



University of Missouri –St. Louis

# 2024-2025 Degree Completion Scholarship Application

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Degree Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Degree Completion Scholarship Application is designed to support graduating seniors at the University of Missouri-St. Louis who have limited financial aid options and are within two semesters of graduating. This program is designed to assist students who have a specific and urgent financial need which serves as a barrier to degree completion. By completing this application you will be considered for one of two programs, the *Senior Degree Completion Program* and the *Finish Your Degree Program*. The Student Financial Services Office will determine if students meet the conditions for either scholarship, and if so, which program best fits the applicant's profile.

If eligible, both programs can only cover up to the cost of Tuition for a Missouri Resident. It does not cover housing or any additional charges such Bookstore charges, Non-Resident Fees, etc...

## Degree Completion Program Criteria

- Must have completed the FAFSA for the current 2024-2025 academic year
- Must have limited/exhausted federal and state funding resources (Scholarships, Grants, Subsidized & Unsubsidized loans) preventing registration for final semester or graduation
- Must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Applicants must be within two semesters AND 30 credit hours of degree completion at UMSL
  - Scholarship can only cover up to 15 credits of tuition per semester.
- Must be working on first bachelor's degree
- Must have attempted a minimum of 30 credit hours at UMSL prior to applying for scholarship
  - Student must have been enrolled in the two semesters leading up to this current semester

The following documents are needed to apply for this scholarship:

1. Degree Completion Program Application
2. Degree Completion Signature Page (Handwritten Signature)
3. Degree Completion Graduation Plan
4. Degree Completion Essay (see below for essay instructions)

Please attach a typed essay (300-500 words) that explains: the circumstances that led you to submit the Degree Completion Application, how you plan to ensure that you are able to complete your degree if provided either opportunity, the impact of receiving one of these scholarships, and lastly your plans for post-graduation.

Please return all three (1) Degree Completion Scholarship Application, (2) Degree Completion Graduation Plan, and (3) Degree Completion Essay at the time of submission to the Student Financial Services Office. **Please note that ALL three documents are due at the time of submission and incomplete applications will not be considered for either scholarship.**

***Applicants will be notified within 2 – 3 weeks after submission if they were selected for either the Senior Degree Completion Program or the Finish Your Degree Scholarship***

*All applications must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the end of the semester to still be eligible for consideration. Any additional documents requested must be submitted within 10 business days of notice, otherwise your application will be withdrawn.*

## 2024-2025 Degree Completion Signature Page

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am applying for the Degree Completion Scholarship, which is a Last Dollar Scholarship that can only cover up to Tuition & Fees after exhausting all of my Federal and State funding (Scholarships, Grants, Subsidized & Unsubsidized Loans).

It does not cover housing or any additional charges such Bookstore charges, Non-Resident Fees, etc...

*Please initial below, indicating you agree to the terms of the scholarship.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that the Degree Completion Scholarship can only cover up to Tuition and Fees for a Missouri Resident after I accept all of my federal and state funding including loans, as listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have less than 30 credit hours left to complete my degree and I would be ineligible to receive the scholarship if I have more than 30 credits.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I have 2 semesters or less remaining to complete my degree as I would not be eligible for the scholarship if I had 3 or more.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that any changes to my Degree Completion Plan after approval, may result in an adjustment of the scholarship which could result in removal or reduction.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that any changes to my financial aid after approval, additional federal loans, scholarships, or grants, may result in an adjustment of the scholarship which could be removal or reduction.

***By signing below, you agree to the terms and conditions of this scholarship***

Under penalty of perjury, I herewith affirm that my electronic signature, and all future electronic signatures, were signed by myself with full knowledge and consent and am legally bound to these terms and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Degree Completion Scholarship Application (Cont.)

**Student Financial Services**  
 327 Millennium Student Center  
 One University Blvd.  
 St. Louis, MO 63121  
 Phone (314)-516-5526

## - Graduation Plan -

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

UMSL ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

UMSL Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Current Degree Major:	
Expected Graduation Term (please mark): Summer 20____ Fall 20____ Spring 20____	

<b>Total Hours Attempted at UMSL</b> _____ Hours	<b>Additional Hours Needed for Degree</b> _____ Hours
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	Courses Remaining for Degree Completion <i>(Example: HIST 0101)</i>	Credit Hours	*Semester Course will be Taken <i>(example: Fall 2021)</i>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

***\*Confirm with your academic advisor that you are within 30 credit hours AND within two terms of graduating. In Addition, ensure that the courses listed above are offered in the semesters indicated***

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UMSL Academic Advisor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 (By signing above you are acknowledging that the information on the Graduation Plan is accurate to the best of your knowledge)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT STUDENT NAME Date

**Please Submit all Degree Completion forms (Application, Grad Plan, Signature Page & Essay) to the Student Financial Services Office using Secure Document/File upload feature in your MyView student center!**

