

Missouri A+ Scholarship Program

Are you ready for college?

What can you do now to help yourself? According to StudentAid.gov, you should take challenging classes, get involved in community-based activities, keep track of academic awards, volunteer, and participate in extracurricular activities. All of this will help you build your college resume.

But what about being able to pay for college?

- A. Apply early for colleges at the start of your Junior year
- B. Apply early for applicable scholarships with the college and outside the college
- C. Educate yourself on student loans

Another option is to attend a two-year community college or vocational/technical school and then transfer to a four-year college. So, how does that help? You can get help paying for college by participating in the Missouri A+ Scholarship Program.

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.

What do I need to do to qualify?

- A. Have at least a 2.5 GPA at graduation
- B. Have at least 95% attendance at graduation
- C. Achieve the necessary ACT Math score
- D. Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- E. Perform 50 hours of Tutoring or Mentoring
- F. Avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol

When can I start?

- A. You can sign you're A+ Student Agreement today
- B. You can begin to log your Tutoring or Mentoring hours starting in 9th grade (2nd semester)

To see a list of eligible schools and to complete the A+ Student Agreement form, see Mr. Campbell in Room 230

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Resource: Missouri Department of Higher Education
<https://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>

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Requirements:

To be eligible for the financial incentives of the A+ Schools Program, a student must be certified as an A+ student by Bishop DuBourg High School. As the official representative of the A+ Schools Program with the Department of Education of the State of Missouri, the A+ School Coordinator has the responsibility to certify that a graduate of Bishop DuBourg High School has met the criteria of certification. To receive certification as an A+ School student, an individual must:

1. Sign an A+ Schools Agreement form.
2. Attend Bishop DuBourg High School or an A+ school for three consecutive years prior to graduation.
3. Maintain at least a **2.5 cumulative grade point average** over four years of high school.
4. Maintain at least a **95% cumulative attendance record** over four years of high school.
5. Achieve a qualifying score on the **Math** section of the ACT test.

GPA 2.5 = 17 on ACT GPA 2.8 = 16 on ACT GPA 3.0 = 15 on ACT

6. Perform a total of **50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring** during 4 years of high school.
7. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol.
8. Make a good faith effort to first secure all available federal postsecondary student financial assistance. (Families must complete a FAFSA).
9. Register with Selective Services within 30 days of any male student's 18th birthday.
10. Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident.

Initial things to know:

- Enroll and attend full-time at a participating public community college or vocational/technical school, or private two-year vocational/technical school.
 - Students who have a disability as defined by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and are unable to enroll full time because of their disability, but are enrolled in at least six credit hours, may be considered to be enrolled full time.
- Be seeking a degree or certificate at the school in which you are enrolled.
- Not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity.
- Not have a criminal record preventing receipt of federal Title IV student financial aid
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - If you are attending a school that does not participate in Title IV programs, you must complete the FAFSA4caster, which is a tool for estimating your level of need for federal financial aid.
- Achieve at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point on a 4.0 scale at the end of the fall semester (or at the end of the initial payment period for non-semester-based programs) and otherwise maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by your school.
- Complete 12 semester credit hours or the equivalent (6 hours during the summer term) each term in which you receive an A+ award in order to maintain eligibility for the next term. Students in clock hour programs must complete 90% of the clock hours required for the applicable federal payment period.

Requirements For Maintaining Eligibility After Graduation

The student financial incentive may be available for up to two (2) years of attendance, during the four-year period after the recipient graduates from high school. To maintain eligibility, the student must:

- 1. Requirement 1:** Enroll in and attend on a full-time basis an A+ approved Missouri public community college or vocational-technical school and be enrolled in a certification or degree program. Students must meet the full-time requirement of 12 hours during the fall and spring or six hours in the summer. Students may attend any semester they choose but **will not** be reimbursed if he/she attends less than full-time.
- 2. Requirement 2:** Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

NOTE: Any Federal financial aid you receive will be applied to your tuition first. After the Federal aid is applied, then the Missouri A+ School Program funds will be applied.

