

# Scholarships for Freshmen

## MSU institutionally funded scholarships

These scholarships are funded by MSU. See below for scholarship criteria, application information and deadlines.

## MSU donor funded scholarships

These scholarships are gifts to the University made by individuals, groups or organizations and awarded to Missouri State students each year. Access [MSU annual scholarship](#) information.

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### *[Op5.08-10 Scholarships for Entering Freshmen](#)*

This policy applies to students admitted beginning summer 2019. Students admitted for previous semesters should visit the [How Do I Keep My Financial Aid](#) page.

The university offers a range of institutionally-funded scholarships to entering first-time students. To qualify for these scholarships, you must meet the specific criteria and also:

- Graduate from a high school accredited by a state education agency or a regional accrediting association recognized by the United States Department of Education. Homeschooled students should refer to [Information for Homeschooled Students](#).
- Be admitted and enroll full-time at the Springfield campus the year you graduate from high school. If you will graduate from high school early, you may be considered for scholarships on an individual basis. All deadlines and requirements will apply.
- Meet [freshman admission requirements](#) as of the scholarship application deadline.
- Be [lawfully present](#) in the United States.

Grade point average (GPA) requirements are based on a 4.00 scale rounded to the nearest 0.01. If your school does not use a 4.00 scale, your GPA will be converted (see details). If your school provides a weighted GPA, it will be used to determine scholarship eligibility. Sixth or seventh semester GPAs will be considered unless otherwise noted.

ACT or SAT scores must be taken by the test dates indicated. Your highest score will be used. SAT scores are based on the sum of the Evidence-Based Reading/Writing and Math portions.

For additional information regarding scholarships, including enrollment standards and renewal guidelines, see [Scholarship Enrollment and Renewal Standards](#).

University scholarships can be combined only as shown under the **Combining Scholarships** heading.

The University reserves the right to limit scholarship offers based on availability of funds.

# Automatic scholarships

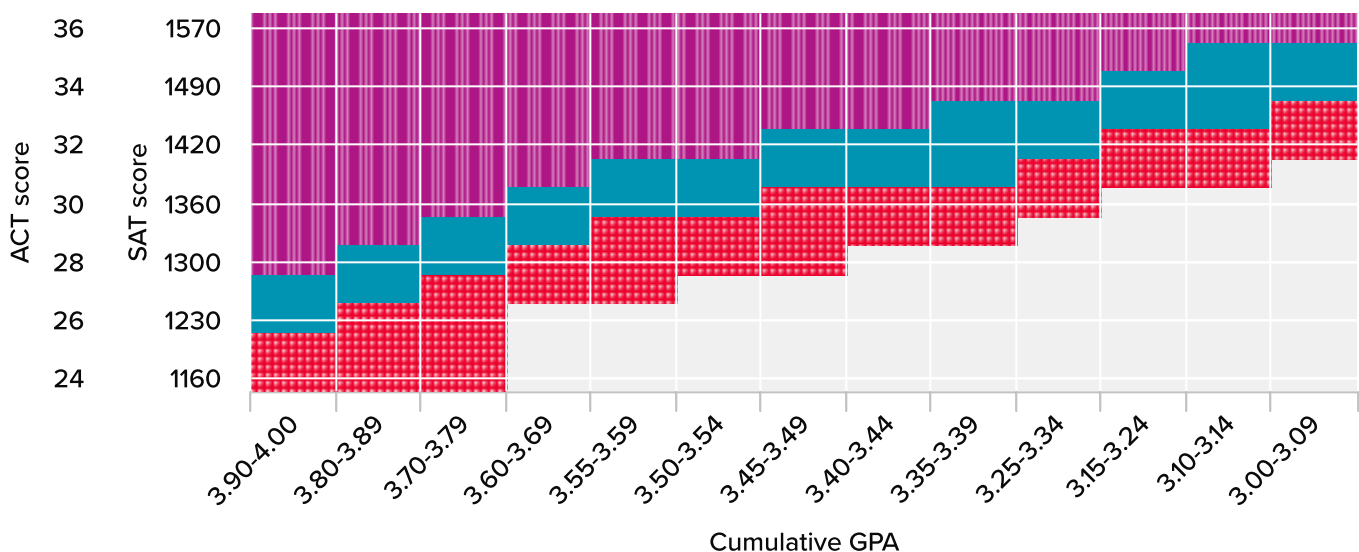
Scholarships shown below are automatically awarded to qualified students who apply for admission by January 15 of their senior year. A separate scholarship application is not required. Students who apply after January 15 may be considered on an individual basis if funding is available. Students who are selected will be notified by mail.

