

# Scholarships for Entering Freshmen (prior to Fall 2011)

The following is a summary of scholarship programs for entering students who enroll full-time at the Springfield campus. Unless otherwise noted, scholarships cannot be combined and are only renewable for up to three additional years (eight semesters total.)

To qualify for scholarships, you must first apply and be accepted for admission. Application forms are available on-line at <http://www.missouristate.edu/apply.htm>, from the Missouri State Office of Admissions, and also from Missouri high schools. Your application must be received by the deadline specified for each scholarship description for consideration. In general the application deadline for fall applicants is **MARCH 1**, and the deadline for spring applicants is **OCTOBER 1**. You must also meet the specific requirements outlined below.

If, after you apply, your ACT/SAT score, class rank, and/or GPA changes, you may be considered for other scholarships. However, the February ACT is the last score accepted for freshman scholarships (excluding the Presidential and the Centennial which use an earlier date).

Class percentile or GPA is based on the 6th or 7th semester, whichever is higher. Missouri State gladly accepts weighted averages as consideration for scholarships. Students must have a diploma from a high school accredited by the state education agency, a regional accrediting association or a homeschool diploma with the 17 unit core curriculum requirement established by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Students admitted as exceptions to the high school core curriculum requirement may not receive scholarships unless approved by the Scholarship Committee. For additional information regarding Missouri State Scholarship Policies see: [General Information](#).

Scholarship	ACT / SAT equivalency		Class Rank		GPA / 4.0 Scale
Presidential	30 + / 1340*	<b>AND</b>	Top 10%	<b>OR</b>	3.90 or higher
Board of Governors	28 + / 1260*	<b>AND</b>	Top 10%	<b>OR</b>	3.90 or higher
Academic**	26 + / 1190*	<b>AND</b>	Top 20%	<b>OR</b>	3.70 or higher
Recognition	24 or 25 / 1110*	<b>AND</b>	Top 10%	<b>OR</b>	3.90 or high

\* SAT score reflects the sum of the Critical Reading and Math portions of the SAT only.

\*\* Also available to students ranked first or second in their high school graduating class after the 6th or 7th semester.

## PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** Required student fees (for up to 18 hours per semester) and on campus housing for up to eight semesters (current value is approximately \$13,000 per year for Missouri residents). Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of non-resident fees. Total current value is over \$18,000 per year for non-residents.

**Number available:** 40

**Selection criteria:** Top 10 percent of class (or 3.90 GPA on a 4.00 scale) combined with a minimum ACT of 30 (or SAT of 1340\*) to apply, interview for final selection.

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.50 cumulative Missouri State grade point average. Participate in [two public affairs activities](#) each year.

**Application:** Complete the Missouri State [Presidential Scholarship Application](#) and apply for admission by January 15. The December ACT is the last score accepted for consideration.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** \$5,952 per year (A flat amount based on basic required fees for 32 credit hours at the resident rate). Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of non-resident fees. Total current value is over \$11,000 per year for non-residents.

**Number available:** Unlimited

**Selection criteria:** Top 10 percent of class (or 3.90 GPA on a 4.00 scale) combined with a minimum ACT of 28 (or SAT of 1260\*) or International Baccalaureate diploma recipient.

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.50 cumulative Missouri State grade point average. Participate in at least [two public affairs activities](#) each year.

**Application:** Apply for admission by March 1.

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** \$2,250 per year for Missouri residents. Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of non-resident fees. Total current value is approximately \$7,530 per year for non-residents.

**Number available:** Unlimited

**Selection criteria:** Top 20 percent of class (or 3.70 GPA on a 4.00 scale) combined with a minimum ACT of 26 (or SAT of 1190\*) or rank first or second in graduating class.

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.40 cumulative Missouri State grade point average.

**Application:** Apply for admission by March 1.

**Note:** This award is not available to recipients of the above scholarships.

## RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** \$1,125 per year for Missouri residents. Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of non-resident fees. Total current value approximately \$6,400 per year for non-residents.

