

# Missouri State

Office of Student Financial Aid

## Scholarships

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# Scholarships for Freshmen

## MSU institutionally funded scholarships

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

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

*[\(/Policy/Op5\\_08\\_10\\_EnteringFreshmenScholarships.htm\)](#)*

This policy applies to students admitted beginning **summer 2020**. Students admitted for previous semesters should visit the [How Do I Keep My Financial Aid](#) ([/FinancialAid/KeepingMyFinancialAid.htm](#)) page.

To qualify for these scholarships, you must meet the specific criteria and also meet [General Scholarship Policies](#) ([#general-scholarship-policies](#)).

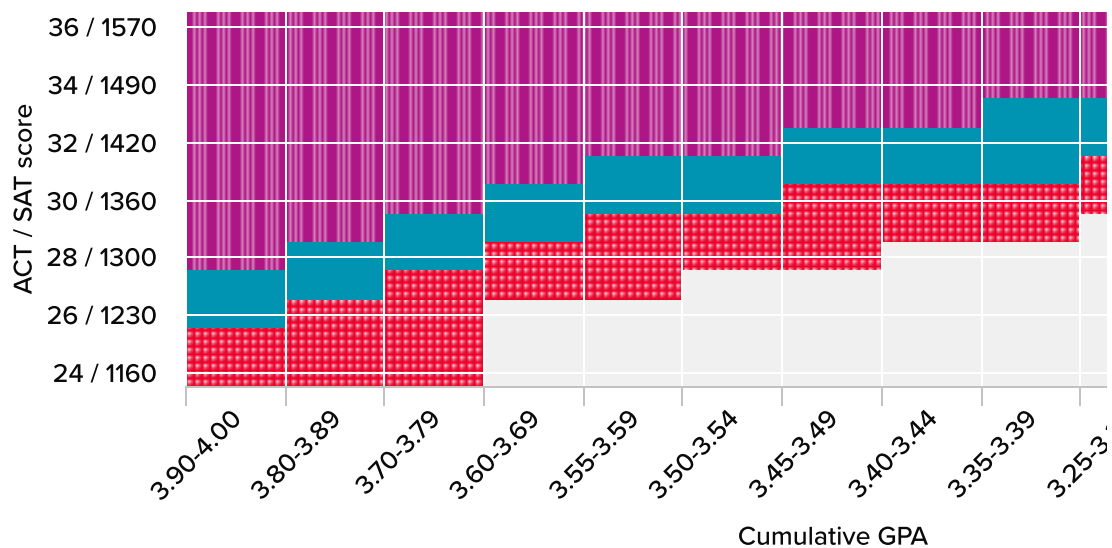
Unless otherwise noted, the scholarships below cannot be combined. All university scholarships can be combined with externally-funded scholarships (e.g., Bright Flight, MSU donor-funded scholarships, and outside scholarships).

## Automatic scholarships

Scholarships shown below are automatically awarded to qualified students who apply for admission by February 1 of their senior year. Students who apply after February 1 may be considered on an individual basis if funding is available.

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 or test score (earned through a February test date), your scholarship will be upgraded.

### Criteria and values for automatic scholarships



- Board of Governors: \$5,500 + \$1,000 for on-campus housing per year
- Provost: \$3,000 + \$1,000 for on-campus housing per year<sup>[2]</sup>
- Deans: \$2,000 + \$1,000 for on-campus housing per year<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] Board of Governors Scholarship recipients qualify for admission to the Honors College and have access to a \$1,000 study away voucher. Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full

waiver of non-resident fees. **International Baccalaureate Diploma** recipients will be awarded the Board of Governors Scholarship regardless of test scores. This scholarship is [renewable \(/FinancialAid/Scholarships/scholarship-renewal-information.htm\)](/FinancialAid/Scholarships/scholarship-renewal-information.htm) for three additional years.

[2] Provost Scholarship recipients have access to a \$1,000 study away voucher. Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of non-resident fees. 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. This scholarship is [renewable \(/FinancialAid/Scholarships/scholarship-renewal-information.htm\)](/FinancialAid/Scholarships/scholarship-renewal-information.htm) for three additional years.

[3] Deans Scholarship recipients have access to a \$1,000 study away voucher. Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of non-resident fees. This scholarship is [renewable \(/FinancialAid/Scholarships/scholarship-renewal-information.htm\)](/FinancialAid/Scholarships/scholarship-renewal-information.htm) for three additional years.

