



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Bright Flight Eligibility for 2020 Seniors

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, ACT and the College Board have made adjustments to their spring 2020 testing schedules. This message provides information about those adjustments and their impact on the Bright Flight Scholarship for 2020 seniors.

ACT has canceled the April 4, 2020, national test dates and is allowing students to register for either the June 13 or July 18, 2020, national test dates in lieu of the April 4 test. The College Board has canceled the March 14 SAT exam and its March 28 make-up exam, as well as the May 2, 2020, exam. It has not yet canceled the June 6, 2020, exam but may do so in the future as it continues to assess the situation. The College Board will provide future testing opportunities to replace any canceled SAT tests but details are not yet available.

The Bright Flight Scholarship requires students to achieve a qualifying ACT or SAT score by the June national test date of their senior year in high school. However, in response to the adjustments made by ACT and the College Board, the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development is extending the date on which 2020 seniors may achieve a qualifying ACT score for the Bright Flight Scholarship to the July national test date. The 2020 seniors who achieve a qualifying ACT score on the July national test date and who are otherwise eligible can receive the scholarship. Scores achieved on the July 2020 national test date will also be considered when determining eligibility for this year's sophomores and juniors, as has always been the case.

Accommodations for the 2020 seniors taking the SAT will be announced as information becomes available from the College Board.

As a reminder, the qualifying scores for the 2020 seniors are:

	ACT Composite	SAT Math	SAT Verbal
Top 3%	31	800	780 or above
Top 4th & 5th Percentiles	30	790-799	770-779

In addition, Bright Flight eligibility for 2020 seniors who take the ACT is based on the composite score. However, for those who take the SAT, eligibility is based on the individual math and verbal scores, both of which must meet the thresholds above. Superscores (ACT or SAT) *will not* be considered for 2020 seniors' Bright Flight eligibility.

Qualifying score information for the 2021 seniors is not yet available. In addition, we are currently reviewing whether ACT's decision to provide an official superscore beginning in September 2020 will affect the Bright Flight Scholarship going forward. We will provide information about these items as soon as possible.