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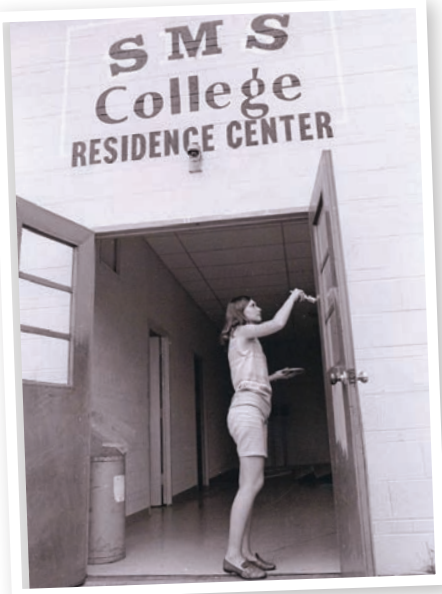
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# Missouri State University

WEST PLAINS



**You've reached that fork in the road where the direction you choose could change the trajectory of your life. Which way is best? How do you make such an important decision?**

**Let us help! For 60 years, students have charted their path to a successful future at Missouri State University-West Plains. Our campus is small enough to provide personalized attention but large enough to offer a wide array of two-year degree and certificate options to meet your educational goals.**

**Our dedicated faculty and caring staff make our students their number one priority. And our state-of-the-art facilities are designed to help students obtain the skills they need to meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.**

**It's time to choose. Let Missouri State-West Plains help you chart your path to success!**

## **MISSION**

**Missouri State University-West Plains empowers students to achieve personal success and to enrich their local and global communities. As a two-year public institution, we provide accessible, affordable and quality educational opportunities.**

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phone: 312-263-0456)



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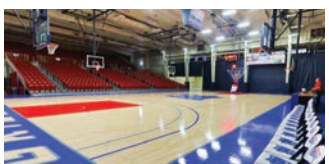
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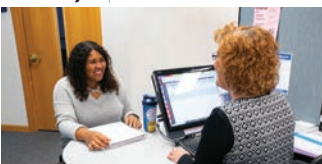
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# AREAS OF STUDY

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

The AA degree is designed primarily for transfer to Missouri State University or other four-year colleges and universities.

### CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

### CRIMINOLOGY

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

### GENERAL STUDIES

### HEALTH PROFESSIONS

### HUMAN SERVICES

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE (AS)

The AS degree is designed to transfer into a pre-professional program, allowing students to move into a bachelor's degree completion program and/or enter the workforce.

### AGRICULTURE

### BUSINESS

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

### ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

*Mechatronics, Pre-engineering*

### NURSING

### TECHNOLOGY

## ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

The AAS degree is primarily an occupationally oriented degree, allowing students to enter a particular job market after graduation.

### AGRICULTURE

### BUSINESS

*Accounting, Management,  
Entrepreneurship, Human Resources*

### CHILD & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

### COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT

### COMPUTER GRAPHICS AND PROGRAMMING

### ENOLOGY

### HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*Medical Coding, Medical Assistant,  
Healthcare Data Analytics,  
Healthcare Reimbursement*

### HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP

*Culinary Arts, Management*

### INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

### TECHNOLOGY

*General Technology, Industrial  
Maintenance, Advanced  
Welding and Fabrication,  
Manufacturing Management*

### VITICULTURE

### WINE BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP



## CERTIFICATES

Certificates are awarded after students complete short term training programs that concentrate on specific fields of expertise.

- +ADVANCED BUSINESS STUDIES
- +ADVANCED CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
- ADVANCED HOSPITALITY LEADERSHIP
- +ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT
- ADVANCED WELDING AND FABRICATION TECHNOLOGY
- +AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS
- +ANIMAL SCIENCE
- +BASIC OFFICE MANAGEMENT
- +CRIMINOLOGY
- ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST
- +ENOLOGY
- +FOUNDATIONS OF BUSINESS
- +INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE
- +INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- MEDICAL CODING
- MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- MEDICAL/CLINICAL ASSISTANT
- + NATURAL RESOURCES/ WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
- +PLANT SCIENCE/HORTICULTURE
- +PRE-NURSING
- +VITICULTURE
- WINE BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



The number of degree programs at Missouri State-West Plains continues to grow. The most current listing of all degrees and certificates is available online. [WP.MissouriState.edu/Academics](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/Academics)

+Some programs may be waiting for U.S. Department of Education approval for financial aid eligibility.

