

# State Student Aid Program Update

DSS Learning Lab

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# Agenda

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- Spotlight on:
  - Access Missouri
  - Fast Track
- State Aid Program Highlights
- Questions

# State Student Aid Overview

*In the **2021-2022** academic year  
MDHEWD provided  
approximately **\$139.5 M**  
to more than **58,900 students**  
through **10 programs***

# State Student Aid Overview

## Gift Aid

Student does  
not have to  
repay

**Scholarship:**  
Based on  
academic merit

**Grant:** Based  
on need or  
special purpose

## Loans

Student must  
repay, typically  
with interest

Federal

State

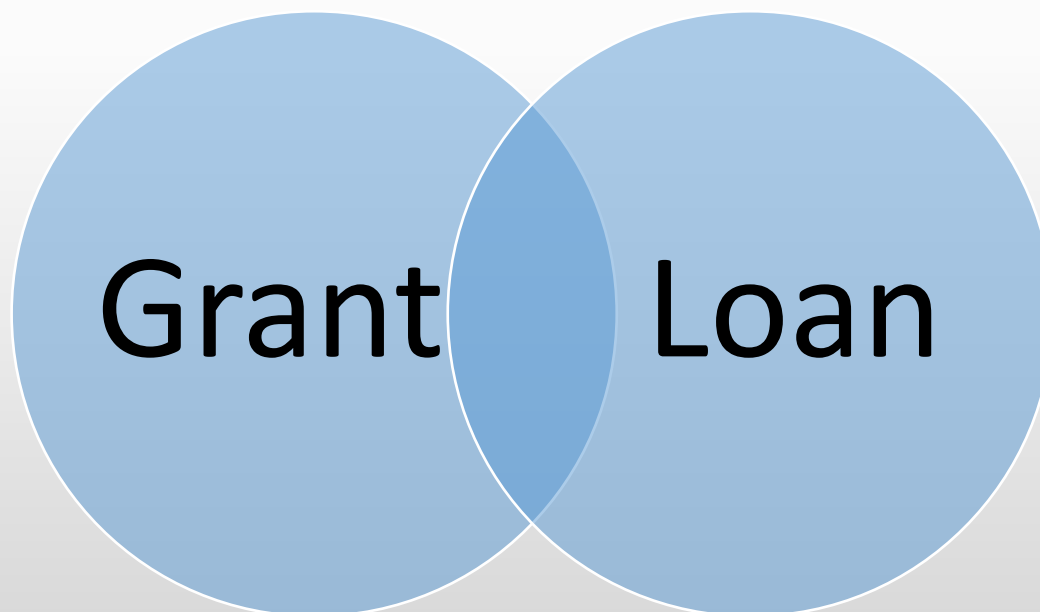
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### **FAFSA:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Federal aid application (Pell, loans)
- State aid application for some programs
  - Used to determine need/other eligibility criteria

# State Student Aid Overview

**Grant/Loan Conversion:** Grant becomes a loan if specified criteria not met



# State Student Aid Overview

- General Eligibility Criteria
  - U.S. citizen/permanent resident
    - Some programs include those lawfully present in U.S.
  - Missouri resident
  - Undergraduate student attending a participating Missouri institution
  - Not be pursuing a degree/certificate in theology or divinity

Some programs may not include all general criteria/  
others may have additional criteria

# State Student Aid Overview

Application: MDHEWD Student Portal/Estimate Eligibility tab

Deadline	Program(s)
February 1	Access Missouri preferred (upcoming yr.), DCDE spring priority (current yr.)
April 1	Access Missouri final (upcoming yr.), DCDE spring final (current yr.)
April 30	Kids' Chance (upcoming yr.)
May 1	War Vet Renewal preferred (upcoming yr.)
June 1	MUELP (upcoming yr.), Advanced Placement (current yr.)
June ACT test date immediately following high school graduation	Bright Flight (upcoming yr.)
October 1	DCDE fall priority (current yr.)
December 1	DCDE fall final (current yr.)
None	A+, Public Safety Officer, War Vet initial & renewals who didn't meet 5/1
TBD	Fast Track



