

A+ AWARD

For students entering in academic year 2020-21

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE A+ AWARD?

The A+ Award has a value of \$3,000 per year and can be combined with other merit-based University scholarships. This award is available to transfer students who were designated as A+ Award eligible with their high school and are attending an A+ Award participating community college in Missouri. It is renewable over a maximum of six semesters. Half of the yearly award value will be credited to your fall semester costs; the other half will be credited to your spring semester costs.

Your scholarship eligibility begins in the semester in which you first enroll and continues for a maximum of six semesters or until you complete a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. To receive the full value of your award, you must enroll as a full-time student.

MUST AN A+ AWARD RECIPIENT FILE THE 2020-21 FAFSA?

Filing the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is not required to ensure or maintain eligibility for the A+ Award. However, in order to ensure priority consideration for all need-based University, federal and state financial assistance programs, A+ Award recipients must file their FAFSA by Feb. 1 for fall and Nov. 1 for spring.

Students must file a renewal FAFSA between Oct. 1 and Feb. 1 of every academic year to ensure funding priority for need-based financial aid programs. Additionally, Saint Louis University reserves the right to reduce the value of University-funded financial aid awards in the event that the sum of a student's total free assistance exceeds his/her billed tuition costs.

HOW CAN I SECURE MY PLACE IN THE 2020-21 SLU TRANSFER CLASS AND MY ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL UNIVERSITY-FUNDED FINANCIAL AID?

As an admitted transfer student, you must submit a \$450 enrollment and housing deposit (\$200 for commuters) and formally accept your scholarship/financial aid award notification to secure both your place in the transfer class and your eligibility for all University-funded financial aid. Scholarship/financial aid award notifications for fall enrollees will be issued beginning in March.

Scholars beginning their enrollment in the spring term must submit their enrollment deposit and formally accept their scholarship/financial aid award notification within 30 days of receipt. Scholarship/financial aid award notifications for spring enrollees will be issued beginning in December.

IS THE A+ AWARD RENEWABLE?

The A+ Award is renewable over a maximum of six semesters of continuous, full-time, undergraduate, traditional enrollment, or until completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon the student maintaining a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average at Saint Louis University.

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN A+ AWARD RECIPIENT DOES NOT MAINTAIN THE REQUISITE 2.0 CUMULATIVE GPA?

If an A+ Award recipient's cumulative SLU GPA falls below the requisite renewal 2.0 cumulative GPA, as reviewed at the end of each spring semester, he/she may lose some or all of the award based on the cumulative GPA. If the cumulative GPA meets or exceeds 2.0 in a future semester, the award may be reinstated.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF AN A+ AWARD RECIPIENT?

A+ Award recipients are expected to adhere to the University's Student Code of Conduct and to participate in University activities that support and further the mission of Saint Louis University. An A+ Award recipient is also required, if asked, to participate in the University's efforts to thank its donors who fund the A+ Award program. As such, an A+ Award recipient may be asked to write a letter of appreciation and/or to attend a reception to thank the University's donor(s).

CAN AN A+ AWARD BE USED FOR SUMMER TUITION EXPENSES?

No. The A+ Award may only be used for full-time, undergraduate tuition expenses in the fall and spring semesters of the academic year.

CAN AN A+ AWARD BE USED TO STUDY ABROAD?

Your A+ Award may only be used for billed tuition expenses at approved Saint Louis University study abroad programs.

The A+ Award cannot be applied towards the cost of room and board for study abroad programs or towards the cost of study abroad programs sponsored by other colleges/universities. A student must check with SLU's Office of International Services at 314-977-2318 to obtain a list of SLU-sponsored study abroad programs and the mandatory study abroad checklist.



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SLU.EDU/VISIT
800-SLU-FOR-U
Ask to speak with a visit assistant.

MORE INFORMATION ON REVERSE

WHAT HAPPENS IF AN A+ AWARD RECIPIENT INTERRUPTS HIS/HER REQUIRED CONTINUOUS, UNDERGRADUATE, FULL-TIME, TRADITIONAL ENROLLMENT? CAN THE STUDENT TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT LOSING HIS/HER AWARD ELIGIBILITY FOR FUTURE SEMESTERS?

If an A+ Award recipient has to leave the University for any reason, including a suspension, and/or cannot maintain continuous, undergraduate, full-time, fall/spring, traditional enrollment, he/she must request a Scholarship Deferment with the Office of Student Financial Services. Such a request may not exceed one academic year in length.

The Scholarship Deferment request must be approved before the start of the semester(s) when absence from the University or deviation from enrollment policy requirements is expected. Without a Scholarship Deferment request, the student's award renewal eligibility will terminate at the start of that semester without appeal.

If approved, a Scholarship Deferment permits an award recipient to be absent from the University or be enrolled less than full-time over an approved academic period without jeopardizing his/her award renewal eligibility.

The Scholarship Deferment request form is available in the Office of Student Financial Services or at finaid.slu.edu. On this form, students must explain why it is necessary to leave the University or attend in a less than full-time status and state when they will return to the University as a full-time undergraduate. Please be advised that this request is not a substitute for other necessary University withdrawal procedures.

CAN AN A+ AWARD BE COMBINED WITH OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS?

The A+ Award can be combined with any transfer scholarship or award – those include the Jesuit Transfer Scholarship, Community College Award, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, John Paul Fechter Scholarship and the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship.

A+ Award recipients may also combine their A+ Award with need-based financial assistance and/or other outside funding. To qualify for federal/state free or need-based assistance, A+ Award recipients should annually file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

A+ Award recipients who receive additional private scholarships will have full use of those private scholarships subject to the limitations set forth by each

individual award. For example, private scholarships that are applicable only towards tuition may be applied only up to the billed cost of tuition at Saint Louis University. Private scholarships that are not limited to a specific use may be applied only up to Saint Louis University's total cost of attendance.

A+ Award recipients who are eligible for any of Saint Louis University's Employee Tuition Remission Benefit Programs (Spouse/Children, Faculty/Staff, FACHEX, Tuition Exchange, SSM Health, etc.) will only be considered for honorary, non-monetary Saint Louis University award designation.

PLEASE NOTE that all programs, policies and procedures described are subject to change. All statements in this document concerning requirements, prerequisites and extra-curricular activities, conditions or other matters are for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice. They are not to be intended as offers to contract. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Services for all current information.



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