

# BEAR POWER

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## MOABLE

### QUALIFIED EXPENSES

Use the money in your MOABLE account to pay for disability-related expenses.



Basic Living Expenses



Housing



Transportation



Assistive Technology



Employment Training



Education



Health & Wellness



Financial Management



Legal Fees

FINALLY, YOU CAN SAVE MONEY AND KEEP YOUR BENEFITS:

MOABLE Accounts allow individuals with disabilities and their families to save and invest tax-free without losing benefits such as Medicaid or SSI. **GET STARTED** Go to [MOABLE.com](http://MOABLE.com) and follow these steps:

1. Create an account (Open your account with as little as \$25)
2. Fund your account (Contribute up to \$16,000 in your MOABLE account every year, more if the beneficiary is employed).
3. Save, invest, and spend (Balances and distributions do not affect needs-based benefits like Medicaid or SSI)

**ELIGIBILITY** Individuals who developed disabilities before the age of 26 may be eligible to open an account. Take the Eligibility Quiz on [MOABLE.com](http://MOABLE.com) to see if you or someone you know qualifies.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Bear POWER is excited to spotlight one of our awesome Cohort 4 students, Riley Meyer! Riley was excited to come to MSU to attend all the events that the university holds and to meet new friends. In her free time, Riley likes to attend Chi Alpha events and Community Group (C-Group) events where she gets to hang out with friends she has met since coming to MSU. She has loved getting to find new places on campus to study and hangout with classmates. After graduation, Riley would like to work at a preschool helping little kids. We're so happy you're here, Riley!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Applications are being accepted! The deadline for priority consideration is December 1st!
- Dinner in the PSU Nov. 9th @ 6pm
- Movie Night in Hill Nov. 17th @ 6pm
- Hot Chocolate Bar/Bingo @ The Hive Dec. 1st @ 6pm



# ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND INTERNSHIP SEMINAR

We are slowly winding down the Fall semester. What an exciting time it has been on campus and how quickly the time flies! Our students have been working on classroom projects to learn more about the topics presented. As we shift focus halfway through the semester the students will be focusing on their major projects for Fall 2022.

Cohort 3 (Time and Money Management) will be presenting an application that allows them to manage their time and money. We will then ask the student to demonstrate how they can utilize it every day with various scenarios. Students will also be presenting about their internships, some topics are: What skills have you learned, What's an area of growth within this field for you, What skills do you need to perform this job, What other areas of employment are related to this field that interest you.

Cohort 4 (Reading and Writing Comprehension) will be developing, creating, and illustrating a short story for children worldwide! Bear POWER is partnering with our Citizenship and Service Learning (CASL) office for this project. The CASL Office is bridging the literacy divide with the "million-word gap"; Bear POWER students are creating a children's book that will be read to children worldwide to help them develop their literacy skills. Students get to develop their original ideas and execute them into a children's book.

## SUPPORT BEAR POWER

We couldn't help support students and give them opportunities to engage on campus without donor's financial support. If you can help support our program, please scan the QR code or go to <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1691/foundation/interior.aspx?sid=1691&gid=2&pgid=1053&cid=1991> to make a donation!



Hunter Hall recently spoke in his hometown regarding his experience at MSU in the Bear POWER program! He now works full-time! We are all so proud of you Hunter!



Monthly Newsletter

## Recent Activities



- Xi OM Sorority Event
  - blankets were made for charity!
- Paqui Chip Challenge between Caleb and PJ!
- Haunted Trails
- Homecoming
- New website for MO-inclusive higher education locations: ShowMeCollege.com