While not designed as transfer degrees, some AAS degrees can be used as the first two years of a Bachelor of Applied Science degree; however, students will need to take additional general education courses, as well as courses in the major field.

# EXPERIENCE CAMPUS LIFE



Picnics, ball games, student organizations, swimming, working out, video games, homecoming activities – it all adds up to the exhilarating lifestyle of a Grizzly! Facilities in the Carol Silvey Student Union at Hass-Darr Hall, the Student Recreation Center and the nearby West Plains Civic Center give our students plenty of room to have fun and enjoy their downtime.



# GRIZZLY ATHLETICS



Stay up with all the action of our Grizzly Athletics teams, who compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association. They always keep students and fans on the edge of their seats!



## MEN'S

Basketball

Baseball

(coming in fall 2024)

## WOMEN'S

Volleyball

Softball

CO-ED

Esports

Grizzly Cheer Team



# STUDENT RESOURCES

Missouri State-West Plains provides students with several FREE support services to help them on their educational journey.

## ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER

Staff will guide students in selecting the right classes to meet their goals.

## ASCEND PROGRAM

This first-of-its-kind program in south-central Missouri offers autistic students specialized support in reaching their educational goals.

## CAREER SERVICES

Students can find help with career counseling, resumés and job searches.

## COMPUTER RESOURCES

Computer labs can be found in several convenient locations across campus, and technical help is available at the help desk in the Lybyer Technology Center.

## DRAGO COLLEGE STORE

Students can reserve textbooks, purchase other classroom supplies and pick up some Grizzly Gear at the store in Hass-Darr Hall.

## GARNETT LIBRARY

Electronic and online resources and a physical collection of more than 25,000 volumes are available to students.

## GRIZZLY TUTORING SERVICES

Students can seek individual assistance or join a study group in a variety of subject areas at the Shaw Writing Center and Grizzly Math Lab.

## STUDENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

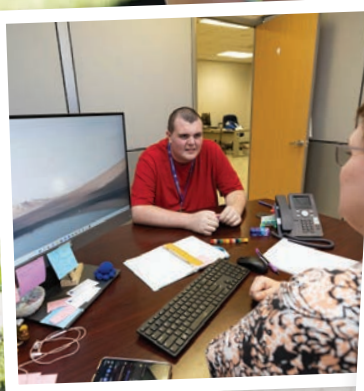
Students can access several professional services, including medical visits, counseling sessions, crisis intervention and other basic needs.

## VETERANS CENTER

Veterans and their dependents who are eligible for military benefits can receive enrollment assistance and specialized support.







# MOUNTAIN GROVE



Our Shannon Hall facility in Mountain Grove offers students in that region the opportunity to complete the Associate of Arts in General Studies degree even closer to home. Classes required for the degree are offered on a rotating schedule. Students eligible for the [A+ Program](#) can use those benefits at Shannon Hall.

Students also receive free membership to the Mountain Grove YMCA with their BearPass ID, and they may participate in activities and organizations on the West Plains campus. Free tutoring also is available.

Learn more: [WP.MissouriState.edu/MountainGrove](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/MountainGrove)

# BACHELOR'S & MASTER'S DEGREES



## MSU OUTREACH

Missouri State University's Outreach Program in Gohn Hall offers several undergraduate and graduate degrees locally and additional courses leading to other degree areas. Learn more:

[Outreach.MissouriState.edu](http://Outreach.MissouriState.edu)

## MSU-SPRINGFIELD

Missouri State-West Plains graduates who transfer to MSU in Springfield will find a smooth transition within the MSU System. Learn more:

[MissouriState.edu/Transfer](http://MissouriState.edu/Transfer)



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The office of workforce development offers short term training, job training, professional development, continuing education and customized business solutions to guide individuals toward successful careers and to help businesses focus on increased productivity.

