



Welcome to Journey to College Day!

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Legislative Update

Agenda

- 2023 Session Highlights
- FY 2024 Appropriations
- Higher Education Legislation Enacted
- Legislation Considered but Not Passed
- Student Aid Legislation
- 2024 Session Preview

Session Highlights

Dates and Numbers

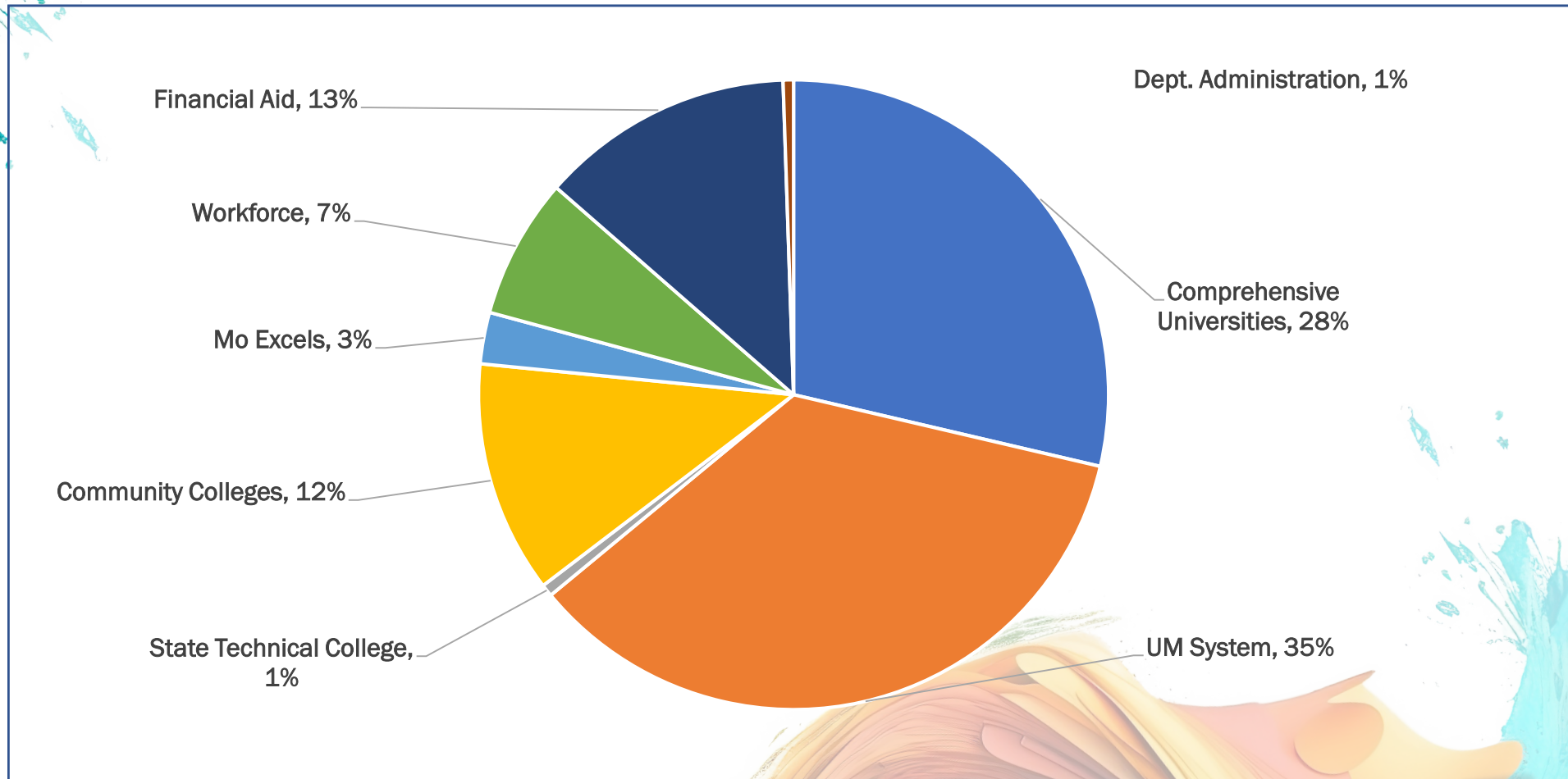
- Session began: Wednesday, January 4
- Session ended: Friday, May 12
- Number of bills filed: 2,201
- Number of TAFP bills (including budget bills): 58
- Number of TAFP bill impacting higher ed/workforce development: 4