**Number available:** Unlimited

**Selection criteria:** Top 10 percent of class (or 3.90 GPA on a 4.00 scale) combined with a minimum ACT score of 24 (or SAT of 1110\*).

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.30 cumulative Missouri State grade point average.

**Application:** Apply for admission by March 1.

**Note:** This award is not available to recipients of the above scholarships.

## MISSOURI STATE ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** \$1,000

**Number available:** Unlimited

**Selection criteria:** Awarded to entering freshmen who completed six or more credit hours through the Missouri State University dual credit program with a cumulative MSU grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Cannot be combined with the above scholarships or other MSU scholarships with a value of \$1,000 or more.

**Renewal criteria:** This scholarship is renewed for one year (i.e., for the sophomore year) for students who complete 30 credit hours at MSU during their first year with a cumulative MSU grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

**Application:** Apply for admission by June 1 for the fall semester. No special application is required. The scholarship will be awarded automatically to qualified students after grades are posted for their final semester of dual credit enrollment.

## HUTCHENS/SGA CENTENNIAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** \$1,250 per year or \$2,500 for students with documented financial need.

**Number available:** 24

**Criteria:** Upper one-half of class (or 3.0 GPA on a 4.00 scale) combined with a minimum ACT score of 20 (SAT of 950\*).

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 24 Missouri State credit hours with a 2.75 cumulative Missouri State grade point average; renewable for one year.

**Application:** Complete the [Missouri State Centennial Leaders Scholarship Application](#) (only available online) and apply for admission by December 1. Please complete FAFSA as soon after January 1, 2010, as possible.

**Note:** This award is not available to recipients of the Presidential or Board of Governors scholarships.

## MISSOURI STATE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** Equal to the cost of full-time tuition and fees and a standard book allowance of \$800 per year (\$400 per semester) minus any gift aid received by the student.

**Number available:** Unlimited

**Criteria:** This innovative program will provide students from households with incomes below the poverty level with an institutional grant to supplement federal, state, institutional, and/or private grants and scholarships they may receive to ensure that the total gift aid will cover tuition and fees for full-time enrollment per year and a standard book allowance. A student must enroll full-time each semester.

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 24 or more Missouri State credit hours in the academic year with a cumulative Missouri State grade point average of 2.00 or higher and who continue to meet the need requirement.

**Application:** Students entering in the summer or fall semesters who submit a FAFSA by June 30 will automatically be considered. For students entering in the spring, the FAFSA must be filed by October 31. No special application is required. We encourage students to submit the FAFSA online (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>).

## MISSOURI STATE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** \$1,000 per year

**Number Available:** Southwest Missouri high schools may recommend one student for every 100 graduates.

**Criteria:** Nomination by counselor from the southwest district including schools in the following counties: Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Oregon, Ozark, Polk, Shannon, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright.

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.25 cumulative Missouri State grade point average.

**Application:** Schools submit letters of nomination to the Financial Aid Office by May 1.

## MISSOURI BOYS STATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Value:** \$1,000

**Number:** 5

**Criteria:** Entering freshman must have both a solid academic record and a strong record of leadership and have participated in Missouri Boys State.

**Renewability:** This award is non-renewable.

**Application:** Students must apply for admission, submit the [General Scholarship Application](#), and provide verification of Missouri Boys State attendance to the Office of Student Financial Aid by March 1 of their senior year.

**Note:** This scholarship can be combined with other Missouri State awards and scholarships with the exception of the Presidential, Governors and Multicultural Leadership Scholarship.

## MISSOURI GIRLS STATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Value:** \$1,000

**Number:** 5

**Criteria:** Entering freshman must have both a solid academic record and a strong record of leadership and have participated in Missouri Girls State.

**Renewability:** This award is non-renewable.

**Application:** Students must apply for admission, submit the [General Scholarship Application](#), and provide verification of Missouri Girls State attendance to the Office of Student Financial Aid by March 1 of their senior year.

**Note:** This scholarship can be combined with other Missouri State awards and scholarships with the exception of the Presidential, Governors and Multicultural Leadership Scholarship.

## MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY MOST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Value:** \$500

**Number:** 10

**Criteria:** Available to entering freshmen and transfer students whose families have participated in the MOST program, Missouri's 529 College Savings Plan, with an account in the student's name for a minimum of 5 years. Students must also demonstrate financial need. Awards will be given to the students with the greatest need.

**Renewal Criteria:** This award is non-renewable.

**Application:** Students must apply for admission, submit the [general scholarship application](#) by March 1, and complete a Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) by March 31. Students must also provide verification of participation in the MOST Program for at least five years.

**Note:** This scholarship can be combined with other Missouri State awards and scholarships.

## MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

**Value:** Required student fees (in-state) for fall and spring semesters for up to 18 hours per semester (current value is approximately \$6,256 annually).

**Number available:** 50

**Criteria:** Freshmen must rank in the upper one-half of their class (2.90 GPA on a 4.00 scale) and have demonstrated leadership in the minority community through involvement in school or community organizations.

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 24 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 2.75 cumulative Missouri State grade point average and participate in two multicultural activities annually.

**Application:** Complete the Missouri State [Multicultural Leadership Scholarship Application](#) and apply for admission by February 1.

**Note:** Can be combined with the Missouri State Leadership Scholarship, Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders Scholarship and Out-of-State Stipend programs.

## OUT-OF-STATE FEE WAIVER/MIDWEST STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**Value:** A full waiver of non-resident fees (current value is approximately \$5,280 annually).

**Number Available:** Unlimited

**Selection criteria:** Non-resident entering freshmen must demonstrate **one** of the following: 24 minimum ACT (SAT of 1110\*) **or** 3.70 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale **or** a class ranking in the top 20%.

**Renewal criteria:** Successfully complete 30 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 3.25 cumulative Missouri State grade point average.

**Application:** No application is required. Eligible students will be identified based on their admission application credentials. While there is no application deadline, students are encouraged to apply early to be considered for scholarships which do have deadlines.

**Note:** Qualified residents of Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska or North Dakota will receive the Midwest Student Exchange Award; other qualified non-residents will receive the Out-of-State Fee Stipend.

## CONTINUE THE TRADITION FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

**Value:** A full waiver of out-of-state fees (current value is approximately \$5,280 annually).

**Number Available:** Unlimited

**Selection criteria:** Student must be the child or grandchild of a Missouri State Alumnus

**Renewal criteria:** Complete 24 Missouri State credit hours each academic year with a 2.00 cumulative Missouri State grade point average.

**Application:** Apply for admission and submit the [Continue the Tradition online application](#). While there is no application deadline, students are encouraged to apply early to be considered for scholarships which do have deadlines.

**Note:** Cannot be combined with other Out-of-State Fee Waiver programs. Students classified as non-residents for fee purposes may not receive the Continue the Tradition Fee Waiver and a University scholarship at the non-resident rate.

## MISSOURI HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (BRIGHT FLIGHT)

**Value:** \$2,000 per year from the state of Missouri.

**Criteria:** ACT or SAT score in the top three percent of Missouri students.

**Renewal criteria:** Enroll full-time, maintain satisfactory academic progress and maintain a 2.50 cumulative Missouri State grade point average.

**Application:** Contact your high school counselor or the [Missouri Department of Higher Education](#) at (800) 473-6757. The June ACT is the last score accepted for this award and must be submitted by July 31.

**A special note for A+ eligible students:** The A+ scholarship program, administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, is available only to students attending institutions that offer associate degrees. Because the Springfield Campus of Missouri State does not offer such degrees, students may not use their A+ benefits on this campus. However, the Missouri State University system includes a two-year campus in West Plains that offers associate degree programs. Qualified students *can* use their A+ benefits on the West Plains Campus, which offers programs that provide a seamless transfer to bachelors degree programs offered through the Springfield Campus. For information, please visit [www.wp.missouristate.edu](http://www.wp.missouristate.edu).

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