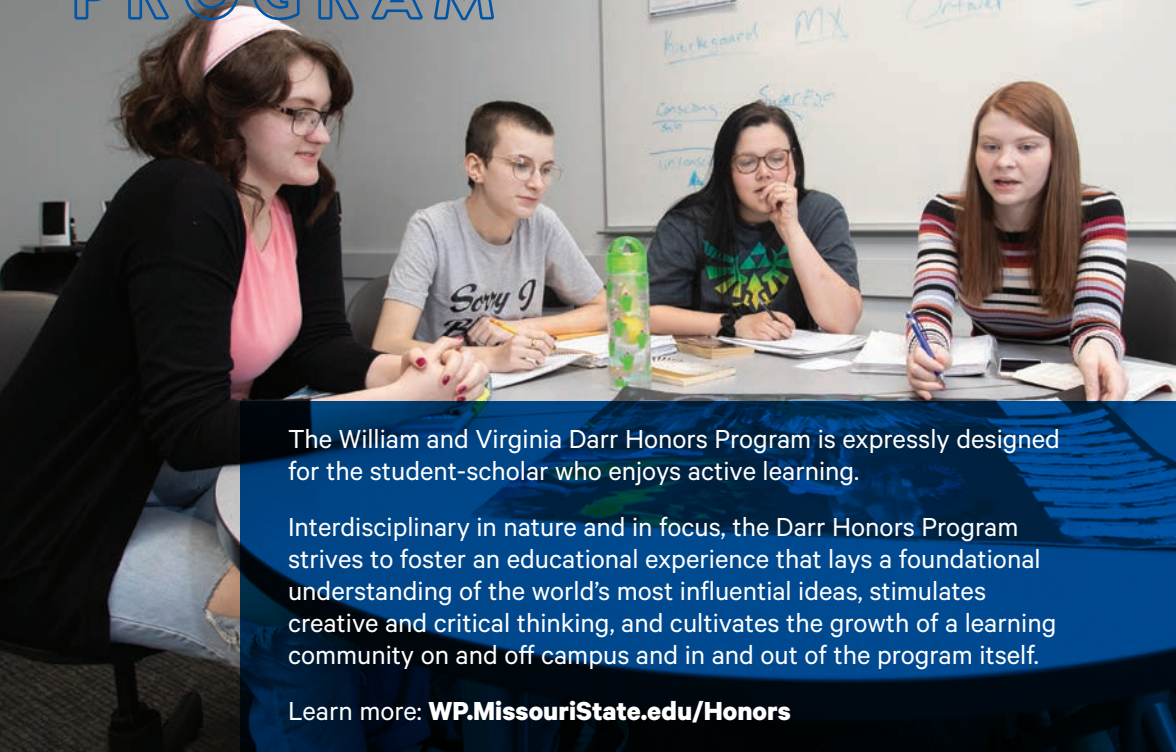
Utilizing state-of-the-art facilities, students can pursue programs in technology-based manufacturing, advanced welding and fabrication, business and professional development, health care, information technology, and more.

Whether you are looking for a career change, career advancement or a registered apprenticeship opportunity, we can provide the right learning experience for you. Learn more:

**[WP.MissouriState.edu/Workforce](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/Workforce).**



# DARR HONORS PROGRAM



The William and Virginia Darr Honors Program is expressly designed for the student-scholar who enjoys active learning.

Interdisciplinary in nature and in focus, the Darr Honors Program strives to foster an educational experience that lays a foundational understanding of the world's most influential ideas, stimulates creative and critical thinking, and cultivates the growth of a learning community on and off campus and in and out of the program itself.

Learn more: [WP.MissouriState.edu/Honors](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/Honors)



*“Missouri State University-West Plains gave me the option to begin my college journey while staying close to home and saving a lot!”*

## MICAELA WIEHE

AA GENERAL STUDIES, DARR HONORS PROGRAM – MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY-WEST PLAINS  
BS IN MODERN AND CLASSICAL LANGUAGE-SPANISH – MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY  
BA GLOBAL STUDIES, MINOR IN HISTORY – MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY  
MA WORLD HISTORY – MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY  
PH.D. LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY – PENN STATE UNIVERSITY (IN PROGRESS)  
TEACHING ASSISTANT, PENN STATE UNIVERSITY