FY 2024 Budget

House Bill 3 Overview

- **Total Appropriation - \$1.5 B**
 - No change from FY 2023
- **Total by Source**
 - GR – \$1,229,177,032 (Up 13.3%)
 - Federal - \$140,775,659 (Down 5.8%)
 - Other - \$107,074,362 (Down 63.4%)

House Bill 3 Overview



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Student Aid Programs

- **All programs maintain FY 2023 funding levels**
 - A+ Scholarship – \$60.3M
 - Access Missouri - \$75.4M
 - Bright Flight – \$27.6M
 - Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment - \$7M
 - Fast Track - \$4.7M
- **\$800,000 Fast Track spending authority increase**

Legislation Enacted

- SB 39 – Limits athletic competitions to students whose biological sex aligns with the designated gender of the event. (Signed)
- HB 412 – Creates various incentives to encourage individuals to obtain employment related skills
 - Prohibits state agencies from denying hiring based solely on postsecondary degree
 - Employer grants for employee upskilling
 - Intern and apprentice recruitment tax credit
 - Nursing Education Grant revisions

Considered but Not Passed

- HB 972 – Would prohibit institutions of higher education from refusing to provide a transcript to a student because a student owes a debt.
- HB 1321 - Updates required annual report by adding specified demographics for any student receiving a scholarship or grant funded by the state.
- For more information:
<https://dhewd.mo.gov/about/legislative/>

Student Aid Legislation

- **A+ Scholarship**

- HB 76 – Expands eligible institutions and instructional/training programs
- HB 1320 - Allows up to \$500/semester for students whose A+ awards are reduced to zero by federal funds
- HB 1323 – Makes A+ first payer

Student Aid Legislation

- **Access Missouri**

- HB 1317 – Extends Access Missouri eligibility from 10 to 12 semesters
- HB 1318 – Increases Access Missouri awards beginning in 2024-2025 AY
 - \$2,000 max, \$500 min. at public 2-year institutions (currently \$1,300 max, \$300 min.)
 - \$3,500 max, \$1,750 min. at all other approved institutions (currently (\$2,850 max, \$1,500 min.)
- HB 1319 – Removes requirement that Access Missouri award be reduced by A+ award

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Financial Aid Updates

Agenda

- FAFSA Updates
- A+ Scholarship
- Access Missouri Scholarship
- Bright Flight
- Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Scholarship
- Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant
- Questions



FAFSA Updates

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FAFSA Updates: What we know

- Change the need analysis formula from expected family contribution (EFC) to student aid index (SAI)
 - Allows for negative SAI as low as -\$1,500
- Estimated number of Pell eligible student could double
- Connected to IRS tax information – fewer fields for the student to complete
 - Requires parents/guardians to create an FSA ID and complete relevant sections of the FAFSA
- Eliminates prohibitions for students with drug-related offenses and male students who failed to register for Selective Service

FAFSA Updates: Looking Ahead

- **Summer 2023:** Financial Aid Administrator Trainings
- **July 2023:** Sample ISIR datasets for testing
- **October 2023:** Final ISIR Layout
- **December 2023:** 2024-25 FAFSA available
 - FAFSA demonstration website available
- **February 1, 2024:** Priority FAFSA deadline
- **April 1, 2024:** Tentative FAFSA filing deadline
 - Sufficient funds to cover students who apply by April deadline
 - May push back, depending on FAFSA filing numbers



A+ Scholarship

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A+ Scholarship Overview

The A+ Scholarship provides funds for eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend a participating public community colleges or vocational/technical schools, or certain private two-year vocational/technical school

- Missouri's "Promise" Scholarship, covers tuition and fees
- Last Dollar: Pell must be applied first
- FY2022: 14,181 students, \$49.3M
- FY2023: 13,940 students, \$52.3M

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A+ Scholarship Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Attend an A+ high school for any 2 years prior to graduation
- Graduate from an A+ high school with an overall unweighted GPA of 2.5/4.0 or higher
- 95% or better overall attendance record for grades 9-12
- Perform at least 50 hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring
- Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the use of drugs and alcohol while in grades 9-12
- Meet mathematics college readiness: Algebra I end-of-course exam, or ACT math subscore

A+ Scholarship, AY 2022-23

- Algebra 1 (or higher) end-of-course exam requirement is back in place
- No statutory changes to the program
- \$60.3M appropriated



