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Missouri - Area high school graduates may be missing valuable opportunities to receive financial aid for summer college classes by neglecting their A+ eligibility, according to officials at Three Rivers College.

“Most eligible students don’t realize that A+ works on summer classes, as well as the fall and spring semesters,” said Chris Adams, Director of Enrollment Services at Three Rivers College. “A+ allows you to get a head start on your education at an extremely low cost.”

To be eligible, students must first complete Missouri’s A+ Schools Program in their high school and submit a final high school transcript stamped with the school’s A+ seal. Qualifying students may receive up to six semesters of tuition and common fees at any participating Missouri community college, area vocational-technical school or state technical school, as long as they are enrolled in an approved program of study. Students may use A+ any time within four years of graduating high school.

A+ funding applies even if a student has used up or is ineligible for other financial aid such as Pell Grants, according to Adams. However, if a student is receiving a Federal Pell Grant, SEOG, or Access Missouri Grant, the Missouri A+ Incentive will pay only the allowable costs that exceed the above grants.

Registration for summer classes continues through May 30, with summer classes beginning on June 2. Registration is also open for Fall classes at all of Three Rivers' locations. For more information on the A+ program, or on how to register for classes at Three Rivers, call 573-840-9605 or visit .

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