# **Spotlight on Access Missouri**

# Access Missouri

- Missouri's primary need-based grant
- Need based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA
- Awards designed to be simple, predictable and portable

	Public 2-Year	Public 4-Year, State Tech, Private, Approved Virtual (WGU)
Statutory Maximum	\$1,300	\$2,850
Statutory Minimum	\$300	\$1,500

# Access Missouri Awards

- Annual maximums typically less than statutory
- Awards based on:
  - Number of eligible students
  - Program appropriation
- Structure
  - EFC/Type of Institution Matrix
  - EFCs in \$500 ranges from \$0-500 to \$11,500-\$12,000
  - Awards higher for students with lower EFCs

# Access Missouri Awards

## Access Missouri Award Table Report 2021 - 2022 Academic Year

<u>Min EFC</u>	<u>MAX EFC</u>	<u>Public 2-Year Fall Award</u>	<u>Public 2-Year Spring Award</u>
0.00	500.00	\$580.00	\$580.00
501.00	1,000.00	\$580.00	\$580.00
1,001.00	1,500.00	\$580.00	\$580.00
1,501.00	2,000.00	\$580.00	\$580.00
2,001.00	2,500.00	\$580.00	\$580.00
6,501.00	7,000.00	\$580.00	\$580.00
7,001.00	7,500.00	\$245.00	\$245.00
7,501.00	8,000.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
8,001.00	8,500.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
8,501.00	9,000.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
9,001.00	9,500.00	\$155.00	\$155.00
9,501.00	10,000.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
10,001.00	10,500.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
10,501.00	11,000.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

# Access Missouri Eligibility

- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Missouri resident
- Full-time (12 hours), undergraduate student
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$12,000 or less
- File the FAFSA
  - Feb. 1 preferred, April 1 final deadline. Actual award deadline can be set anywhere in between.
  - Corrections by July 31
- 2.5 cumulative GPA to renew

# Access Missouri Eligibility

- Eligibility expires on earliest of:
  - Receipt of the award for 10 semesters
  - Receipt of 1<sup>st</sup> bachelor's degree
  - Completion of the required hours for a bachelor's degree
  - Completion of 150 semester credit hours

# Access Missouri

- FY 2023
  - \$9 M appropriation increase
  - Full funding at statutory maximum award levels and April 1 deadline

# Spotlight on Fast Track

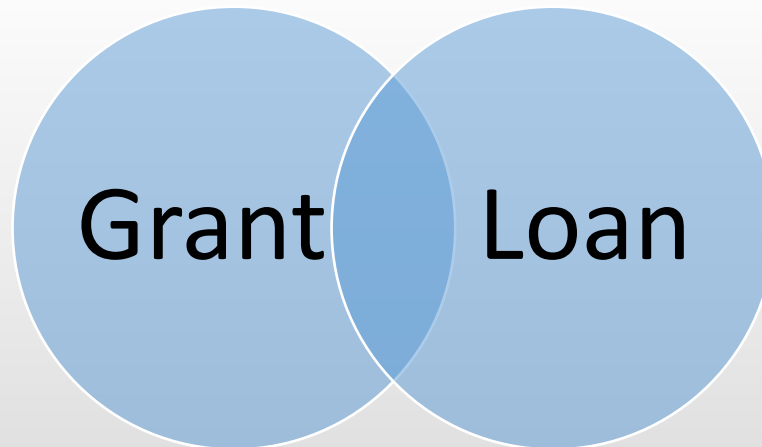


# Fast Track

- Addresses state's workforce needs
- Targeted toward adults
- Assistance in pursuing a certificate, degree, or industry recognized credential in a designated high need area
- Need-based grant
  - AGI of \$80,000 or less if married filing jointly
  - AGI of \$40,000 or less for all other tax filing statuses

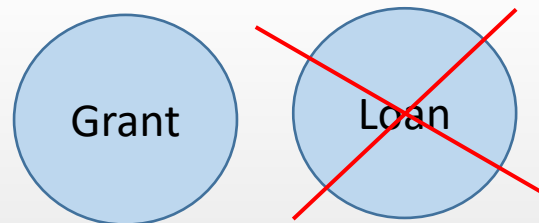
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- Prior to Aug. 28, 2022 grant could convert to loan if not a MO resident/employed in MO for 3 years after graduation



