover funds for another program or other outreach needs as long as the uses are consistent with the federal regulatory requirements. A core reduction will be implemented on all of loan's budget items with the exception of leaving some spending authority for any unspent operating funds.

Administration

FY 2023 Core Appropriation	\$3,165,209	(15.80 FTE)
FY 2023 Core Appropriation Supplemental Request	\$15,000,000	
FY 2024 Core Request	\$0	(0 FTE)

The Missouri Student Loan Program is a guaranty agency for the Federal Family Education Loan (FEEL) program. The program's primary function is to conduct major activities in the areas of collections on defaulted loans, contracts and compliance, early awareness and outreach, and marketing and customer service. The FY 2023 Supplemental for the Guaranty Agency Operating Fund is to ensure the department has enough spending authority as the loan department closes out during this fiscal year.

Guaranty Functions

Student Loan Revolving Fund

FY 2023 Core Appropriation	\$120,000,000
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FY 2024 Core Request \$0

Section 173.120, RSMo, establishes a revolving fund used solely to pay claims and administer the loan program. These funds are owned by the federal government. The appropriation granting authority to spend the funds was required so that Missouri Student Loan Program funds may be accessed. Disbursements included the purchase of defaulted loans, repurchases of defaulted loans by lenders, payments of accrued interest on defaulted loans, and federal reinsurance payments. Spending authority is no longer needed and therefore, will be reduced to \$0 for FY 2024.

Default Prevention Activities

FY 2023 Core Appropriation \$640,001

FY 2024 Core Request \$640,001

The department used this appropriation to support outreach, awareness and financial literacy to students. Spending authority in the amount of \$640,001 will be requested for FY 2024 for any unspent funds to be used for allowable purposes by the department.

Collection Agency Invoicing

FY 2023 Core Appropriation \$8,000,000

FY 2024 Core Request \$0

The department used this appropriation to pay the portion of the contracted loan servicer's monthly invoice which is directly related to collection services. Spending authority in the amount of \$8,000,000 is no longer needed and therefore, will be reduced to \$0 for FY 2024.

Federal 48-Hour Rule Reimbursement

FY 2023 Core Appropriation \$500,000

FY 2024 Core Request \$0

A U.S. Department of Education regulation requires state guaranty agencies to deposit all revenues collected from defaulted borrowers into the state's federal fund within 48 hours of receipt. Spending authority in the amount of \$500,000 is no longer needed and therefore, will be reduced to \$0 for FY 2024.

Transfer Appropriations

From Federal Student Loan Reserve Fund to Guaranty Agency Operating Fund

FY 2023 Core Appropriation \$15,000,000

FY 2023 Core Appropriation Supplemental Request \$10,000,000

FY 2024 Core Request \$0

From Guaranty Agency Operating Fund to Federal Student Loan Reserve Fund

FY 2023 Core Appropriation \$1,000,000

FY 2024 Core Request \$0

Federal law requires certain transfers between the guaranty agency operating fund and the federal student loan reserve fund. These appropriations provided the necessary authority to meet these requirements. Due to the Loan Program ending, transfer appropriation authority is no longer needed.

Tax Refund Offsets

FY 2023 Core Appropriation	\$500,000
FY 2024 Core Request	\$0

Section 143.781, RSMo, gives state agencies the authority to make state tax refund offsets against debts owed to the state agency, including defaulted guaranteed student loans. Spending authority in the amount of \$500,000 is no longer needed and therefore, will be reduced to \$0 for FY 2024.

Office of Workforce Development

Administration

FY 2023 Core Appropriation	\$23,084,349	(343.92 FTE)
FY 2024 Core Request	\$23,084,349	(343.92 FTE)

The Office of Workforce Development manages multiple federally funded programs through the central office and its 27 job centers statewide. The basic purpose is to improve the functioning of the national labor markets by bringing together individuals who are seeking employment and employers who are seeking workers. These funds are primarily staffing grants but they also operate under the umbrella of employment service. Also included in this core is \$500,000 for the Show-Me Heroes program and \$220,000 for an autism program in Southeast Missouri.

