Missouri: A+ Scholarship Reduction/Suspension of Eligibility Requirements

Description of Program and Relief

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.

In response to COVID-19, certain eligibility requirements or being reduced or suspended for 2020 high school seniors and postsecondary students applying for scholarship renewal.

Government or Lead Agency

Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development

Dates Available

Applies to 2020 high school seniors and current postsecondary students applying for renewal

Eligibility Requirements/Restrictions

High school seniors applying for the A+ Scholarship must: attend an A+ designated high school for two years, graduate with a grade point average 2.5 or higher, have at least a 95% attendance record for grades 9-12, perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring and achieve a score of proficient or advanced on the Algebra I end of course exam.

In response to the disruption caused by COVID-19, the GPA, tutoring/mentoring and Algebra I requirements are being adjusted. 2020 high school seniors with a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the end of the fall 2019 or spring 2020 semesters will be eligible. For 2020 seniors, the number of tutoring mentoring hours has been reduced to 25 hours, and high schools may utilize the six-month exceptional circumstances provision for students unable to complete 25 hours prior to graduation. The Algebra I requirement is currently being reviewed, and the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development plans to provide guidance as soon as possible.

Postsecondary students applying for scholarship are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (and otherwise maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by their school) and complete 12 semester credit hours (or complete 90% of required clock hours) during each term in which the A+ award is received.
In response to the disruption caused by COVID-19, the GPA requirement is waived for students applying to renew the award and students are only required to meet the school's requirements for satisfactory academic progress. The requirement to meet 12 hours for semester, or 90% of the clock hours, is not waived. However, this requirement is met if the student completes all of the hours that were available to them.

**Application Deadlines (If Applicable)**

N/A

**List of Additional Information**

For more information, please visit: [https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php](https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php)