



# 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 vocational/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/Integrated Math 1 End of Course Assessment (2015 graduates and beyond)

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 vocational-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 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on an IEP? Yes or No      Are you on a "504" plan? Yes or No

Junior High School Attended/Attending (circle all that apply):

West Junior HS    Jefferson Junior HS    Oakland Junior HS    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rock Bridge HS    Hickman 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)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Application complete	<input type="checkbox"/> IEP/504 status checked
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous schools checked/records requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation letter sent
<input type="checkbox"/> Discipline record checked	<input type="checkbox"/> Folder created
<input type="checkbox"/> Attendance checked	



# 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 vocational/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