A+/State Aid Update

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Today’s Topics

- A+
- Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment
- Fast Track
- Bright Flight
- Questions

A+
Scholarship

A+ Scholarship
2022-2023 Academic Year

- No changes to A+ Scholarship
- A+ statute revised in 2022 legislative session
  - SB 718, signed by Governor 6/16/22
  - Removed Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment (DCDE) Scholarship provisions
- A+ appropriation revised in 2022 legislative session to remove DCDE scholarship
  - $60.3M appropriated for A+

Dual Credit/
Dual Enrollment
Scholarship

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

- 2016 program amended with SB 718 to replace A+ DCDE Scholarship
  - Effective August 28, 2022
- $7M appropriated
- Changes to:
  - Need criterion (from need-sensitive to need-based)
  - Eligibility
  - Process
  - Application
  - HS Responsibilities

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

- No Changes to
  - Application deadlines
    - Fall
      - 10/1 preferred
      - 12/1 final
    - Spring
      - 2/1 preferred
      - 4/1 final
  - DCDE Provider responsibilities

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

Need

Old (spring 2022)

- All students potentially eligible regardless of need
- Applicants ranked first by need (federal AGI), then application received date
- Payment made in rank order if funding shortfall

New (beginning fall 2022)

- Students must demonstrate need to be eligible
  - Individually eligible for free and reduced lunch
  - Living in a foster home
  - Ward of the state
  - Homeless (McKinney-Vento)
  - Immediate family receiving public assistance (SNAP, WIC, etc.)
  - Living in federally subsidized public housing

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

Eligibility

Old (spring 2022)

- U.S. citizen/permanent resident
- Enroll in eligible DCDE coursework at approved MO provider (list on website)
- Have met HS requirements for DCDE coursework, except GPA must have been:
  - 2.5 unweighted CGPA in semester immediately preceding DCDE classes
- Attended an A+ HS for at least 2 years
- Met A+ good citizenship/unlawful use of drugs & alcohol requirement

New (beginning fall 2022)

- U.S. citizen/permanent resident
- Enroll in eligible DCDE coursework at approved MO provider (list on website)
- Meet HS requirements for DCDE coursework, except GPA must be:
  - 2.5 unweighted CGPA at time of first application
- Missouri resident

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

Process

Old (spring 2022)

- Students applied
- DHEWD reviewed apps & created HS rosters
- HS certified eligibility
- DHEWD processed HS certs, notified students, and created DCDE Provider rosters
- Providers certified eligibility & awards
- DHEWD processed Provider certs
- DHEWD disbursed funds to Providers
- Providers delivered funds to students

New (beginning fall 2022)

- Students apply
- DHEWD reviews apps, notifies students & creates Provider rosters
  - HS certification eliminated
- Providers certify eligibility & awards
- DHEWD process Provider certs
- DHEWD disburses funds to Providers
- Providers deliver funds to students

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship
2022-2023 Academic Year
Application

Students will need a Student Portal account to complete the application

- Better communication with students about their eligibility and awards as the program becomes more automated
- Introduces students to portal so have access to their state student aid info as prepare & attend college

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

Application

Old (spring 2022)

- Electronic application available from DCDE website included:
  - Demographic Info
  - Parent name on tax form
  - HS name
  - Semester
  - Whether enrolled in DC or DE
- Application in progress couldn't be saved
- Student mailed tax documentation w/AGI

New (beginning fall 2022)

- Electronic application available from MDHEWD Student Portal includes:
  - Demographic Info
  - Parent name on need documentation, if applicable
  - HS name
  - No. of DCDE classes (not hours) for each semester at each provider (up to 5)
    - Can update application if this information changes after initial submission
    - Options include fall, spring and year-long
  - Whether enrolled in DC or DE
- Application in progress can be saved
- Student uploads need documentation and HS transcript into application
  - App not complete until both are uploaded

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

HS Responsibilities

Old (spring 2022)

- Verification of student eligibility
- Certification of student eligibility

New (beginning fall 2022)

- Provide HS transcript to students for upload into application
  - Only one transcript required per year, at time of first application
  - Can be official or unofficial
- Provide letter certifying homeless per McKinney-Vento, if applicable
- Assist students with DCDE provider and class information, as needed

Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship 2022-2023 Academic Year

- Summary
  - No longer tied to A+ Scholarship in any way
  - Need component has changed
  - Application expanded and improved to allow document upload instead of snail mail
    - Student portal account required
  - High school responsibilities have lessened
  - Manual administration continues for at least fall 2022 semester, possibly spring 2023 semester
  - More information provided as it becomes available at https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/DCDE.php

Fast Track

Fast Track
2022-2023 Academic Year

- SB 672
  - Signed by Governor Parson July 1, 2022
  - Effective August 28, 2022
- $4.7M appropriated
- Bill includes:
  - Extension of sunset clause to 2029
  - Changes to student eligibility
  - Expansion to eligible training providers and apprenticeships
  - Loan-related provisions removed (now a traditional grant)

Fast Track
2022-2023 Academic Year

- Changes to student eligibility
  - Must be a MO resident for 2 years prior to receiving grant
    - Apprentices receiving training through employer only required to be MO resident
    - Exception for all active duty military applicants
  - AGI now documented by MO 1040 tax form for most applicants
    - Federal 1040 accepted for non-resident military
  - FAFSA required for students at Title IV schools to apply for governmental funding

Fast Track
2022-2023 Academic Year

- To be eligible, applicants must still:
  - Be a U.S. citizen/permanent resident
  - Enroll at least half-time in an eligible undergraduate program at an approved institution or eligible training provider
    - If apprentice must be in active apprenticeship status
  - Have a qualifying AGI
    - $80,000 or less if married filing jointly
    - $40,000 or less for all other tax filing statuses
  - Apply for all potential governmental sources of funding

Active Apprenticeship Status:
Formal participation in an apprenticeship that meets any related requirements as defined by the organization providing the apprenticeship or the U.S. Dept. of Labor

Fast Track
2022-2023 Academic Year

- Student Award:

  Tuition and fees

  – Governmental sources of funding (state or federal non-loan)

  Award

  If calculated award is zero, student can receive lesser of remaining cost of attendance or $500

- Apprentice Award:

  Related educational costs (tools, uniforms, etc.)

  – Governmental sources of funding (state or federal non-loan)

  Award

Fast Track
2022-2023 Academic Year

- Expansion to eligible training providers and apprenticeships
  - Must be in Eligible Training Provider System (ETPS)
  - Must have Fast Track participation agreement on file with MDHEWD

- Students enrolled in approved programs at approved institutions continue to be eligible

Provider =
- Participating approved institution (173.1102, RSMo)
- Participating eligible training provider
- Participating employer providing apprenticeship

Fast Track
2022-2023 Academic Year

- Loan-related provisions removed
  - Truth in lending disclosures, self-certification forms, and promissory notes no longer required
  - Postsecondary institutions enrollment status reporting no longer required
  - Prior recipients released from promissory note obligations
    - 3 year employment and residency following graduation
    - No recipients entered repayment

- Recipients still required to report employment/residency for 3 years (trigger TBD since all other obligations eliminated)

- Disbursements initiated upon Provider's certification of eligibility/award

Fast Track
2022-2023 Academic Year

- Application revision
  - Inclusion of new providers/programs
  - Ability to upload tax return and military documentation
  - Removal of:
    - References
    - Application Disclosure
    - Self-Certification form
- Application available early fall 2022
  - Summer awards will be made retroactively

Bright Flight

It’s a First!

Bright Flight

top 4th & 5th percentiles funded at $1,000 statutory maximum

for 2018-2022 seniors in 2022-2023 AY

Bright Flight – 2023-2024

- ACT Score change for 2023 seniors
  - 32 to qualify in top 3% (was 31)
  - 31 to qualify in top 4th & 5th percentiles (was 30)

- Superscoring begins with 2023 seniors

Extra! Extra!

All state aid programs fully funded

for first time ever!

Access Missouri awards funded at April 1 deadline and statutory maximums

for first time since 2008!

2 year institutions - $300 - $1,300

All other institutions - $1,500 - $2,850

Questions?

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