Workforce Programs

FY 2022 Core Appropriation	\$80,598,259
FY 2023 Core Request	\$80,598,259

The Office of Workforce Development’s budget is almost entirely comprised of federal funding. This funding includes a statewide mission and includes a variety of programs and sub-awards to groups such as the 14 local workforce development boards. The following specific programs were earmarked in House Bill 3003 in the FY 2023 budget and may or may not be earmarked in this fashion again in the FY 2024 budget:

- \$100,000 in GR for a certified work ready program, spending authority of \$85,500 for ongoing software and \$500,000 in federal GEER funding.
- \$1,459,000 for Virtual Education Program
- \$750,000 for a computer programming apprenticeship program
- \$200,000 for a program to provide education, curriculum, training, access to capital, and mentoring
- \$300,000 for construction apprenticeship program
- \$100,000 for a disadvantaged person self-sufficiency program
- \$600,000 for a pre-apprenticeship training program

- Line item for \$600,000 for a program serving under-resourced individuals
- \$1,000,000 for Skills Workforce Development to provide cost-free digital skills training
- \$41,835 for Future In Action to provide youth and their family with mentorship
- \$1,000,000 for ACCESSPOINT to give comprehensive counseling and solution generation service
- \$5,000,000 for Geospatial Training
- \$500,000 for MOKAN Apprenticeship

Office of Workforce Development Programs - Apprenticeship Missouri

FY 2023 Core Appropriation	\$0
FY 2024 Requested Increase	\$4,000,000

The Office of Workforce Development has been building the apprenticeship model in Missouri for several years, achieving the status of #2 in the nation for the number of apprentices. Apprenticeships serve two purposes 1) providing training and work experience for individuals, leading to long-term employment and family-sustaining wages, and 2) employers will have workers with the skillsets to meet their business needs as they serve their customers. Funding for staff and outreach have been achieved in the past through competitive federal grants, and this NDI will allow for a stable funding stream to continue building this model for Missouri's citizens and employers. Program distribution will be to fund community colleges, local workforce development boards, high schools, and community development organizations to expand certified pre-apprenticeships and registered apprenticeships in IT, public healthcare, education, public safety, emergency services, transportation, logistics, and local and state government occupations to 1,000 Missouri citizens.

Office of Workforce Development Programs – Modernize Missouri Job Centers

FY 2023 Core Appropriation	\$500,000
FY 2024 Core Appropriation	\$0

The Office of Workforce Development provides job training and career services in 27 physical job centers across Missouri. To improve the delivery of services and ensure Missouri citizens are provided exceptional customer service, updating to equipment and technology are necessary. Funding will be used for the purchase of technology and equipment, maintenance and updating of physical job centers, and implementation of resources to expand capabilities to serve citizens both in person virtually across Missouri. The FY 2023 funding for this project was provided in House Bill 3020 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. While additional funding is needed to complete this project, current budget instructions from the Office of Administration do not allow requests for additional ARPA funding. DHEWD staff will work with the Governor's Office to continue to fund this important effort in FY 2024. Additional funding would be used to upgrade technology and physical space used by Missouri employers and training providers to prepare Missourians for new careers, to engage in upskilling, and to conduct employment services. This funding will be used to also implement the recommendations of the Missouri Workforce Connect Facilities (formally the Missouri Job Centers) Master Plan.

STATUTORY REFERENCE

Sections 173.005, RSMo, through 173.750

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Coordinating Board approve the budget requests described above and in the accompanying attachment for submission to the Governor and General Assembly.

