Important Information About Your Application to Project Stay

Once applications are received, they will be screened for eligibility. Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be shredded after 60 days.

To be eligible for Project Stay, you must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- Be a first-generation college student (neither parent has a bachelor's degree)
- Meet an income guideline (based on taxable income & number in the household)
- Be a student with a disability documented at MSSU

All students accepted into Project Stay must be United States citizens or permanent residents and have at least a 2.2 cumulative grade point average. In addition, you must be pursuing a 4-year bachelor’s degree to be considered for the program. Students who have previously completed a bachelor’s degree are not eligible for Project Stay.

Once the application has been processed, eligible students are asked to come in for an individual interview with the Project Stay staff. Prior to the interview, Project Stay staff will collect more information from the applicant’s instructors. Specifically, Project Stay staff will collect information concerning:

- class attendance
- enrollment and withdrawal history
- class work completion

Applicants will then be required to complete assessment testing with the Project Stay program. Students will be assessed in three areas:

- Study Skills
- Learning Styles
- Career Interests

Project Stay reserves the right to deny applicants to the Project if there is a history of poor class attendance and/or class work completion, significant academic concerns, and/or if the applicant's enrollment history does not suggest that the applicant can graduate in at least six years from the date of entering Project Stay.

Applicants who wish to appeal a decision made by Project Stay staff should do the following:

1. Draft a letter of appeal addressed to Dory Quinn, Project Stay Director. After receiving the appeal letter, a meeting will be arranged with the student to discuss the appeal.

2. If a solution cannot be reached, the applicant should arrange to meet with Mr. Darren Fullerton, Vice President for Student Affairs.
Name _______________________________ S # ___________________
(First) (M.I.) (Last) SSN # ___________________ (Required for federal reporting purposes)

Home Address __________________________________ City __________________________
State _______ Zip _________

Home Phone (Include Area Code) ________________________________

Cell Phone (Include Area Code) ________________________________

Date of Birth ___________ High School ____________________________

Gender ___________ Campus E-mail address ___________________________

Marital Status (Circle One): single (never married) divorced
married/domestic partnership widowed

Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic/Latino origin? (Circle One) Yes_____ No____
Note: This information will be used for federal reporting only. Providing this information is optional.

Race:
American Indian or Alaska Native White
Asian Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
Black or African-American No response

Are you a United States citizen or permanent resident? Yes_____ No____

Do you receive accommodations on campus for a disability? Yes_____ No____
(If yes, please be sure to complete Consent to Release form, available at the Project Stay Office)

Are you employed? Yes_____ No____

Number of hours worked per week ____________
Have you been a participant in a TRIO Program before? This includes Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound Math/Science, and Student Support Services.  
Yes____  No____

How did you hear about Project Stay?

How many members are in your household? _____  Are you a single parent? _____

Have you previously completed a bachelor's (4-year) degree? Yes____  No____

Which type of degree do you intend to pursue at MSSU:

bachelor's (4-year program) _____  associates (2-year program) _____  other _____

Please indicate the education level of your parents at the time of your 18th birthday

Your natural/adoptive/step father (Circle One):

Did not graduate from high school
Graduated from high school
Obtained an associate’s (2 year) degree
Obtained a bachelor’s (4 year) degree
Obtained a master’s degree
Obtained a doctorate degree

Your natural/adoptive/step mother (Circle One):

Did not graduate from high school
Graduated from high school
Obtained an associate’s (2 year) degree
Obtained a bachelor’s (4 year) degree
Obtained a master’s degree
Obtained a doctorate degree

Are you recognized as an independent student by the financial aid office?  
Note:  
Independent students are generally students who are 24 years of age or older, are married, have children, are orphans or wards of the court, are veterans, or have successfully filed a petition for independent status with the financial aid office. Independent students do not have to provide parent tax information.

Yes____  No____

When you turn in your application, please furnish copies of the current year federal tax forms as documentation of income.  (We need only the page that shows taxpayers signatures and “taxable income”.)  If you answered “No” to the previous question you must provide tax information for both yourself and your parents.  Independent students do not need to complete the parent tax information.

Student

Not required to file federal income taxes
Filed 1040 form. Line 43 amount $_______
Filed 1040A form. Line 27 amount $_______
Filed 1040 EZ form. Line 6 amount $_______

College hours completed_________  Academic advisor_______________________________

Parent

Not required to file federal income taxes
Filed 1040 form. Line 43 amount $_______
Filed 1040A form. Line 27 amount $_______
Filed 1040 EZ form. Line 6 amount $_______

Major_____________________________  Minor__________________________________
Please select ALL of the Project Stay services you are interested in using:

- [ ] Academic advising
- [ ] Tutoring/Study Groups
- [ ] Study Skills Development
- [ ] Financial Literacy Development
- [ ] Career Counseling
- [ ] Personal Counseling
- [ ] Leadership & Professional Development class
- [ ] Job Shadowing
- [ ] Assistance with graduate school admission
- [ ] Assistance with financial aid/scholarship applications
- [ ] Math/Writing camps
- [ ] Cultural events
- [ ] Priority Enrollment (only available for students with fewer than 60 hours completed)
- [ ] Grant Aid (only available for students with fewer than 60 hours – limited awards)

What is your educational goal, and how will being a part of the Project Stay program benefit you in reaching your goal?

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The information I have submitted on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. If selected for Project Stay I understand that I am expected to satisfactorily maintain my grade point average, participate in Project events, and work closely with my Project advisor to accomplish my educational goals. I understand that Project Stay staff may consult my current instructors to collect information about my class attendance and class work completion. I agree to permit Project Stay staff access to my grade reports, financial aid documentation, and other confidential records necessary for program documentation and evaluation.

IMPORTANT: Project Stay cannot process your application without copies of the appropriate tax documents, and your social security number.

_________________________________________  __________________________
Signature                                      Date

Once you have completed the application, you may:

- Bring it by the Project Stay office in Hearnes Hall Room 308
- Mail the application and tax documentation, if applicable, to:

  MSSU Project Stay  
  Hearnes Hall Room 308  
  3950 E. Newman Road  
  Joplin, MO  64801

- Fax the application and tax documentation, if applicable, to (417) 625-9831

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