Your initial scholarship eligibility will be based on your high school GPA and ACT or SAT scores upon admission. If you subsequently improve your GPA (sixth or seventh semester) or test score (earned through a February test date), your scholarship will be upgraded.

## Automatic scholarships



Scholarships shown below are automatically awarded to qualified students. No separate scholarship application is required.



● Board of Governors (\$5,000 per year)
 ● Provost (\$3,000 per year)
 ● Deans (\$2,000 per year)

- SAT score reflects the sum of the evidence-based reading/writing and mathematics portions of the SAT.
- Cumulative GPA is determined after the sixth or seventh high school semester.
- Renewal criteria for all above scholarships: Complete 27 MSU credit hours per year with a cumulative MSU GPA of 3.25 or higher.
- Out-of-State Tuition Waiver included for all above scholarships - For non-Missouri students. Approximately \$7,950 per year.

## Additional information for automatic scholarships

### Board of Governors Scholarship

**International Baccalaureate Diploma** recipients will be awarded the Board of Governors Scholarship regardless of test scores.

Board of Governors Scholarship recipients qualify for admission to the Honors College, have access to a \$1,000 study away voucher, and must average 40 hours per year of campus or community service during their first three years to renew for their fourth year.

### Provost Scholarship

Students who are (a) **ranked first or second** in their class or (b) in the top 10 percent of their class and have an ACT of 26 or higher (SAT 1230) by February will receive the Provost Scholarship. Only sixth or seventh semester class ranks will be considered.

## Competitive scholarships

### Presidential Scholarship

The Presidential Scholarship is the University's top academic scholarship.

#### Value

\$12,500 per year (\$6,250 for tuition and \$6,250 for on-campus housing). Total potential value over four years: \$50,000. Non-Missouri residents also receive a full waiver of out-of-state tuition.

#### Selection criteria

ACT composite score of 31 (SAT of 1390) or higher from a test taken on or before October of your senior year and a cumulative sixth semester GPA of 3.90 or higher. National Merit Semifinalists may also apply. Finalists are selected through an on-campus interview

## Number offered

35

Another 50 students who interview for the Presidential Scholarship will be offered the **University Scholarship**, equal to the Board of Governors Scholarship plus an additional \$2,000 per year for the first two years that can be applied to on-campus housing.

## Application

Complete the Presidential Scholarship Application and apply for admission by December 1 of your senior year.

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## Renewal criteria

Presidential Scholars must complete 27 MSU credit hours per year with a cumulative MSU GPA of 3.50 or higher. To renew for their fourth year, Presidential Scholars must also complete an average of 40 hours of community or campus service each year during their first three years. Renewal criteria for the **University Scholarship** are the same as for the Board of Governors Scholarship.

# Inclusive Excellence Scholarship

The Inclusive Excellence Scholarship supports the University's commitment to diversity and inclusive excellence. Students selected for this program will participate in a personal and leadership development program administered by the [Office of Multicultural Services](#).

## Value

\$4,000 per year. Total potential value over four years: \$16,000. Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of out-of-state tuition.

## Number offered

100

## Application

Submit the Inclusive [Excellence Scholarship Application](#) by January 30. You must also have submitted an application for admission, required transcripts and test scores, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by that date

## Selection criteria

To be considered for this scholarship, you must have a demonstrated commitment to the promotion of diversity and inclusion. You must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Be from a historically underrepresented group (including, but not limited to Black/African American, Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander/Desi American, Hispanic/Latinx, Indigenous (Native American, Alaskan, Hawaiian), Multiethnic, LGBTQ+)
- Be from a low socio-economic background
- Be a first-generation student (you are considered first-generation if neither of your parents has a bachelor's degree)

- Have a documented disability

Your academic performance and your record of school and community service will also be considered.

Students will be selected by a committee established by the Office of Multicultural Services.

## Renewal criteria

Complete 27 MSU credit hours per year with a cumulative MSU GPA of 2.75 or higher and complete the requirements of the Inclusive Excellence Program established by the Office of Multicultural Services.

# Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders Scholarship

The Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leadership Scholarship is designed to recognize and encourage leadership. Students chosen for this scholarship will participate in a [leadership development program](#).