Access Missouri

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Access Missouri Overview

Access Missouri is a need-based grant program designed to be easy to understand, provide predictable portable awards, and increase access to an undergraduate student's school of choice

- Covers cost of attendance, covers up to 10 semesters
- “Pell blind,” but A+ must be applied first
- FY2022: 36,083 students, \$66.7M
- FY2023: 35,761 students, \$72.9M

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Access Missouri Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Be enrolled full-time
- Have not earned a bachelor's degree
- Not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity
- Completed a FAFSA by deadline
 - February 1 for Priority, April 1 final
- Have an EFC of \$12,000 or less
 - For FY 23, EFC raised to \$15,000

Access Missouri, AY 2023-24

- Fully funded, no reductions to award
- Raising EFC cutoff to \$20,000
- Appropriated \$75.4M

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Bright Flight



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Bright Flight Overview

The Missouri Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program, or “Bright Flight,” is a merit-based scholarship that encourages top-ranked high school seniors to attend approved Missouri postsecondary schools

- Can be used on any educational expense
- Does not need to be reduced by other award amounts
- FY2022: 7,367 students, \$20.9M
- FY2023: 8,633 students, \$21.1M

Bright Flight Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Have a composite ACT or SAT score in either:
 - The top 3 percent of all Missouri students taking those tests
 - The top 4th or 5th percentiles of all Missouri students taking those tests
 - Funding available for first time in FY2023
- Super-scoring is allowed
- Enroll as a first-time, full-time student right after high school
- Not be pursuing a degree or certificate in theology or divinity

Bright Flight, AY 2023-24

- Qualifying ACT score for 1st tier students will **increase from a 31 to a 32 or higher**
 - \$3,000 award
- Qualifying ACT score for 2nd tier students (4th and 5th percentile) will **increase from a 30 to a 31**
 - \$1,000 award
 - First awarded in FY 2022-23
- Appropriated \$27.6M



Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment

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Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment

This need-based scholarship is designed to cover the tuition and fees for eligible high school students taking dual credit or dual enrollment courses from a Missouri college or university

- Students must apply through the Student Portal by deadlines
 - Fall Semester: October 1 priority, December 1 final
 - Can apply for Fall and Spring all at once
 - Spring Semester: February 1 priority, April 1 final
 - No Summer term

DCDE Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a Missouri resident
- Enrolled in DCDE classes through an approved Missouri college or university
- Minimum cumulative unweighted high school GPA 2.5/4.0
 - Meet one or more of the following need criteria :
 - Individually eligible for free and reduced lunch
 - Living in a foster home
 - Ward of the State
 - Homeless per McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
 - Low income public assistance recipient
 - Living in federal subsidized public housing

DCDE Process

- Students apply in the Student Portal
 - Need to include **Parental Release Form**
- DHEWD reviews apps, notifies students & creates Provider rosters
 - High School certification no longer needed
- Providers certify eligibility & awards
- DHEWD process Provider certification files
- DHEWD disburses funds to Providers
- Providers deliver funds to students

DCDE High School Responsibilities

- Provide HS transcript to students for upload into application
 - Only one transcript required per year, at time of first application
 - Can be official or unofficial
- Provide letter certifying homeless per McKinney-Vento, if applicable
- Assist students with DCDE provider and class information, as needed

DCDE AY 2023-24

Summary

- No longer tied to A+ Scholarship in any way
- Need component has changed
- Application expanded and improved to allow document upload instead of snail mail
- Student portal account required
- High school responsibilities have lessened
- Will be incorporated into FAMOUS – no longer manual
- Appropriated: \$7M

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Fast Track

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Fast Track Overview

The Fast Track Workforce Incentive Grant is designed to provide Missouri adults with the education and skills needed to enter the workforce in high-demand fields. It covers tuition and general fees to students enrolled in a designated program of study at a participating Missouri school or training provider, or direct costs of an apprenticeship such as tools, books, and uniforms

- Big changes from 2022: loan component removed, training providers and apprenticeships can participate

Fast Track Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Missouri resident for 2 years prior to grant
 - Unless military or apprentice
- At least 25 year of age or have not been enrolled in an educational program for at least 2 years; no bachelor's degree
- Enrolled at least half-time in eligible undergraduate program
- Have a qualifying AGI
 - \$80,000 or less if married filing jointly
 - \$40,000 or less for all other tax filing statuses
- Apply for all potential government sources of funding (Pell, WIOA)

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