## STUDENTS COME FROM

**65**

Missouri  
Counties

**28**

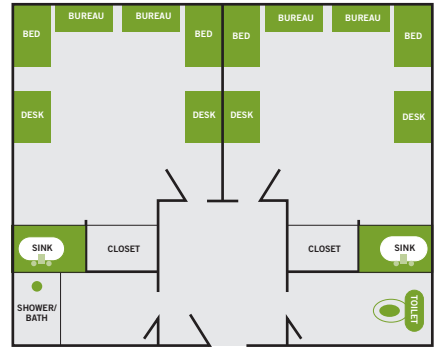
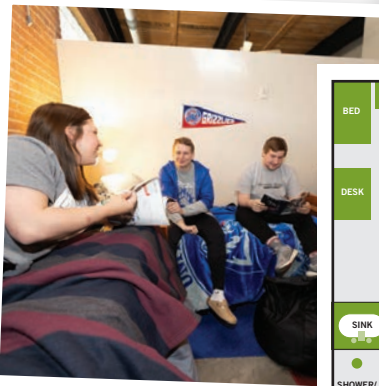
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**8**

Countries

# RESIDENCE LIFE

Moving to a new place can be intimidating, but living where you study will help with your transition. Missouri State-West Plains offers two residence halls, the Grizzly House and Grizzly Lofts.



\*The objects in the diagram are not to actual scale.

## GRIZZLY LOFTS

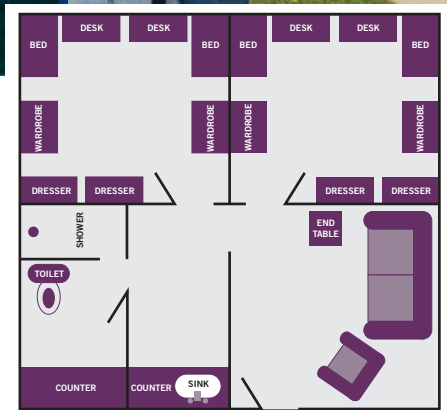
The Grizzly Lofts, Missouri State-West Plains' residential community, gives students living in university housing a whole different perspective of campus life. Located just a few blocks from campus, the 274-person facility features on-site dining, gym, laundry room and game room.



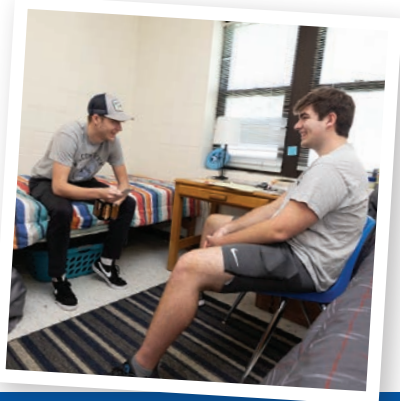


# GRIZZLY HOUSE

Nestled in the heart of campus, the 60-person Grizzly House residence hall gives students the opportunity to experience all aspects of campus life in a friendly atmosphere. The Garnett Library, Hass-Darr Hall and classroom buildings are within walking distance.



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Our residence halls will help you build relationships while also providing places to study and relax. Check out the housing policy and learn more information:

**[WP.MissouriState.edu/Housing](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/Housing)**

# FINANCIAL AID



## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

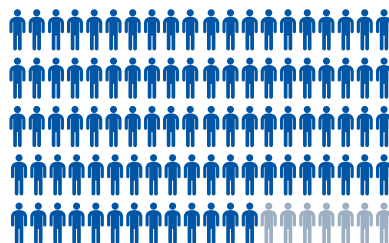
Although fees are low, Missouri State-West Plains offers a variety of federal, state and institutionally funded financial aid packages to help you cover the costs of your education. You'll find a list of the most common ones available on the next page.

### Missouri **A+** Scholarship

Through Missouri's A+ Scholarship Program, graduates of A+ designated high schools can receive funds to cover the costs of tuition and common fees at participating two-year colleges and vocational programs.\* Graduates certified A+ eligible by their high school can use these benefits at Missouri State-West Plains.

A+ recipients also may receive Missouri State-West Plains' institutional scholarships and can apply for endowed and restricted scholarships.

**93%**  
of first-time, full-time  
freshmen receive  
financial aid.



\*Fall 2022  
+Excludes students receiving student loans

\*More information available at the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development's website. [DHEWD.Mo.gov](http://DHEWD.Mo.gov)





At first glance, the cost of attending college may seem out of reach, but studies show that a degree, whether it's an associate's, bachelor's, master's or higher, more than pays for itself in lifetime earning potential. When you attend college, you're investing in your future!

