

Tuition Exemption for Qualifying Senior Citizens

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1. **Tuition benefit:** Under Section 173.091 of state statute, qualifying Missouri senior citizens may receive scholarships equivalent to the required tuition for enrollment in coursework offered by a Missouri public institution of higher education, including the four UM System universities. Qualifying Missouri senior citizens may not be charged fees exceeding \$25 per semester.
2. **Eligibility:** To qualify, senior citizens must prove that they are at least 65 years old on or before August 1 of the academic year of enrollment by presenting a driver's license or other photo identification bearing the date of birth.
3. **Non-credit:** Scholarships are awarded under this policy only when a qualifying Missouri senior citizen enrolls in the course on a non-credit basis (i.e., with no grade or credit awarded for completion of the course).
4. **Courses**
 - a. Qualifying Missouri senior citizens may enroll in classes for which there is space available after tuition paying students have enrolled, regardless of modality, and must satisfy all course prerequisites established by the institution.
 - b. Institutions are not required to create additional sections of courses, to offer a course that would otherwise be canceled due to insufficient for-credit enrollment, or to provide individualized instruction (e.g., through independent study or similar courses) to accommodate students utilizing this benefit.
 - c. Institutions may establish additional restrictions on enrollment in graduate and professional coursework under this policy.
 - d. Any senior citizen who alters their enrollment status to receive credit or is found to be out of compliance with any other standards required to receive this benefit, will be retroactively assessed the appropriate tuition and fees for the credit sought.