



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

GPA Requirements for State Aid Programs

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On April 14, 2020, the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development provided guidance about eligibility for the state aid programs in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. This message provides an update to the grade point average segment of that guidance.

In April, MDHEWD looked into options for accommodating students eligible for programs in which the 2.5 cumulative grade point average is statutorily set because the department does not have authority to amend statutory requirements, even temporarily. One option was to seek permission from the Governor's Office to temporarily modify the requirement. That permission was recently granted.

As a result, students receiving aid through the following programs (in which GPA is a statutory requirement) may renew their awards for the fall 2020 semester if they meet satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school at the end of the spring 2020 semester. These students will be eligible to renew their awards for the fall 2020 semester, even if the school requires less than a 2.5 GPA.

- Access Missouri
- Advanced Placement Incentive Grant students qualifying as an Access Missouri renewal student
- Bright Flight
- Fast Track
- Wartime Veteran's Survivors Grant

The original accommodation, which applies to the following programs, is still in effect and covers the full 2020-2021 academic year (fall and spring semesters). As a reminder, that accommodation allows students to renew awards in the 2020-2021 academic year if they meet satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school at the end of the spring 2020 semester. These students will be eligible to renew their awards for the 2020-2021 academic year, even if the school requires less than a 2.5 GPA.

- A+
- Advanced Placement Incentive Grant students qualifying as an A+ renewal student
- Minority and Underrepresented Environmental Literacy Program
- Kids' Chance Scholarship

In addition, the April guidance provided this accommodation for the Marguerite Ross Barnett scholarship. However, no funding was appropriated for that program for the 2020-2021 academic year so the accommodation no longer applies.