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BSSHS A+ Newsletter

Extra! Extra!

Do you know someone who is currently using the A+ program to go to college? **To recognize student achievement, the Missouri Lottery has created a special prize drawing especially for A+ students.** One grand-prize winner will win \$1,000, and three first-prize winners will receive \$400 in prize money to put toward a laptop, iPod touch or other school essentials. Beginning Oct. 1, students **who are using or have used A+ funds** to attend a post-secondary institution, are invited to enter the promotion. No purchase is necessary; we just want students to let us know how they benefited from the program.

Go to https://www.molottery.com/extras/tools_4_school/details.shtm for more details.

Are you A+ Eligible?

In order to receive the A+ Tuition Benefits from the state, students must graduate from an A+ School meeting the following criteria:

- Attend an A+ designated school for at least 3 years prior to graduation.
- Have a 2.5 GPA over 8 semesters (un-rounded and un-weighted).
- Have 95% average attendance over 8 semesters (un-rounded).
- Maintain good citizenship, and avoid the illegal use of drugs/alcohol.
- Complete 50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring of students in the Blue Springs School District (all tutoring must be arranged through the A+ office).

It is not too late to sign up for the A+ program!

TUTOR TRAININGS DATES 08-09

All A+ students must attend ONE training session **before** tutoring. All trainings are from 2:40-3:15 PM. You can schedule an individual training by making an appointment with Mr. Sapp in the A+ office.

Thursday, September 3, 2009	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs South HS Media Center
Tuesday, September 8, 2009	2:40-3:15	Freshman Center Commons
Thursday, September 10, 2009	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs HS Media Center
Thursday, October 1, 2009	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs HS Media Center
Tuesday, October 20, 2009	2:40-3:15	Freshman Center Commons
Tuesday, November 10, 2009	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs South HS Media Center
Thursday, January 7, 2010	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs HS Media Center
Tuesday, January 26, 2010	2:40-3:15	Freshman Center Commons
Tuesday, February 2, 2010	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs South HS Media Center
Thursday, March 18, 2010	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs HS Media Center
Tuesday, April 13, 2010	2:40-3:15	Freshman Center Commons
Tuesday, May 4, 2010	2:40-3:15	Freshman Center Commons
Thursday, May 6, 2010	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs South HS Media Center
Tuesday, May 11, 2010	2:40-3:15	Blue Springs HS Media Center

SENIOR SECTION

After **January 1, 2010**, you can fill out the FAFSA form, once your taxes have been completed go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to fill out the form. This is required if you plan to use your A+ benefits. You can also attend the annual FAFSA party and campus visit day at MCC Blue River usually towards the end of February.

April 2, 2010 is the deadline to turn in the Intent to Access A+ Benefits form. This form is available in the A+ office or on the A+ Web Page, if you plan on using A+ at a community college.

May 7, 2010 is the deadline for **SENIORS** to turn in all tutoring hours to the A+ office.

Keep an eye on your GPA and attendance so you maintain your A+ eligibility. It is much easier to drop your GPA and Attendance than it is to raise it. GPA and Attendance cannot be rounded up!

4-Year Universities Offering A+ Scholarships/ Incentives*

University	Conditions
Avila University Kansas City, MO www.avila.edu	A+ Recognition Scholarship \$4000 annually for 4 years Minimum 20 ACT Composite Maintain a 2.85 cumulative GPA for renewal May not be combined with any other Avila academic scholarship
Central Methodist University Fayette, MO www.centralmethodist.edu	A+ Program Scholarship Half-Tuition Scholarship
Drury University Springfield, MO www.drury.edu	Missouri A+ Scholarship Deadline February 1 \$1,000 annual award Available to students entering Drury as freshmen Renewable with a 3.0 cumulative GPA
Kansas City Art Institute Kansas City, MO www.kcai.edu	A+ Scholarship \$1000 for first two years Student must notify KCAI during application process
Missouri Southern State Univ Joplin, MO www.mssu.edu	A+ Leadership Scholarship Total of 100 A+ Leadership Scholarships per year on a first-come basis Selection based upon scholarship application AND admission application received date
Missouri Western State Univ St. Joseph, MO www.missouriwestern.edu	A Plus Program Pays for tuition and common fees Enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours Maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
Missouri Valley College Marshall, MO www.moval.edu	A+ Incentive Half Tuition
Northwest Missouri State Univ Maryville, MO www.nwmissouri.edu	A+ Scholarship \$1500 per year; renewable for one year Student must complete 24 credit hours Northwest cumulative GPA is at least 3.30 or higher
Park University Parkville, MO www.park.edu	A+ Scholarship Conditions pending
Stephens College Columbia, MO www.stephens.edu	A+ Leadership Award \$1000 per year
Truman State University Kirksville, MO www.truman.edu	A+ Recognition Scholarship A minimum 23 ACT and at least a 3.25 HS GPA. \$1,500 per academic year. These Truman-funded scholarships are awarded competitively.
William Woods University Fulton, MO www.williamwoods.edu	A+ Scholarship \$1000 per year Automatically awarded upon receipt of certified transcripts from an A+ designated high school

**All of these A+ Recognition Scholarships have been initiated by the colleges/universities, utilizing their own funding resources. The requirements vary from school to school and sometimes require a higher GPA than the 2.5 mandated by A+. ACT scores may also be a requirement. Students, who meet the requirements set by the A+ Schools Program, should contact their college/university of choice at the time an application for admission is sent. Verification of the A+ status will be required.*