## Competitive scholarships

Name	Value per year	Selection criteria	Deadline and application	Can be combined with

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Presidential Scholarship	<p>\$15,000 per year (\$7,000 for tuition and \$8,000 for on-campus housing). Total potential value over four years is \$60,000. Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of nonresident fees for fall and spring semesters.</p>	<p>31 ACT or 1390 SAT (scores from October or before) and 3.90 cumulative GPA at 6th semester</p>	<p>Complete the Presidential Scholarship Application and apply for admission by Dec. 1 of your senior year</p>	<p>This scholarship cannot be combined.</p>
Inclusive Excellence Scholarship	<p>\$4,000 per year, plus \$1,000 per year for on-campus housing. Recipients will also have access to a \$1,000 study away voucher. Total potential value over four years is \$21,000.</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be from a historically underrepresented group (including, but not limited to</li> </ul>	<p>Complete the <a href="#">Inclusive Excellence Scholarship Application</a> and apply for admission by January 30. You must have submitted required transcripts and test scores and the Free Application for Federal</p>	<p>This scholarship cannot be combined.</p>

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	<p>Non-Missouri residents will also receive a full waiver of nonresident fees for fall and spring semesters.</p>	<p>Black/African American, Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander/Desi American, Hispanic/Latinx, Indigenous (Native American, Alaskan, Hawaiian), Multiethnic, LGBTQ+);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be from a low socio-economic background;</li> <li>• Be a first-generation if neither of your parents has a bachelor's degree; have a documented disability.</li> </ul> <p>Your academic performance and your record of school and community service will also be considered.</p> <p>Students will be selected by a committee established by the Office of Multicultural Services.</p>	<p>Student Aid (FAFSA) by that date.</p>	

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Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders Scholarship	\$2,500 per year (\$1,000 for students who are also receiving either the Provost or Deans Scholarship). Total potential value over four years is \$10,000 (\$4,000 for recipients of Provost or Deans)	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 have a class rank in the top 50% (or have a 3.00 cumulative GPA at 6th semester) and have a 20 ACT or 1030 SAT. Qualifying scores must be earned on tests taken during or before December of your senior year.	Complete the Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders Scholarship Application, apply for admission and submit required transcripts and test scores by January 30.	This scholarship can be combined with the Provost, Deans, Missouri State Advantage and Boys/Girls State scholarships.

## Other scholarships

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Missouri State Advantage Scholarship	\$1,000 Not renewable.	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.	Provost, Deans, Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders and Missouri Boys/Girls State scholarships.
A+ Recognition Scholarship	\$500 Renewable for 3 additional years.	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.	This scholarship cannot be combined.
Missouri State Promise Scholarship	\$2,000 Renewable for 3 additional years.	Missouri residents with \$12,000 or less EFC and a qualifying academic record who are not receiving another MSU scholarship.	Apply for admission and submit FAFSA by February 1.	This scholarship cannot be combined.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Value per year</b>	<b>Selection criteria</b>	<b>Deadline and application</b>	<b>Can be combined with</b>
Missouri Boys State and Girls State Leadership Award	\$1,000 Not renewable.	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.	Provost, Deans, Hutchens/SGA Centennial Leaders and Missouri State Advantage scholarships.

## Out-of-state waivers

<b>Name</b>	<b>Value per year</b>	<b>Selection criteria</b>	<b>Deadline and application</b>	<b>Can be combined with</b>
Out-of-State Tuition Waiver	Full waiver of out-of-state tuition. Renewable for 3 additional years.	ACT of 24 or higher or SAT of 1160 or higher or GPA of 3.25 or higher or Top 50% of class*	Awarded based on application for admission.	This waiver can be combined with any scholarship that doesn't already offer an out-of-state fee waiver.
Continue the Tradition Out-of-State Tuition Waiver	Full waiver of out-of-state tuition. Renewable for 3 additional years.	Child or grandchild of Missouri State graduate	Apply for admission and submit the <a href="#">Continue the Tradition Application</a> .	This waiver can be combined with any scholarship that doesn't already offer an out-of-state fee waiver.



\*Criteria must be met prior to enrollment. [↩ \(#footnote-1-ref\)](#)

## 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](#) ([/FinancialAid/Scholarships/msu-annual-scholarships.htm](#)) by March 1.

## General scholarship policies

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.
- 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.

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 \(/Policy/Op5\\_08\\_6\\_Scholarships.htm\)](/Policy/Op5_08_6_Scholarships.htm).


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




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