ATTACHMENT

- Listing of Additional Unchanged Core Items

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Budget Item	Core Amount	Description
Proprietary Schools Certification Fund	\$338,614	A key responsibility of DHEWD is to certify and monitor proprietary schools, including private out-of-state institutions that offer instruction, grant degrees or certificates, or recruit students in Missouri. The Proprietary School Certification Fund was created in HB 1042 (2012) as a fund into which fees collected from certified schools and those seeking certification or exemption are deposited. Proprietary School Certification administration expenses are paid from the Proprietary School Certification Fund. FY 2023 one-time funds of \$100 has been removed for FY 2024 Core Request.
Proprietary School Bond Fund – Administration	\$147,475	In FY 2022, a new section was added to House Bill 3 to permit the use of bond funds for administrative purposes allowed by statute. Once funds have been distributed to students, the remaining funds can be used to help with records management. This appropriation will be used for both personnel services and expense and equipment to help DHEWD serve as the custodian of records (transcripts) for these closed schools. At the start of FY 2023, there was a balance of \$134,734 left over in the fund after all student damages were paid.
Proprietary School Bond Fund	\$400,000	Section 173.612, RSMo, requires each proprietary school to file a security deposit with MDHE covering the school and its agents in order to indemnify any student, enrollee, parent, guardian or sponsor of a student or enrollee who suffers loss or damage because of certain actions of the school or for failure to deposit student records in an acceptable manner upon school closure. DHEWD holds a security deposit from each proprietary school with a minimum of \$5,000 and maximum of \$100,000. This appropriation is necessary to ensure the use of those monies for indemnification purposes in cases of malfeasance by a proprietary school.
Midwest Higher Education Compact	\$115,000	Section 173.700, RSMo, authorizes Missouri’s membership in the Midwestern Higher Education Compact and names the Coordinating Board as the administrative agent. All of Missouri’s public two-year and four-year institutions and numerous independent institutions use the services of MHEC, and some cost savings programs are also available to K-12 school districts. As a member, Missouri participates in the Midwest Student Exchange Program. This program allows Missouri residents to enroll at participating public out-of-

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		state institutions at 150 percent of the in-state resident student tuition rates. Private institutions offer a 10 percent reduction on their tuition rates. Other cost-saving programs are available for property insurance, technology initiatives, student health insurance, and state authorization reciprocity and pharmacy benefits.
Federal and Donated Funds	\$500,000	This appropriation provides DHEWD with spending authority for federal grants received by the agency. Continuation of this appropriation at the current level would allow for prompt spending of any potential grants awarded during fiscal year 2024.
Donated and Other Funds	\$1,000,000	This appropriation provides DHEWD with spending authority for non-federal grants and donations received. Continuation of this appropriation at the current level would allow for timely spending of any potential grants awarded during fiscal year 2024.
Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight)	\$27,576,666	The Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program (commonly known as Bright Flight) provides scholarships to students who, as high school seniors, have a composite score in the top five percent of all Missouri students taking the ACT or the SAT. The maximum scholarship award is \$3,000 per academic year for students in the top three percent of test takers, and \$1,000 for students in the top fourth and fifth percentiles. The top three percent must receive a full award (\$3,000) before students in the top fourth and fifth percentiles receive any award. Scholarships are renewable until the first bachelor's degree is received or the scholarship has been received for ten semesters, whichever occurs first. Core funding is sufficient to serve the top three percent and top fourth and fifth percentiles in FY 2023.
Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program	\$75,421,052	The Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program provides assistance to students who demonstrate financial need based on an annual evaluation of the applicant's federally calculated expected family contribution (EFC), and meet the other statutory eligibility requirements for this grant. Access Missouri is the state's primary need-based student assistance program. The statutory maximum award for students attending public two-year institutions is \$1,300 and the

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		<p>maximum award for students attending all other types of eligible institutions is \$2,850. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) serves as the only application for this program. For FY 2023, award levels are set at the statutory maximum for the first time in over a decade. This program served more than 36,000 students in FY 2022.</p> <p>Over the past several years, the number of applicants with an EFC at or below the established cutoff (\$12,000) has been declining. By establishing a more flexible application deadline, the department has somewhat ameliorated that trend but the number of eligible applicants has continued to shrink. Currently, the department maintains a “priority deadline” of February 1, which ensures individuals who file a FAFSA by this date will receive an award. For FY 2023, the department was able to extend the deadline to the “final deadline” of April 1, providing an effective mechanism to balance the number of eligible applicants, the award levels, and the appropriated funding. Core funding is projected to be sufficient to continue providing statutory maximum awards to eligible students in FY 2024.</p> <p>This request does not include the \$5 million transfer in House Bill 8 from the Missouri Gaming Commission.</p>
A+ Schools Program – A+ Scholarship	\$60,313,326	<p>The A+ Scholarship program, which provided almost \$49.3 million to approximately 14,180 students in FY 2022, reimburses tuition and general fees at participating postsecondary institutions for students who attended A+ designated high schools for two years prior to graduation. While in high school, students must meet certain eligibility requirements, including maintenance of a 2.5 grade point average, a 95 percent attendance records, and performance of at least 50 hours of tutoring or mentoring. Upon high school graduation, eligible students have four years to utilize the A+ benefit at participating public community colleges, public vocational technical schools, or two-year private vocational technical schools that meet the statutory criteria.</p> <p>Consistent with past history, staff expect some increase in the number of recipients for FY 2023 and FY 2024. At this point in the life of the program, the primary cost drivers are increased tuition and fees at participating institutions and changes in the average number of credit hours completed by recipients.</p>

