



Rock Bridge High School

A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM APPLICATION

If state funds are available, A+ certified students will receive reimbursement for the cost of tuition and general fees while attending a Missouri public community college or career/technical school on a full-time basis for two years. This financial reimbursement will be for the unpaid balance after federal post-secondary financial assistance funds (that do not require repayment) have been applied.* This is also on the condition that the student meets ALL of the requirements below:

1. Attend a designated A+ high school for three (3) consecutive years prior to high school graduation (Must apply no later than Nov. 1 of your senior year. Must be enrolled in an A+ school by Sept. 15 of your sophomore year)
2. Graduate from high school with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (grades 9-12)
3. Have at least 95% attendance record (grades 9-12)
4. Perform and document fifty (50) hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring coordinated by the RBHS A+ office (up to 12.5 hours can include job shadowing experiences)
5. Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoid the unlawful use of drugs and alcohol (not be suspended five days or more and no Safe Schools Act violations, grades 9-12)
6. Earn a score of Proficient or higher on the Algebra 1 End of Course Assessment (or by alternate assessment determined by the State)

The A+ Schools Program's student financial incentive will be available for up to two (2) years of attendance during the four-year period after graduation from high school. To access the funds, participants must:

- Submit a Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) form (second semester of their senior year).
- Have registered for Selective Service (male U.S. citizen over age 18)

To maintain eligibility, participants must:

- Attend a Missouri public community college or career/technical school on a full-time basis, and
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

- **The A+ program may provide these educational incentives 1) provided state funds are appropriated by the legislature or 2) subject to state funding approval.**
- The Columbia Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. This policy regards admission/access to treatment/employment in its programs and activities.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone _____

Social Security Number ____ -- ____ -- ____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____

Student Number _____ Current Grade Level _____ Anticipated Graduation Year _____

ALL high schools attended/attending (circle all that apply):

Rock Bridge HS Hickman HS Battle HS Other: _____

*The student and parent/guardian must sign this A+ Schools Program Application before the student will be considered for participation in the A+ Schools Program. By signing this application the student and parent/guardian certify that they have read, understand and **agree to the A+ Citizenship and Attendance Guidelines listed on the other side of this application.***

Student Signature Date Parent/Guardian Signature Date

A+ Applicant Checklist (FOR A+ OFFICE USE ONLY)	
_____ Application complete	
_____ Previous schools checked/records requested	_____ Confirmation letter sent
_____ Discipline record checked	_____ Folder created
_____ Attendance checked	_____ Meets Math requirement



A+ Schools Program Citizenship and Attendance Guidelines

Citizenship

Students participating in the A+ Schools Program must maintain a record of “good citizenship” to qualify for post-secondary financial assistance. Good citizenship is demonstrated by respect for school, community, and self. Any student who participates in the A+ Schools Program must be a creditable citizen and be judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for participation.

A student whose character or conduct reflects credit upon him/herself or his/her school is considered a creditable citizen and is therefore eligible to participate in the A+ Schools Program. His/her conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline. **Students who participate in the A+ Schools Program should remember the financial rewards of the Student Financial Incentive, and the individual discipline and responsibilities that come with it. The rewards are great: The A+ Program provides grant money to help qualified students pay for tuition and general fees at a public two-year community college or career/technical school in Missouri.** The A+ program may provide these educational incentives 1) provided state funds are appropriated by the legislature or 2) subject to state funding approval.

INELIGIBILITY WILL OCCUR FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- I. **Violations of the Safe Schools Act:** Students who are disciplined in accordance to the Safe Schools Act will be removed from the A+ Schools Program. These violations include threats, weapons possessions, and violence.
- II. **Criminal Activity:** A student who is convicted of a felony/misdemeanor, or receives a suspended sentence, or receives an adverse disposition will not qualify.
- III. **Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco:** Students who are disciplined for being under the influence, distribution of, or possession of drugs/alcohol/tobacco will not qualify.
- IV. **Suspensions:** Students who are suspended from school for 5 days or more will not qualify.

Attendance

DUE PROCESS:

Students have the right to appeal attendance disqualification. In cases of appeals, the student/parent/guardian must notify the A+ Schools Coordinator in writing of his/her intent to appeal within 5 business days of disqualification. Students must provide all supporting documentation within 5 business days of the request for appeal. The A+ Schools Coordinator shall schedule the appeal hearing held during the spring of each year and then inform the necessary participants in writing. The committee shall hear the appeal and return its decision to the student within 5 business days. The decision of the A+ Appeals Committee will be final. The A+ Appeals Committee will consist of the following individuals:

- High School Administrator
- Student’s Counselor or counseling representative
- Representatives from the A+ Advisory Board
- A+ Coordinator
- Special Education case worker if applicable