



# Paying for College in High School

## For Dual Credit & Dual Enrollment Students

Students who are currently finishing high school, home school, or their Missouri HiSET are unable to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process until they have graduated. As a result, they are not eligible for traditional grants, scholarships, or loans.

### Dual Credit / Dual Enrollment Scholarship

The MO Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development created a **Dual Credit / Dual Enrollment Scholarship** if you meet certain eligibility requirements. To learn more, scan the QR code or visit <https://dhewd.mo.gov/ppc/grants/dcdeforstudents.htm>



#### Scholarship Instructions

1. Set up an account at the State Financial Aid Portal at <https://web.dhewd.mo.gov/studentportal/>.
2. Click the Estimate Eligibility tab and select the **2024-2025** Academic Year.
3. Find the Dual Credit / Dual Enrollment Scholarship listing, and click Apply.
4. Complete the Application, which includes listing **East Central College is your dual credit provider** and **uploading three documents**:
  - Unofficial high school transcript
  - Need documentation (ex. Free and Reduced Lunch approval from your high school)
  - Release Form (You will need to print and sign this form from the state's application.
5. Once you submit the state will review your application to determine if you are eligible for the scholarship.
6. ECC will apply funds to your ECC classes upon approval. **This process takes time. Funding may not be available before ECC's payment deadline. Think of scholarship as a reimbursement rather than upfront funding. Those who pay upfront will be reimbursed once the scholarship funds are received from the state.**

### Payment Plan

If you do not qualify for the scholarship can set up a payment plan through Nelnet for \$35.00, plus a required down payment below, if you enroll by the dates below.

Date Enrollment Processed by ECC	% Down + \$35 Fee	# of Payments	Date of Automatic Withdrawal
Aug 29th	30%	3	Sept-Nov 10th
Oct 1st	60%	2	Oct & Nov 10th

**Apply ASAP for the Scholarship or Payment Plan, if you are unable to pay in full.**  
**Payment arrangements must be made by Wed. Oct. 9th.**  
**If you miss the deadline, you will be dropped from your dual credit coursework.**

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