



Rock Bridge High School A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STUDENT APPLICATION



Pending adequate state funds, A+ certified students will receive tuition reimbursement while attending a Missouri public community college or career/technical school on a full-time basis for up to an associate degree or the equivalent. This scholarship will cover the unpaid balance of tuition after federal post-secondary financial assistance has been applied. The tuition amount eligible for reimbursement is capped at the published standard per credit hour tuition rate charged by the State Technical College of Missouri.

Certification is reliant on meeting each of the requirements below prior to high school graduation, except for *the math score that may be achieved during the 4-year window after graduation*:

1. Attend a designated A+ high school for two (2) years prior to high school graduation (application completed by November 1 of senior year).
2. Graduate from an A+ designated high school with a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. Have at least 95% attendance record overall for grades 9-12.
4. Perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring coordinated by A+ coordinator, of which up to 25% may include job shadowing, prior to graduation.
5. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol, as defined by district policy, while in grades 9-12.
6. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the Algebra 1 end-of-course assessment or an equivalent math sub score on the ACT.
7. Perform all other duties and obligations required by state law to be eligible for and receive the benefits of the A+ program.

The A+ Scholarship Program student financial incentive can be applied toward up to 105% of the credit hours required for the program in which you are enrolled at a participating post-secondary institution in Missouri during the four-year period after graduation from high school. **To access the funds, participants must:**

- Submit a Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form
- Attend a Missouri public community college or career/technical school on a full-time basis
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident at the time the scholarship is accessed

**Students who are active-duty military dependents and students who are dependents of retired military personnel who relocated to Missouri within one year of the date of retirement from active duty are excused from this provision if the student attends a designated A+ school in the school year immediately preceding graduation and has met all other eligibility requirements.*

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____ Student Number _____ Current Grade Level _____ Grad. Year _____

High Schools Attended/Attending (circle all that apply):

Hickman HS Rock Bridge HS Battle HS Douglass HS Other _____ Date of transfer _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

- **The student must sign the A+ Program Application before the student will be considered for participation in the A+ program. By signing this application, the student certifies that they have read, understand and agree to the A+ Citizenship and Attendance Guidelines listed on the other side of the application.**
- *The Student Financial Scholarship Program is dependent upon designation as an A+ School and state appropriations from the Missouri General Assembly.*
- *The Columbia Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. This policy regards admission/access to treatment/employment in its programs and activities.*

PLEASE NOTE:

After this form is returned to RBHS Counseling, the student is enrolled in a Schoology course: RBHS A+ Scholarship Program. In that course students complete Tutor/Service Training. Once training has been completed and you are ready to start earning hours, submit the Tutor/Service Request form. Questions about this process can be directed to Rita Frazier (rfrazier@cpsk12.org or 214-3111) or Jordan Alexander (joalexander@cpsk12.org) or students can stop by the Counseling Office.

A+ Scholarship Program Citizenship and Attendance Guidelines

Citizenship

Students participating in the A+ Scholarship Program must maintain a record of “good citizenship” to qualify for post-secondary financial assistance. A student demonstrates good citizenship by showing respect for self, law, property, and the rights of others. Any student who participates in the A+ Scholarship Program must be a creditable citizen and be judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for participation. A student whose character or conduct reflects credit upon him/herself or his/her school is considered a creditable citizen and is therefore eligible to participate in the A+ Scholarship Program.

Students have not demonstrated good citizenship if they have any of the following:

Pled guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) or been convicted or found guilty of a felony or violation of the Safe Schools Act (Safe Schools Act violation are not appealable).

Received school discipline for being under the influence, distribution of, or possession of alcohol or drugs.

Accumulated a disproportionate number of out-of-school consequences (such as Out of School Suspension, ACE placement, etc.) during their high school career.

Attendance

Students have the right to appeal attendance disqualification. In most cases, the A+ Coordinator will address this option with the student during 2nd semester of their 12th grade year. In cases of appeals due to low attendance late in the 12th grade year, the student/parent/guardian must notify the A+ Scholarship Coordinator in writing of his/her intent to appeal within 5 business days of disqualification.

Citizenship and Attendance Appeal Process

If the A+ Coordinator determines that an A+ enrolled student has not met the district policies and/or procedures regarding the attendance and/or citizenship requirements for the A+ Scholarship, the coordinator will notify the student and/or parent in writing of the need to appeal. After requesting an appeal, the student must provide all supporting documentation within 5 business days of the request for appeal. The A+ Scholarship Coordinator shall then schedule an appeal hearing held during the spring of the student's 12th grade year. This committee shall be comprised of the A+ Coordinator and other school personnel (such as the Director of Counseling, an Assistant Principal, school counselor, etc.). The Appeals Committee shall hear the appeal and return its decision to the student within 5 business days. The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.