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- SB 672 effective August 28, 2022
  - All loan-related requirements eliminated



- Recipients must still report 3 years of residency/employment
- Program expanded to include additional eligible training providers and apprenticeships

Details coming soon

# FY 2023 Fast Track Awards

- Student Award:

Tuition and fees

- Governmental sources of funding (state or federal non-loan)  
Award

If calculated award is zero, student can receive lesser of  
remaining cost of attendance or \$500

- Apprentice Award:

Related educational costs (tools, uniforms, etc.)

- Governmental sources of funding (state or federal non-loan)  
Award

# Fast Track

- Level appropriation of \$4.7 M for FY 2023
- Expected to be sufficient but exact impact of expansion and removal of the loan requirements uncertain

# State Aid Program Highlights

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A+

- Scholarships to eligible graduates of A+ designated high school to attend a participating public community college or vocational/technical schools, or certain private two-year vocational/technical schools
- Students must meet high school requirements and postsecondary renewal requirements
- Awards based on tuition and fees remaining after federal non-loan aid (Pell) is applied

Bright Flight

- Merit-based scholarship encouraging top-ranked high school seniors to attend approved MO postsecondary schools with tiered awards
- Top 3% = ACT 31 for 2022 seniors; ACT 32 for 2023+ seniors – up to \$3,000 annually
- Top 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> percentiles = ACT 30 for 2022 seniors; ACT 31 for 2023+ seniors – up to \$1,000 annually
  - FY 2023 will be first year top 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> percentiles (2018-2022 graduates) funded

# State Aid Program Highlights

## Dual Credit/ Enrollment

- Scholarship to assist high school students cover tuition and fees for dual credit/dual enrollment courses
- First implemented spring 2022; tied to A+; need-sensitive
- 2022 legislative changes (SB 718) removed A+ tie; need-based effective 8/28/22

## MUELP

- Scholarship to assist academically talented minority and underrepresented individuals pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree in an environmental course of study leading to employment in a field clearly environmentally-related
- Awards selected by statutorily-defined selection committee
- Award calculated by dividing appropriation among selected recipients



# State Aid Program Highlights

## Wartime Veteran's Survivor

- Grant for children/spouses of veterans whose deaths or injuries were a result of combat action or attributed to an illness contracted while serving in combat action, or who became 80% disabled as a result of injuries/accidents sustained in combat since 9/11/2001
- If child, available through semester of 25<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Statutorily limited to 25 recipients/year
- Semester awards based on tuition/fees capped at UMC rate + 2,000 room & board allowance + actual book costs up to \$500

## Public Safety Officer Survivor

- Grant providing tuition assistance to certain public employees and their families if the employee is killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty
- If child, available through semester of 24<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Award capped at tuition for 12 hours and UMC tuition rate

# State Aid Program Highlights

## Kids' Chance

- Scholarship for children of workers/families receiving worker's compensation for a serious injury or death that occurred on the job
- Partnership with Kids' Chance Inc. of Missouri
- Award lesser of actual tuition/fees capped at UMC rate, or maximum award provided by Kids' Chance Inc. of Missouri

## Advanced Placement Incentive Grant

- One-time \$500 grant encouraging high school students to take and score well on Advanced Placement tests in math and science
- Must achieve two scores of 3 or higher on math or science AP exams while at a Missouri public high school
- Must also receive an Access Missouri or A+ award, or be eligible for a \$0 award

# Application

- For most programs, application is on MDHEWD Student Portal/Estimate Eligibility tab

<https://web.dhewd.mo.gov/studentportal/>

- Not required for Bright Flight or Access Missouri
  - Bright Flight eligibility based on ACT score received from ACT Inc.
  - Access Missouri eligibility is based on FAFSA received from U.S. Department of Education

# State Aid Program Highlights

Visit <https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/> for more info

- Individual pages for each program with eligibility, award, application and other information

# Questions

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