

State Aid Update

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A+ Scholarship

A+ Scholarship Overview

- Missouri's "Promise" Scholarship, covers tuition and fees for students who complete eligibility requirements while in high schools
- Can be used at public community colleges or vocational/ technical schools
- Last Dollar: Pell applied first
- Eligible for 48 months after HS graduation, or earn Associate's

A+ Scholarship Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Attend an A+ high school for any 2 years prior to graduation
- Graduate from an A+ high school with an overall unweighted GPA of 2.5/4.0 or higher
- 95% or better overall attendance record for grades 9-12
- Perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the use of drugs and alcohol while in grades 9-12
- Meet mathematics college readiness: Algebra I end-of-course exam, or ACT/Pre-ACT math subscore

A+ Scholarship, AY2024-25

- Algebra 1 (or higher) end-of-course exam requirement
- Can also meet the requirement with a qualifying ACT math subscore and cumulative GPA

ACT Math subscore	And	High School GPA
17 or greater	and	2.5 or greater
16	and	2.8 or greater
15	and	3.0 or greater

- Will accept Pre-ACT scores as well

The background features a stylized, layered blue splash or water effect. The splash is composed of several overlapping, rounded shapes in various shades of blue. Scattered throughout the splash and the surrounding white background are numerous small, dark blue curved lines and dots, resembling splashing water droplets or bubbles. The text "Access Missouri" is centered within the largest, lightest blue area of the splash.

Access Missouri

Access Missouri Overview

- Need-based, covers up to COA, up to 10 semesters
- “Pell blind,” but A+ must be applied first (where applicable)
- No application required
 - Eligibility based on FAFSA information (Student Aid Index, or SAI)

Access Missouri Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Be enrolled full-time
- Have not earned a bachelor's degree
- Not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity
- Completed a FAFSA by deadline
 - April 1 Priority Deadline for AY 2025
 - June 1 Final Deadline for AY 2025
- Have an SAI of \$12,000 or less (\$20,000 for AY 2025)

Access Missouri, AY2024-25

- FAFSA updates for need calculation, changed EFC to SAI
- Fully funded, no anticipated reductions to awards
- SAI cutoff will be \$20,000
- Maximum award amount
 - 4-year Institutions: \$2,850
 - 2-year Institutions: \$1,300
- Minimum award amount:
 - 4-year Institutions: \$1,500
 - 2-year Institutions: \$300



Bright Flight

Bright Flight Overview

- Award for students in the top 3% of standardized tests (ACT, 32), or top 4th and 5th percentiles (ACT, 31)
- Can be used on any educational expense
- No application required
 - Eligibility determined by ACT record

Bright Flight Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Have a composite ACT or SAT score in either:
 - The top 3 percent of all Missouri high school seniors taking those tests
 - The top 4th or 5th percentiles of all Missouri high school seniors taking those tests
- Super-scoring is allowed
- Enroll as a first-time, full-time student right after high school
- Not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity

Bright Flight, AY2024-25

- Qualifying ACT score for 1st tier students will remain at 32 or higher
 - \$3,000 award
- Qualifying ACT score for 2nd tier students (4th and 5th percentile) will remain at a 31
 - \$1,000 award
- First awarded in Annual Year (AY) 2022-23
- Super-scores must be sent to MDHEWD: **ACT Code 2379**



Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship

DCDE Overview

- Need-based scholarship, covers tuition and fees for dual credit/dual enrollment courses at eligible Missouri institutions
- Students must apply through the Student Portal by deadlines
 - Fall Semester: October 1 priority, December 1 final
 - Spring Semester: February 1 priority, April 1 final
 - Can apply for Fall and Spring all at once

DCDE Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Enrolled in DCDE classes through an approved Missouri college or university
- Minimum cumulative unweighted high school GPA 2.5/4.0
- Meet one or more of the following need criteria:
 - Individually eligible for free and reduced lunch
 - Living in a foster home
 - Ward of the State
 - Homeless per McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
 - Low income public assistance recipient
 - Living in federal subsidized public housing

DCDE, HS Responsibilities

- 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
 - Needs to include unweighted GPA
- Help provide documentation
 - Free/Reduced lunch documentation must have academic year and name of school
- Provide letter certifying homeless per McKinney-Vento, if applicable
- Assist students with DCDE provider and class information, as needed



Questions?

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