



Missouri Student Financial Aid

2016-2017 Academic Year

Missouri offers a number of state grant and scholarship programs, administered by the Department of Higher Education, to help students fund their college education. Missouri's three largest state financial aid programs are the Access Missouri Grant, the Bright Flight Scholarship and the A+ Scholarship.

Access Missouri Grant

The Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program is a needs-based grant program designed to assist Missouri residents with costs at participating colleges and universities located in Missouri. Eligibility is determined by a student's expected family contribution, or EFC, as calculated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Eligible students that submit a FAFSA on or before Feb. 1 will be guaranteed an award. The final Access Missouri deadline is April 1. Eligible students that apply between Feb. 1 and April 1 will be awarded based on funding availability.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, maximum Access Missouri grant awards will be \$1,030 for students attending a public two-year college and \$2,250 for students attending a public four-year or independent college or university or the State Technical College of Missouri. The minimum amount an eligible student will receive is \$300 at a two-year college or \$1,500 at a four-year public or independent college or university. The actual award amount will vary based on a student's EFC and may be affected by other financial aid the student receives. Last year, about 48,300 students received an Access Missouri Grant.

For more information, visit dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/accessmo.php.

Bright Flight Scholarship

The Bright Flight Scholarship Program is a merit-based program that encourages top-ranked high school seniors to attend a Missouri college or university. This program is also available to individuals that receive a high school equivalency credential (HiSET) or complete a home school program of study.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, students who scored in the top 3 percent on the ACT or SAT test and attend a participating Missouri school can qualify for a \$3,000 scholarship. Last year, approximately 6,700 students received a Bright Flight Scholarship.

For more information, visit dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/brightflight.php.

A+ Scholarship

The A+ Scholarship Program provides scholarship funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend a participating public community college or vocational/technical school or certain private two-year vocational/technical schools.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must:

- Attend an A+ designated high school for three consecutive years immediately prior to graduation (an exception to this requirement is provided under certain circumstances for children of veterans)
- Graduate high school with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Have at least a 95 percent attendance record for grades 9-12
- Perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring
- Maintain a record of good citizenship
- Achieve a proficient or advanced score on the Algebra I end-of-course exam in high school or a qualifying score on an alternate exam.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by their school and end their fall semester of college with at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average

A+ Scholarship awards may be up to the actual cost of tuition and general fees at the participating institution. However, awards are reduced by the amount of federal grant aid and, for the 2016-2017 academic year, the tuition rate is generally capped at \$159.75 per credit hour. The average scholarship award for the 2015-2016 academic year was \$2,565. Last year, approximately 12,600 students received an A+ Scholarship.

For more information, visit dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php.

Additional state grant and scholarship programs

For information about all of Missouri's state student financial aid programs, including all eligibility requirements, visit dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/.



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