

Grants & Scholarships

A variety of financial aid is available to help students and families pay for college. Grants and scholarships are awarded to students of all ages, and eligibility is based on many different factors including financial need, academic achievement, civic involvement, athletic ability, and other skills and interests.

It is important to look into all types of student financial aid - from federal and state government, colleges and universities, community organizations, private businesses, and other sources. Students should apply for scholarships and grants every year they plan to attend college.

Missouri Grants and Scholarships

The Missouri Department of Higher Education administers a number of state grants and scholarships (see right sidebar). To be eligible for most Missouri student financial aid, initial and renewal students should have a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) on file by Feb. 1, but no later than April 1. Eligible students who apply between Feb. 1 and April 1 will be awarded state financial aid based on funding availability.

[Missouri Student Financial Aid 2016-2017](#)

In addition, [other state student aid](#) programs are available for Missouri residents.

Federal Grants

The U.S. Department of Higher Education offers several [federal grants](#) to help with higher education costs. To qualify for federal financial aid, students must meet all [eligibility requirements](#) and complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) each year they attend college.

College and University Grants and Scholarships

Institutional grants and scholarships are awarded by the school a student attends. For more information about the financial aid offered, check each individual [school website](#).

Private Grants and Scholarships

National and local businesses, community groups, and religious and civic organizations also award grants and scholarships. These [scholarship search tips](#) offer advice about finding private grants and scholarships.