



## **Missouri Southern State University**

### **Undergraduate Scholarship Policies**

All students receiving institutional funds from Missouri Southern must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current academic year. Students are highly encouraged to complete the FAFSA by April 1. To receive institutional funds a student shall be a United States citizen, a permanent United States resident, or be lawfully present in the United States. The University reserves the right to change all fees, tuition, awards and scholarships without notice. Missouri Southern does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability in employment or provision of services.

#### **Academic Scholarships**

##### ***Type of Scholarships***

Academic Scholarships include: Evans/Honors, Presidential, Excellence, A+ Leadership, Transfer Scholarships (PTK, Board of Governors, University Academic, Transfer Scholarships), Non-Resident Service Area Scholarship for Incoming Freshmen, Non-Resident Service Area for Transfer Students, Diversity, and Midwest Student Exchange (NOTE: Non-resident scholarship—both freshmen and transfer—are payable up to fifteen (15) hours per semester .

##### ***Conditions for Awarding Scholarships***

First time entering freshman must use the scholarship within one year of graduation or testing. Academic scholarship recipients may receive one academic scholarship issued by the University. Outstanding students who qualify for more than one academic scholarship must choose which award they will accept. Academic scholarship recipients may combine performing awards with an academic scholarship of choice as long as the total award does not exceed the student's direct university costs of tuition, room, and board. No cash refund may be received unless coordinated with a non-University award. General academic awards do not cover fees, books, and supplies. Athletics grant-in-aid funds if available are applicable towards books, fees (excluding recreation center), and supplies in compliance with NCAA guidelines. The Honors Program may award institutional funds beyond tuition, room and board through the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, students who were granted more than one academic scholarship upon entry to MSSU (prior to Fall 2009) may continue to receive such awards up to eight (8) consecutive semesters, as long as the criteria as originally specified for the award are met.

##### ***Renewability of Scholarships***

All students receiving an academic scholarship must be enrolled as full-time students each semester and pass 12 credit hours with a 2.5 G.P.A. the first semester and a 3.0 G.P.A. each consecutive semester thereafter. This is not a cumulative G.P.A. Academic scholarships are renewable up to eight (8) consecutive semesters if awarded when a student is a first-time freshman. Transfer students may renew their scholarships up to six (6) consecutive semesters or until graduation requirements are completed, whichever comes first. In the semester prior to graduation, the student may choose to enroll in only those hours needed to graduate. The scholarship will be prorated based on the number of hours enrolled. Students who receive Patron's Scholarships or Foundation awards MUST reapply each year to receive their scholarships for future semesters—these are not automatic awards.

## ***Appeals***

Students not meeting their scholarship's criteria may appeal to the Director of Student Financial Aid by completing the Scholarship Appeal Application. Attached to the appeal form must be documentation for medical and/or extenuating circumstances. Appeal forms and documentation must be returned no later than 30 days from the end of the semester in which the suspension occurred. The Director of Financial Aid will review the student's file and determine if the award will be granted. If funds are available and the award is granted, the student must meet the required guidelines. Students may appeal the loss of these funds one time.

## **Performing Aid Policies**

Performance scholarship recipients may combine academic awards with their performance scholarship as long as the total award does not exceed the student's direct university costs of tuition, room, and board. No cash refund may be received unless coordinated with a non-University award. General performance awards do not cover fees, books, and supplies. Athletics grant-in-aid funds if available are applicable towards books, fees (excluding recreation center), and supplies in compliance with NCAA guidelines. All students receiving a performing award must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours each semester and meet the Standards of Progress toward graduation as published in the university catalog. Performing awards will be awarded at a flat rate and will not be tied to tuition. Post-graduate students attending full-time may receive performing awards from institutional departmental budgets as long as funds are available. There will not be an increase in departmental budgets because of post-graduate awards.