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Journey to College Book Scholarship Update

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

The Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (DHEWD) partners with the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel and the Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation to offer a scholarship opportunity to students who participate in a Journey to College FAFSA Frenzy event. Last fall, several changes were made to the scholarship to promote creating an account in the State Financial Aid Portal and to submit an online application through Scholarship Central. In addition, instead of awarding five scholarships, twenty \$500 “book” scholarships will be disbursed. The funds can be used for any educational expenses and will be disbursed to the Missouri institutions the recipients plan to attend. Funding for the scholarships comes from the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel and the Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation.

Students who participated in an official FAFSA Frenzy event or activity between October 1, 2019, and January 31, 2020, were eligible to complete an online application through Scholarship Central to receive one of the scholarships. They were also required to create a State Financial Aid Portal account and login to receive a code to enter on their application.

CURRENT STATUS

In April, twenty recipients were selected randomly out of the 206 total applicants submitted. To be eligible to receive the funds, the winning students must enroll in a fall 2020 postsecondary program in Missouri and provide enrollment verification to DHEWD. The scholarships will be disbursed directly to the schools of attendance.

Winners of the 2019-20 Journey to College Book Scholarship were from the following schools:

- Fort Osage High School, Independence
- Odessa High School, Odessa
- Oak Grove High School, Oak Grove
- Excelsior Springs High School, Excelsior Springs
- Metropolitan Community College-Longview, Lee’s Summit
- Sheldon R-VIII High School, Sheldon
- Kickapoo High School, Springfield
- Reeds Spring High School, Reeds Spring
- Hillcrest High School, Springfield
- Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield
- McCluer High School, Florissant
- Dexter High School, Dexter
- Hazelwood Central High School, St. Louis
- Hazelwood East High School, St. Louis
- University City High School, University City
- Gateway STEM High School, St. Louis
- Three Rivers Community College, Poplar Bluff
- Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School, Maplewood
- Hickman High School, Columbia
- Battle High School, Columbia

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

NO ATTACHMENTS