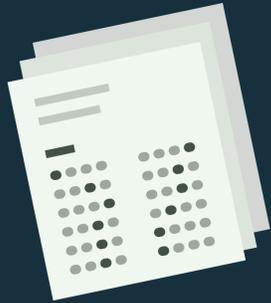




A+ GUIDELINES

START AND MAINTAIN YOUR A+ BENEFITS WHILE ENROLLED AT SCC.

WHAT ITEMS WILL AND WILL NOT BE FUNDED BY THE A+ PROGRAM?



A+ will cover the cost of your tuition expenses, at both in-district or out-of-district rates, along with the technology fee that is associated with every credit hour. Charges that are assessed in addition to tuition and technology fees are at the A+ student's expense.

Repeated coursework in which a grade was received, coursework that is not part of an A+ student's degree program or are in excess of 105 percent of an A+ student's degree program will not be funded by A+.

Coursework dropped by the student will not be submitted to the state for funding and will be the A+ student's responsibility for payment.

All expenses that may occur on an A+ student's account must be paid in full before being allowed to enroll in future semesters. Access to grades or transcripts will also not be permitted if charges are not paid.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

A+ students must file the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)" each academic year and list the SCC federal code (017027) on the FAFSA application. Any eligible federal funds that do not require repayment will be applied to the student's account first. Any remaining approved tuition costs will be billed to the A+ program. A+ students must sign an A+ contract each academic year (See FA Checklist).



NOTE: An A+ student cannot receive a full Pell Grant and A+ funding simultaneously.

SUMMER SEMESTER RESTRICTIONS

Students cannot use their A+ eligibility as a visiting student during a summer term if they are enrolled at a four-year institution. The only exception is for the summer semester immediately following a student's high school graduation. A student would have to enroll in a minimum of 6 hours.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT AT ELIGIBLE POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS



SCC will accept concurrent enrollment at another post secondary institution if the concurrent enrollment is during the the last semester of A+ eligibility and the enrollment is for a required course that is not offered by SCC.

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN REMEDIAL COURSES

Remedial courses at SCC qualify for A+ funding. Grades from these courses are not computed in the cumulative GPA. A+ students must take at least one non-remedial course each term in order to establish a cumulative grade point average. Remedial course credit hours will count towards the 105 percent credit hour limit for eligibility.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Credit hour requirements and other accommodations may be adjusted as necessary upon recommendation by the coordinator of accessibility services. Students needing accommodations will need to contact the Disability Support Services Office at 636.922.8247. Credit hour accommodations need to be determined prior to the start of the semester.

QUESTIONS? Email the A+ Coordinator, Katherine Keating at: aplus@stchas.edu

MORE A+ INFO

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

A+ financial assistance files must be complete by the following deadlines to avoid prepayment of tuition and fees:

FALL - JULY 1 — SPRING - DECEMBER 1 — SUMMER - MAY 1

A+ files not completed by the above deadlines will still be considered for reimbursement from A+ funding if completed by the following deadlines:

FALL - SEPTEMBER 15 — SPRING - FEBRUARY 15 — SUMMER - JUNE 15

Files that are complete after these dates will not be eligible for A+ funding. The student will then be responsible for all charges incurred to his or her account.

KEEPING YOUR A+ BENEFITS

For an A+ student to continue receiving A+ funding, the following must be achieved each term:

- ✦ Complete a minimum of 12 hours for both fall and spring semesters and 6 hours for summer (summer terms are optional). An "F" grade will count as a completed course.
- ✦ Achieve a minimum of a 2.50 cumulative grade point average. Exception made for the initial term in which a 2.00 minimum will be allowed.
- ✦ Follow SCC Satisfactory Academic Policy (SAP) standards where applicable.



ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

A+ students must enroll in programs of study leading to a Certificate, Associate of Applied Science degree, Associate of Science Degree or an Associate of Arts degree. Course work that is not required for your degree program at SCC will not be submitted for A+ funding.

LENGTH OF ELIGIBILITY A student's eligibility expires if:

- ✦ It has been 48 months since high school graduation. If the 48-month limit falls within a term, the student is eligible for the entire term.
- ✦ They have received an associate's degree. This requirement is applicable even if A+ funded only a portion of the degree or if the degree was not obtained at an A+ participating post-secondary school.
- ✦ They have completed 105 percent of the required hours for their program of study. For example, an associate of arts degree requires 64 credit hours. 64 multiplied by 105 percent equals 67 credit hours, which is the maximum hours that will be funded by A+. This includes all hours completed in remedial classes and transfer hours from both A+ eligible institutions and A+ non-eligible institutions. The 105 percent does not include college credit earned prior to the student's high school graduation date or credits not accepted in transfer from a non-participating institution.

A military deferment may be requested if the student is placed on active duty. Requests are made through the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE).

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