

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

PROGRAM

The Advancing Futures Fund provides one-time financial assistance to Missouri students pursuing short-term credentials in high-demand career fields.

PROGRAM DETAILS

One-time, nonrenewable award, available in varying amounts starting at \$100, up to a maximum of \$1,500 per student, based on demonstrated need, documented expenses, and other factors.

Funds are intended to support direct and indirect program-related costs. **Examples include:**

- Tools, equipment, uniforms, and supplies
- Books, software, and training materials
- Transportation (e.g. practicum or clinical travel)
- Technology needs such as internet access
- Childcare support or living costs directly tied to program completion
- Certification/licensure exam fees or testing costs

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Missouri resident with high school diploma, GED or equivalent, who has not yet completed an associate's or bachelor's degree.
- Current Student Aid Index (SAI) of 12,000 or less on the FAFSA or Federal Student Aid Estimator.
- Attending an eligible Missouri career center, community college, or technical college.
- Enrolled part-time or full-time in a short-term credential program (e.g. certificate, certification, apprenticeship or special training required for licensure) in a high-demand field as defined by MDHEWD for their programming.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Before you start, obtain documentation of your program-related costs. This could be a current bill/statement, invoice, or other document that shows items needed for academic program.
2. You will need your FAFSA Submission Summary or results of Federal Student Aid Estimator.
3. Go to myscholarshipcentral.org/apply and click "Apply Now" or scan the QR Code.
4. On the top right of the page, click "Sign In" if you already have a My Scholarship Central account, or "Sign Up" if you've never used the site.
5. Enter your email and password. If you are a new user, you will receive a confirmation email and must click the link in the email to validate your account.
6. Click "Opportunities" in the blue bar and choose "Grant".
7. Click the orange "Apply" button next to the opportunity name. After completing the application, click "Submit" at the bottom of the right of the page.
8. Check your My Scholarship Central account for updates on your Advancing Futures application. A MSLF staff member may be in touch with questions or for more information after submission.



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Questions? Contact info@moslf.org or call 636.787.2677

Grants are available under the Advancing Futures Fund from MSFL at the discretion of the institution and MSFL, in accordance with program rules and applicable laws. Requests will be considered as funding designated for this program remains available. Once all appropriate documentation has been completed and certified by the student's institution and the applicant, submitted to MSFL, and approved by MSFL, funds will be forwarded to the requesting institution. If awarded, funding may be considered taxable income. MSFL does not withhold or report taxes on these funds. Recipients are responsible for determining any tax liability and should consult a qualified tax professional or the IRS for guidance.