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Important Dates to Remember

March 7: Registration deadline for April 12 **ACT**

March 21: Late registration deadline for April 12 **ACT**



College Students

- Watch for an email notice indicating your Student Aid Report (SAR) is ready. The SAR contains important information about student aid:
 - It summarizes the information you provided when you completed the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.
 - It includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which colleges use to determine your financial aid package.
- Review your SAR for errors and make any necessary corrections. Keep a copy of your corrections.
- Submit your FAFSA if you haven't already done so. You can complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov. Remember, your FAFSA must be filed by **April 1** to be considered for the **Access Missouri Financial Assistance program**.
- If you are between 17 and 22 years old and have a parent that was seriously injured or killed in work-related accident compensable by worker's compensation, you may be eligible for the **Kids' Chance Scholarship program**.

To apply, you must have your FAFSA on file and submit a completed scholarship application to Kids' Chance Inc. of Missouri by **April 30**. You may obtain an application at www.mokidschance.org.

- The Access Missouri statutory maximum and minimum award amounts will change beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year. The chart below compares the statutory maximum and minimum award amounts for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years. If you have any questions about your actual 2013-2014 award amount, visit the MDHE's student portal or contact the MDHE at 800-473-6757, option 4. Based on early projections of the program's funding levels for 2014-2015, it is recommended you use the statutory minimum to estimate your award.

	Public 2-Year		Public 4-Year and Linn State Technical College		Private	
	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
2013-2014	\$1,000	\$300	\$2,150	\$1,000	\$4,600	\$2,000
2014-2015	\$1,300	\$300	\$2,850	\$1,500	\$2,850	\$1,500

- Visit the MDHE's website to learn more about the **Advanced Placement Incentive Grant**, a program created for students who scored well on advanced placements exams in math and science while attending a Missouri public high school.

- Check out the MDHE's **student portal**, where you can access information about how to prepare and pay for college. If the MDHE has received your FAFSA and/or ACT or SAT information, you may also be able to review your eligibility for several state student financial aid programs, as well as your payment history for those programs.

High School Seniors

- Submit your **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** if you haven't done so already. You can complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov. Remember, your FAFSA must be filed by April 1 to be considered for the **Access Missouri Financial Assistance program**.
 - Please note the address above. The site www.fafsa.com is the home page for a preparation and filing service that charges a fee. You should not have to pay to apply for any federal or state financial aid.
- After filing your FAFSA, watch for notification that your Student Aid Report (SAR) is available. Your SAR will tell you your Expected Family Contribution, or EFC, which is used to determine if you are eligible for some financial assistance programs. Be sure to check the information in your SAR carefully and make any necessary corrections.
- If you are between 17 and 22 years old and have a parent that was seriously injured or killed in a work-related accident compensable by worker's compensation, you may be eligible for the **Kids' Chance Scholarship program**.

To apply, you must have your FAFSA on file and submit a completed scholarship application to Kids' Chance Inc., of Missouri by April 30. You may obtain an application at www.mokidschance.org.

- If you're planning to take the ACT in April, don't forget that 2014 seniors must have an ACT score of 31, or an SAT critical reading score of 800 and an SAT math score of 800, to be in the top 3 percent for the **Bright Flight scholarship**. Students scoring a 30 qualify in the top fourth and fifth percentiles, but awards at that level are not likely to be funded for the 2014-2015 college academic year.
- Check out the MDHE's **student portal**, where you can access information about how to prepare and pay for college.
- Ask your school counselor about Advanced Placement (AP) exams offered for college credit. Contact the college you plan to attend to find out what score is required to receive the college credit.

- Visit the MDHE's website to learn more about the **Advanced Placement Incentive Grant**, program created for students who score well on advanced placements exams in math and science while attending a Missouri public high school.

High School Juniors

- You have to go to high school anyway, so you might as well make it count. The choices you make for 9th grade – as well as 10th, 11th, and 12th – will affect the choices you'll have for the rest of your life. Your school counselor, teachers, family and friends will be able to answer many questions about high school, life, and education after high school. As you begin your high school enrollment process in the spring, ask as many questions as it takes to get the information you need.
- Check out the MDHE's **student portal**, where you can access information about how to prepare and pay for college. You will need a Microsoft Live ID to sign in to the portal.
- Learn about the different types of colleges and universities available in Missouri. Check out the **MDHE's College & Degree Search** to help match up your interests and goals with the schools that are best for you.
- Visit the MDHE's website to learn more about the **Advanced Placement Incentive Grant**, a program created for students who score well on advanced placements exams in math and science while attending a Missouri public high school.

Nontraditional Students

- You should submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov if you haven't already done so. Nontraditional students may also be eligible to receive Missouri state aid, and the federal processor must receive your FAFSA no later than **April 1** in order to be considered for the **Access Missouri Financial Assistance program**. While other FAFSA deadlines for state aid may be later, it is always good to apply early.

Scholarship Opportunities

- Eight \$1000 Missouri Community Service Commission scholarships are available to 9-12th grade student-volunteers through the **2013-2014 High School Student-Volunteer Community Service Scholarship Awards initiative**. Please go to www.movolunteers.org for more information. All materials are due on or before **March 3, 2014**.