

<p style="text-align: center;">A+ SCHOOLS PROGRAM STUDENT CONTRACT FOR TUITION REIMBURSEMENT</p>
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Student financial incentives will be available for a period of four (4) years after high school graduation for a total duration of two full years.

To be eligible, each student must enter into a written agreement with the school and:

- (I) Have attended a designated A+ School for two (2) consecutive years prior to graduation.
- (II) Graduated with a 2.5 grade point average or higher on a four (4) point scale.
- (III) Must achieve a score of proficient or advanced on the official Algebra I End of Course Exam (EOC). If the student fails this requirement, the student may establish eligibility by the combined qualifying scores on the ACT Math sub-test and the student's high school GPA in accordance with the sliding scale.
- (IV) Have at least a ninety-five percent (95%) attendance record for the four (4)-year period.
- (V) Perform fifty (50) hours of unpaid tutoring or mentoring for other students. This may include in-school or out-of-school time, and also Summer School.
- (VI) Maintain a record of good citizenship and avoidance of unlawful use of alcohol/drugs. (See Citizenship Requirement I)
- (VII) Make a good faith effort to first secure all available post-secondary financial assistance funds that do not require repayment.
- (VIII) Register for Selective Service if applicable.

After graduation and successful completion of the Palmyra A+ Schools Program, the student will have a four-year window in which to draw on his/her tuition eligibility. It should be noted, a student is not required to draw on his/her eligibility immediately after graduation. However, it must be used within the four-year window.

A+ expires at the earliest of the following:

- 48 months after high school graduation
- Receipt of an associate's degree or completion of an approved certificate
- When student completes 105% of the credit hours required for his or her certificate or degree program.*

**A+ will cover 100% of the courses required of a certificate or associate's degree program that a student chooses, and possibly one additional course. However, if the student is required to take remedial math, English and/or reading courses then he or she may use the entire A+ funding before completion of the certificate or degree program.*

Example: If associate's degree requires 64 credit hours; 105% =67 hours.

To access the A+ financial incentive, during the four (4)-year period of grant availability, each

participating student must:

- (I) Enroll and attend a Missouri public community college, vocational or designated technical school on a full-time basis; and
- (II) Maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four (4)-point scale.

The financial incentive may only be made available to reimburse the unpaid balance of the cost of tuition and general fee after the federal post-secondary student financial assistance funds have been applied to these costs.

I, _____ wish to enroll in the A+
Student Signature **Date**
 Program. I have read and understand the above mentioned criteria and the A+ Schools Program and Eligibility Guidelines as they apply to the college tuition reimbursement plan as outlined in the A+ Schools Program.

I, _____ support my student's
Parent/Guardian Signature **Date**
 enrollment in the A+ Program and pledge to support the goals of regular attendance, responsible citizenship, school achievement and volunteer tutoring to the school community. I have also read and understand the A+ Schools Program and Eligibility Guidelines as they apply to my student.

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The Palmyra R-I School District does not/ will not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, creed, national origin, sex, economic status or disabling conditions. This policy specifically addresses the educational programs, activities, and vocational opportunities offered by the district.

Students are reminded the funding level for the A+ Grant may fluctuate because of legislative funding shortfalls. Funding for subsequent years is entirely dependent on the MO State Legislative budget process. Eligible A+ students and parents will be informed and updated as funding allocations change. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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