

A+ Scholarship Summer Use and Degree Intent

NEW! Summer Use of A+ Scholarship - ALL A+ qualifiers may attend the *summer semester at any MO public community college (minimum 6-credit hour enrollment) immediately following high school graduation* and use their A+ scholarship. This change applies even if the student plans to attend a different institution in the fall.

After the student transfers to a different institution, they are considered *visiting students* at OTC and cannot use their A+ Scholarship during subsequent summers to accelerate their degree completion from another institution.

MO PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE DEGREE INTENT

A+ seniors who plan to attend and earn degrees from **MO public community colleges**—**CAN** take courses during the summer to accelerate the completion of an Associate Degree. **To use the A+ Scholarship the summer immediately following high school graduation, the student must file the appropriate FAFSA. Check with your A+ Coordinator for details.**

An example of accelerated community college degree completion (65 hrs) is shown below:

Summer 12	OTC 6 hrs	Fall 12	OTC 18 hrs	Spr 13	OTC 18 hrs
Summer 13	OTC 6 hrs	Fall 13	OTC 17 hrs	Spr 14	

***Using this accelerated plan, the student could possibly complete an Associate degree by the Fall 2014 semester. This would be a rigorous approach to degree completion.**

4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DEGREE INTENT

ALL A+ qualifiers may attend the *summer semester at any MO public community college (minimum 6-credit hour enrollment) immediately following high school graduation* and use their A+ scholarship. This change applies even if the student plans to attend a different institution in the fall.

After the student transfers to a different institution, they are considered *visiting students* at OTC and cannot use their A+ Scholarship during subsequent summers to accelerate their degree completion from another institution.

An example of accelerated 4-year degree completion at a 4-yr institution (132 hrs) is shown below:

Summer 12	OTC 6 hrs CAN use A+ Scholarship	Fall 12	Univ of MO 18 hrs	Spr 13	Univ of MO 18 hrs
Summer 13	OTC 9 hrs *CANNOT to use A+ Scholarship	Fall 13	Univ of MO 18 hrs	Spr 14	Univ of MO 18 hrs
Summer 14	OTC 9 hrs *CANNOT use A+ Scholarship	Fall 14	Univ of MO 18 hrs	Spr 15	Univ of MO 18 hrs (and possible degree completion)

*The use of A+ Scholarships **would not be allowed** (*with the exception of the first summer semester*), because the **student's intent** is to obtain a degree from a 4-year university. College expenses during the summer would be out-of-pocket or from some type of financial aid other than A+.

It is not the intent of the A+ Schools Program to provide financial benefits to students who plan to enroll at a four-year institution, but take courses at a community college during the summer term (*with the exception of the first summer semester*) for the purpose of accelerating their degree program at the four-year institution.