



Festus R-VI A+ Schools Program

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BENEFITS OF THE A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Festus High School is a designated A+ High School in the state of Missouri. A+ participants who meet all of the requirements listed below **may** receive paid tuition to a public community college or an approved public vocational/technical school in the state of Missouri. Eligibility for the A+ Program expires once one of the following factors has been met: 48 months after high school graduation, receipt of an associate's degree or the completion of 105% of the required hours for the student's program of study. **All financial benefits are dependent upon money allocated each year by the state legislature.**

REQUIREMENTS OF THE A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM

To be certified as an A+ Student, an individual must do the following:

- Sign an A+ Schools Agreement
- Must be a United States citizen or permanent resident
- Attend a designated A+ High School for two years prior to graduation
- Graduate Festus High School with an **unweighted** grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (accumulative all four years)
- Maintain a 95% attendance record (accumulative all four years)
- Perform 50 hours of unpaid school sponsored and supervised tutoring or mentoring.
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol.
- Make a good faith effort to secure all available federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds that do not require repayment (must complete a FAFSA form after October 1st of the student's senior year)
- Students must score Advanced or Proficient on the Algebra I End Of Course Exam (or a higher level DESE approved end-of-course exam in the field of mathematics) or earn an eligible score on the ACT Math section (at least 17 & 2.5 GPA, 16 & 2.8 GPA, 15 & 3.0 GPA).
- After graduation, maintain eligibility by enrolling full-time at an approved institution and earning at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

For more information, visit the A+ website or contact

<https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/aplusscholarship.php>

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