



Tab 25

Recertification of Institutions to Participate in State Student Financial Aid Programs

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

Every three years, in compliance with the regulations on institutional eligibility for participation in state student financial assistance programs, approved public, private and virtual institutions must be recertified by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. This agenda item provides a basic overview of the process to be followed for the 2022 recertification cycle.

All institutions currently participating in the state student financial assistance programs are certified through September 2022. In order for students at Missouri postsecondary education institutions to continue to receive state student financial assistance, the institution must complete the recertification process, including Coordinating Board for Higher Education approval, by September 2022.

The recertification process applies to institutions that satisfy the requirements specified in Section 173.1102, RSMo. Those provisions define three distinct categories of Missouri institutions (private institutions, public institutions and virtual institutions) as eligible to participate in these programs. Institutional eligibility to participate in the A+ Scholarship program is not included in the process as the authorizing statute for that program specifically defines institutional eligibility and does not require approval by the Coordinating Board. In addition, because the Advanced Placement Incentive Grant requires students to be eligible for either an Access Missouri or A+ award, separate institutional approval is not required.

An approved private institution is defined as a nonprofit institution, dedicated to educational purposes, located in Missouri which:

- Is operated privately under the control of an independent board and not directly controlled or administered by any public agency or political subdivision;
- Provides a postsecondary course of instruction at least six months in length leading to or directly creditable toward a certificate or degree;
- Meets the standards for accreditation as determined by either the Higher Learning Commission or by other accrediting bodies recognized by the United States Department of Education or by utilizing accreditation standards applicable to nondegree-granting institutions as established by the coordinating board for higher education;
- Does not discriminate in the hiring of administrators, faculty and staff or in the admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and is in compliance with the Federal Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 and executive orders issued pursuant thereto. Sex discrimination does not apply to admission practices of institutions offering the enrollment limited to one sex; and
- Permits faculty members to select textbooks without influence or pressure by any religious or sectarian source.

The only substantive difference in the definition of an approved public institution relates to governance and funding. Rather than an independent board, this category of institution requires that the institution:

- Is directly controlled or administered by a public agency or political subdivision; and
- Receives appropriations directly or indirectly from the general assembly for operating expenses.

Approved virtual institution was added as an institutional category by the General Assembly in 2017. In order to be classified in this category, the institution must:

- Be recognized as a qualifying institution by gubernatorial executive order, unless such order is rescinded;
- Be recognized as a qualifying institution through a memorandum of understanding between the state of Missouri and the approved virtual institution;
- Be accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education;
- Establish and continuously maintain a physical campus or location of operation within the state of Missouri;
- Maintain at least twenty-five full-time Missouri employees, at least one-half of which must be faculty or administrators engaged in operations;
- Enroll at least one thousand Missouri residents as degree- or certificate-seeking students;
- Maintain a governing body or advisory board based in Missouri with oversight of Missouri operations;
- Be organized as a nonprofit institution; and
- Utilize an exclusively competency-based education model.

In addition to confirmation that each institution continues to meet these statutory provisions, the recertification process is also designed to achieve several additional purposes.

- Review institutional compliance with promulgated CBHE/DHEWD policies.
- Update institutional state aid portfolios, including collection of updated participation agreements, to ensure the institution has the opportunity to participate in all aid programs for which its students are eligible.
- Collect additional data elements and information necessary for program administration, including contact information for school officials and preferences regarding receipt of funds.

On the issue of payment, the department transfers funds directly to participating institutions through electronic funds transfer or check. Although payments are sent to an institution, those funds are provided for the benefit of specific students rather than as institutional support.

CURRENT STATUS

DHEWD staff are currently updating materials relating to the recertification process in anticipation of distribution of those materials early next year.

NEXT STEPS

Recertification Timeline

January 2022	Application materials available for all institutions
April 15, 2022	All application materials due
June 15, 2022	Coordinating Board for Higher Education action
June-July 2022	Institutions notified of board action and participation agreements executed
September 2022	Institutional recertification effective for next three years (until September 2025)

Once applications are approved by the Coordinating Board, the program specific participation agreements completed by a school official during the recertification application process will be signed by the Commissioner. These agreements specify the obligations relating to administering state student financial aid programs and provide the process for changes in such agreements.

RECOMMENDATION

This an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- Roster of Participating Institutions

Tab 25 Attachment

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INSTITUTION NAME	PROGRAMS						
	Access Missouri	Bright Flight	Kids Chance	Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant	Minority & Underrepresented Environmental Literacy	Public Safety Officer or Employee's Child Survivor	Wartime Veteran's Survivor
Avila University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bolivar Technical College	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cape Girardeau Career & Technology Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carthage Technical Center	X			X			
Cass Career Center	X		X	X			X
Central Methodist University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Clinton Technical School	X			X			X
College of the Ozarks	X	X	X		X	X	
Columbia College	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cotley College	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Cox College	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Crowder College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Culver-Stockton College	X	X	X		X	X	
Drury University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
East Central College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Evangel University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Fontbonne University	X	X		X			
Four Rivers Career Center	X	X	X	X		X	X
Franklin Technology Center	X	X	X	X			X
Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College	X	X	X	X		X	
Grand River Technical School	X	X	X		X	X	X
Hannibal-LaGrange University	X	X	X		X	X	
Harris-Stowe State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hillyard Technical Center	X	X					

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Jefferson College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas City Art Institute	X	X		X			
Kirkville Area Technical Center	X		X	X		X	X
Lex La-Ray Technical Center	X	X	X	X		X	X
Lincoln University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lindenwood University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Logan University	X	X	X		X	X	
Maryville University of Saint Louis	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Metropolitan Community College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mineral Area College	X	X	X	X		X	X
Missouri Baptist University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Missouri Southern State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri State University-West Plains	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri University of Science and Technology	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Missouri Valley College	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Missouri Western State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Moberly Area Community College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
North Central Missouri College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Northwest Missouri State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ozarks Technical Community College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Park University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pike-Lincoln Technical Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Poplar Bluff Technical Career Center	X	X	X	X		X	X
Ranken Technical College	X	X	X	X		X	

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Research College of Nursing	X	X	X		X	X	
Rockhurst University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rolla Technical Institute/Center	X		X	X		X	X
Saint Louis University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Saint Luke's College of Health Sciences	X	X	X			X	
Saline County Career Center	X	X	X			X	X
South Central Career Center	X			X			
Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences	X	X	X	X		X	
Southeast Missouri State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Southwest Baptist University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
St. Charles Community College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
St. Louis Community College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
State Fair Community College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
State Technical College of Missouri	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Stephens College	X	X		X			
Three Rivers College	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Truman State University	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
University of Central Missouri	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis	X	X	X			X	
University of Missouri-Columbia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
University of Missouri-Kansas City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
University of Missouri-St. Louis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Warrensburg Area Career Center	X			X			
Washington University in St. Louis	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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Waynesville Career Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Webster University	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Western Governors University	X			X			
Westminster College	X	X	X	X	X	X	
William Jewell College	X	X	X	X	X	X	
William Woods University	X	X	X	X	X	X	