Missouri State-West Plains is a great place to start that investment. With fees lower than most four-year colleges and a comprehensive scholarship and financial aid program, Missouri State-West Plains is one of the most affordable options available.

## Net price estimate

Additional cost information:  
[WP.MissouriState.edu/Costs](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/Costs)

Per year cost	Missouri resident	Non-Missouri resident
Required student fees <sup>+</sup>	\$5,544*	\$7,630*
Housing & Food**+	\$7,114	\$7,114

<sup>+</sup> Amounts are estimates and reflect costs for the 2023-2024 academic year.

\*Amounts based on 28 credit hours, half seated & half online.

\*\*Cost is an average of the price for living in the Grizzly House & Grizzly Lofts with the university's 19 meal-per-week plan and the estimated cost of an additional two meals per week, as required by the U.S. Department of Education. A full overview of the cost of attendance can be found at [WP.MissouriState.edu/CostOfAttendance](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/CostOfAttendance).

## MEDIAN EARNINGS BY COLLEGE LEVEL\*

Professional Degree

**\$100,048**

Master's Degree

**\$81,848**

Bachelor's Degree

**\$69,368**

Associate's Degree

**\$50,076**

High School Diploma

**\$42,068**

\*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics "Education Pays," 2021

## FEDERAL NEED-BASED PROGRAMS

- FEDERAL WORK-STUDY
- PELL GRANT
- SUBSIDIZED DIRECT LOAN
- SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT

## FEDERAL NON NEED-BASED PROGRAMS

- FEDERAL PLUS LOAN
- UNSUBSIDIZED DIRECT LOAN

## STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

- A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
- ACCESS MISSOURI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
- MISSOURI HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (BRIGHT FLIGHT)
- MISSOURI RETURNING HEROES ACT

## MISSOURI STATE-WEST PLAINS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sample scholarships for entering freshmen

Scholarship	Amount	Minimum ACT	Class rank	GPA/4.0 scale	Deadline
Board of Governors*	\$2,000 per year	28	& Top 10%	or 3.90 +	March 1
Chancellor's*	\$1,500 per year	26	& Top 20%	or 3.70 +	March 1
Deans**	\$1,000 per year	24	& Top 20%	or 3.70 +	March 1

Endowed & Restricted  
 More than 110 scholarships available. See criteria:  
[WP.MissouriState.edu/FinAid](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/FinAid)

\* The number of scholarships available varies. Students who receive these scholarships and transfer to Missouri State-Springfield for their junior and senior years can continue the scholarships, provided they meet the Springfield campus' renewal criteria for those scholarships.

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

- ARKANSAS TUITION SCHOLARSHIP
- CORPS OF OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP/WORK PROGRAM
- MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
- PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP
- STUDENT AMBASSADOR BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Additional scholarship opportunities and details:

[WP.MissouriState.edu/FinAid](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/FinAid)

# WEST PLAINS, MO



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## 19 Parks & Recreation Facilities

Tucked in the Ozark Mountains near pristine wilderness areas and spring-fed streams is the city of West Plains.

The largest city in south-central Missouri, West Plains considers itself the “Heart of the Ozarks.” A small-town feel with big-city conveniences, West Plains is a place where you can enjoy all that life has to offer.

Learn more about West Plains and area activities and attractions by visiting [ExploreWestPlains.com](http://ExploreWestPlains.com).



West Plains  
MISSOURI

Population  
**12,184**



# BECOME A GRIZZLY

As the open admissions campus of the Missouri State University System, becoming a Grizzly is easy!

## ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- ☑ Submit an application for admission.
- ☑ Have your official high school or equivalency exam transcript sent to Missouri State-West Plains.
- ☑ Have your college transcript sent to Missouri State-West Plains, if you are transferring from another college or have taken college courses while in high school.
- ☑ Come, explore the campus and see why approximately 1,700 students each year make Missouri State-West Plains their college choice! Call the admissions office, 417-255-7955, to schedule your campus tour today!

**[WP.MissouriState.edu/CampusVisit](http://WP.MissouriState.edu/CampusVisit)**



**SCAN TO APPLY**



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