

RETURN TO LEARN SCHOLARSHIP

FOR ADULT STUDENTS

SPRING 2010

Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Principles and the Amount of the Award:

- a) This scholarship will be awarded to adult undergraduate students (degree or non-degree seeking) entering college for the first time or returning after an absence from college of three years or longer.
- b) Scholarship recipients will be selected by a review committee based on the criteria outlined below and evidenced by a brief application, a personal written statement, and a letter of recommendation.
- c) The total amount of the scholarship is \$1000 (with \$500 distributed over each of two semesters) in addition to a FREE Evening Commuter parking permit (or its equivalent value applied to a regular day Commuter permit) for the two semesters the student is a scholarship recipient. Funds will be credited to the student's account.

Number of Awards: 20

Eligibility:

To qualify for the first part of the two-semester scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Be 25 years of age or older
- b) Be enrolled in the first or second semester of his/her first college experience (excluding summer session) or be returning after an absence of three years or more (no transferable college credits earned for least three years from any institution).
- c) Maintain enrollment in a minimum of 6 credit hours

To qualify for the second semester of the scholarship, applicants must:

- a) Have a 2.50 or better GPA after the first semester of his/her return to college study
- b) Maintain enrollment in a minimum of 6 credit hours
- c) Be enrolled in his/her second consecutive semester at Missouri State

The Application Process and Award Criteria:

Applicants will need to:

- a) Submit his/her application materials any time during the following time period to the Adult Student services Office located in Carrington Hall, room 314 or fax your application to 417-836-7694.
(Note that it may be advantageous to apply early since the total scholarship fund has a fixed budget for each year).

For Spring 2010 Semester: Deadline date of Friday, December 18, 2009

- b) Complete a brief application form designed specifically for this scholarship program.
- c) Provide a personal statement in writing of no more than 300 words that addresses the award criteria as follows:
1. The applicant's educational goals.
 2. Indicators that the applicant has the motivation and desire to follow through in accomplishing his/her educational goals.
 3. Indicators that the applicant has the aptitude and potential for success as an adult student.
 4. Optional: Include any special factors that the applicant wants to bring to the attention of the selection committee that may add to the strength of his/her application.
- d) Provide a letter of recommendation from someone unrelated to you that addresses the award criteria indicated above.

**APPLICATION – SPRING 2010
RETURN TO LEARN SCHOLARSHIP**

IMPORTANT: (Deadline for the Spring 2010 Return to Learn Scholarship is December 18, 2009)

A. STUDENT INFORMATION (Please type or print)

1. Name _____ Social Security # _____ D.O.B. _____
Last First M.I.

2. Address _____ (H) Phone _____ (W) Phone _____
Street City State Zip Code

B. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Are you a transfer student? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, list all colleges, dates of attendance, and credit hours earned:

College	Dates Attended	Credit Hours Earned
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

When did you last attend Missouri State? Semester/Year _____

SPRING 2010

Return to Learn Scholarship

Recommendation

_____ is applying for the Return to Learn Scholarship at Missouri State. Please provide information you feel would be appropriate to assist the selection committee in the decision process regarding the applicant's educational goals, motivation and desire to follow through in accomplishing his/her educational goals, and aptitude and potential for success as an adult student.

Name

Address

Phone Number