## Value

\$2,500 per year (\$1,000 for students who are also receiving either the Provost or Deans Scholarship).

Total potential value over four years: \$10,000 (\$4,000 for recipients of Provost or Deans).

## Number offered

30

## Application

## Selection criteria

To be considered, you must demonstrate that you have excelled in three of the following four areas: leadership, performing arts, volunteerism, and athletics. You must also be in the upper half of your class (or have a GPA of 3.00 or higher) after your sixth semester and have an ACT of 20 or higher (or an SAT score of 1030 or higher). Qualifying scores must be earned on tests taken during or before December of your senior year.

The Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders Scholarship Selection Committee will choose candidates from among the qualified applicants

Complete the [Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders Scholarship Application](#) and apply for admission by January 30.

candidates from among the qualified applicants who will be invited to an on-campus interview program. Finalists will be selected as a result of the interview process.

## Renewal criteria

Complete at least 27 MSU credit hours per year with a cumulative MSU GPA of 2.75 or higher and successfully fulfill the requirements of the leadership development program.

## Other scholarships

### Missouri State scholarships

Name	Value per year	Selection criteria	Deadline and application	Renewable
Missouri State Advantage Scholarship	\$1,000	Complete 9 or more hours through the Missouri State dual credit program with a 3.25 or higher GPA.	Apply for admission by June 1. No scholarship application required.	Not renewable.
A+ Recognition Scholarship	\$500	Missouri students with A+ certification who are not receiving another MSU scholarship.	Apply for admission and submit the <a href="#">A+ Recognition Scholarship Application</a> by June 1.	For three years with completion of 27 MSU credit hours per year and a cumulative MSU GPA of 3.25 or higher.
Missouri State Promise Scholarship	\$1,500	Missouri residents with financial need and a qualifying academic record who are not receiving another MSU scholarship.	Apply for admission and submit FAFSA by February 1.	For one year for students who complete 27 MSU credit hours with a cumulative MSU GPA of 2.75 or higher.
Missouri Boys State and Girls State Leadership Award	\$1,000	Leadership experience and academic record. 5 Boys State and 5 Girls State will be awarded annually.	Apply for admission and submit the <a href="#">Boys State/Girls State Leadership Award application</a> by March 1.	Not renewable.

# Out-of-state waivers

## Out-of-state tuition waivers

Name	Value per year	Selection criteria	Deadline and application	Renewable
Out-of-State Tuition Waiver (Midwest Student Exchange Program*)	Full waiver of out-of-state tuition	ACT of 24 or higher or SAT of 1160 or higher or GPA of 3.50 or higher or Top 25% of class**	Awarded based on application for admission.	For three years with completion of 27 credit hours per year with a GPA of 3.00 or higher.
Continue the Tradition Out-of-State Tuition Waiver	Full waiver of out-of-state tuition	Child or grandchild of Missouri State graduate	Apply for admission and submit <a href="#">Continue the Tradition Application</a> .	For three years with completion of 27 credit hours with a GPA of 2.00 or higher.

\*Residents of Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, or Wisconsin receive the Midwest Student Exchange Program award.

\*\*Criteria must be met prior to enrollment.

## Combining scholarships

University scholarships can be combined only as indicated below. All University scholarships can be combined with externally-funded scholarships (e.g., Bright Flight, MSU donor-funded scholarships, and outside scholarships).

Out-of-state tuition waivers can be combined with any scholarship that does not already include such a waiver.

	Deans or Provost	Missouri State Advantage	Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leadership
<b>Advantage</b>	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leadership</b>	Yes	Yes	No

<b>Boys State/Girls State</b>	Yes <b>Deans or</b>	Yes <b>Missouri State</b>	Yes <b>Hutchens/SGA Centennial</b>
	<b>Provost</b>	<b>Advantage</b>	<b>Leadership</b>

## MSU donor-funded scholarships

Through private gifts to the Missouri State University Foundation by individuals, groups, or companies, scholarships are awarded annually to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership and/or financial need. Most donor-funded scholarships are awarded to students who have completed one or more years at Missouri State. A limited number are available to entering students. Most have specific criteria (e.g., specific majors or graduation from a specific high school), and their average value is approximately \$1,000. To be considered for these scholarships, you must be admitted to the University and complete the online [MSU Annual Scholarship Application](#) by March 1.

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