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		The requested amount will be sufficient to address the estimated eight percent increase in program cost.
A+ Schools Program – A+Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship	\$0	This program, which was available only in FY 2022, provided tuition and fee reimbursement for dual credit or dual enrollment coursework to high school students who met the criteria outlined in Section 160.545, RSMo. Awards were prioritized based on financial need demonstrated by adjusted gross income. The student financial assistance received through this program was intended to increase the number of low-income students taking dual credit or dual enrollment coursework by covering the students' costs for those courses. Students who qualified for any other non-loan aid applicable to their dual credit or dual enrollment tuition and fee charges had their A+ Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship reimbursement reduced by a corresponding amount. This scholarship has been replaced by the Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship authorized by section 173.2505, RSMo. in FY 2023.
Advanced Placement Grants	\$100,000	The Advanced Placement Incentive Grant is a nonrenewable grant of \$500 available to any student who receives an Access Missouri or A+ award and has received two grades of three or higher on Advanced Placement tests in mathematics or science while attending a Missouri public high school. In FY 2022, two students received grants through this program. Funding is provided through a donation from MOHELA.
Public Service Officer or Employee Survivor Grant	\$160,500	The Public Service Officer's Survivor Grant provides tuition assistance to the spouses and children of certain public employees who were killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty. Dependents are eligible up to the age of 24. Eligible individuals can receive a grant to enroll in any program leading to a certificate, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree at an approved Missouri postsecondary institution. In FY 2022, 14 students were served by this program. The maximum annual grant is the least of the tuition for a full-time undergraduate Missouri resident at the University of Missouri—Columbia, or the actual tuition and incidental fees paid at the institution that the student attends.

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Wartime Veterans' Survivor Grant	\$325,000	The Wartime Veteran's Survivor Grant was established to provide scholarships for the spouses or children of veterans who were Missouri residents when first entering the military or at the time of their death/injury, and who (1) died as a result of combat action or of an illness contracted while serving in combat or (2) became at least 80 percent disabled as a result of injuries or accidents sustained in combat action. In FY 2022, 23 individuals received this grant. The maximum number of recipients allowed by statute is 25. The law allows for awards of full tuition (the University of Missouri—Columbia rate is the maximum allowed), provides for a \$2,000 room and board allowance, and a book allowance of up to \$500 per semester. This program has a waiting list each year so it is anticipated the program will serve the 25 recipient maximum in FY 2023 and FY 2024.
Kids' Chance Scholarship	\$15,000	The Kids' Chance Scholarship Program, established by section 173.254, RSMo, authorizes the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to provide scholarships for the children of workers who were seriously injured or died in a work-related accident or occupational disease covered by workers' compensation and compensable pursuant to chapter 287, RSMo, to attend a college, university, or accredited vocational institution of their choice. The Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund was created by statute and funded by the Division of Workers' Compensation. The fund contains a \$1 million corpus but awards can only be made using the interest earnings in the fund. The requested amount is set based on the size of the fund and projected interest earned. In FY 2022, two students received scholarships under this program.
Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program	\$36,964	This program provides scholarships to full-time students who are members of minority and underrepresented groups who pursue a bachelor's or master's degree in an environmental-related field of study at a Missouri college or university and meet certain academic standards. This program served seven students in FY 2022.