

Scholarships (General Information)

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The following general information applies to all university-funded scholarships:

- Students who graduate early from high school may be considered for "entering freshmen" scholarships on an individual basis. Scholarship requirements and deadlines will still apply.
- Grades earned by students through MSU dual credit or dual enrollment prior to their freshman year will not prevent a student from renewing freshman scholarships for their second year. (That is, if students meet the GPA requirement for renewal based on courses taken during their freshman year but do not meet the cumulative GPA requirement when dual credit courses are included, their scholarships will be renewed.) However, to renew for their third or subsequent years, students must meet the GPA renewal criteria based on their cumulative GPA (including dual credit hours).
- Credit earned through MSU dual credit or dual enrollment is not considered in determining whether students meet the credit hour requirements for scholarship renewal.
- During semesters that students are receiving scholarships, they must be full time (i.e., enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester during fall and spring semesters) unless otherwise stated. Students who are in their semester of graduation and are taking all courses needed to fulfill graduation requirements are exempt from the full-time enrollment requirement if they complete and submit the ["Exemption from full-time enrollment form"](#) and return it to the Financial Aid Office.
- Students with renewable scholarships that require 30 credit hours per year may "bank" hours (with the exception of dual credit and credit by examination) for use in future years. For example, a student who earns 31 credit hours during the freshman year (fall, spring, and summer) can use the additional "banked" hour toward the next year's 30 credit hour requirement. Students must maintain a full-time enrollment (12 credit hours) each semester.
- Students may apply their MSU scholarships to study away programs approved by the Study Away Office and should confer with the Study Away Office and the Financial Aid Office to coordinate their plans.
- Students who wish to place their scholarships on hold to participate in internships or life-enriching experiences should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid for information and assistance.
- Graduate courses taken by undergraduates (i.e., for mixed credit in accelerated master's programs and senior permission) are included in determining if students are full-time. Additionally, the credit hours and grades from those courses are used in determining if students meet renewal criteria. Scholarship values will not be adjusted based on course(s) taken by a student.
- Scholarship recipients who graduate before using their allotted semesters of scholarship eligibility can apply the remaining semester(s) toward a Missouri State University graduate program. To qualify, students must meet established renewal criteria at the completion of their last semester as an undergraduate, be admitted to the MSU graduate school and enroll for at least 9 graduate credit hours. Students cannot receive both a scholarship and a graduate assistantship or other form of graduate fee waiver.
- Students receiving a housing waiver, such as Presidential, cannot receive the waiver in conjunction with a Resident Assistant housing waiver.
- Current students are not eligible to apply for entering student scholarships.
- Students are expected to return their scholarship acceptance forms by June 1 for the fall semester or by January 1 for the spring semester.
- Transfer hours and GPA (i.e., any hours not completed through the Springfield campus of Missouri State) cannot be counted toward scholarship renewal.
- Credit by examination may not be counted toward scholarship renewal criteria.

- Students have a full academic year (fall, spring and summer) to meet scholarship renewal criteria.
- If students do not earn the required hours or grade point average by the conclusion of the academic year, their scholarship will be terminated and cannot be regained. However, students receiving the Presidential, Governors, or Provost Scholarships can downgrade to a lesser scholarship (i.e., the Governors, Provost, or Deans') if renewal criteria are met for that scholarship.
- The total amount of aid received from federal, state and institutional sources may not exceed the university-established cost of attendance.
- Scholarships may affect the amounts and types of federal, state and university financial assistance for which a student may be eligible (i.e. grants and loans).
- Scholarships may be taxable. Students (or their parents) should consult with their tax consultant for details.
- For tax purposes, International students receiving University scholarships must complete an online form found on the [Payroll website](#) and schedule a brief appointment with the International Payroll Specialist.
- Unless otherwise stated, scholarships are for the fall and spring semesters only and do not apply to summer fees. Students receiving the Presidential, Governors, Multicultural Leadership, Provost, or Deans' scholarships have an option of utilizing their scholarships during the summer with specific conditions and restrictions. Please see the [summer option policy](#) for details.

Questions or concerns regarding the above policies may be directed to the Assistant Director for Scholarships, Office of Student Financial Aid, or by emailing