

ONE MILLION DOLLARS COULD BE YOURS!



Over the course of a lifetime . . .

- Students with a four-year degree earn \$1 million dollars more than those with a high school diploma*
- Students with a two-year degree earn \$400,000 more than those with a high school diploma*



What are *Your Plans* after High School ?

College is affordable

- For those who qualify based on income, federal Pell grants can pay for a part of or all of the student's fees.
- Students who qualify for the Missouri A+ program may attend a public, two-year college in Missouri tuition free, including Missouri State-West Plains.
- 85 percent of degree-seeking students at Missouri State-West Plains receive some form of financial aid.

College is achievable

- Students can start out part time or full time at an open-admission, two-year college.
- Classes at two-year colleges are smaller and are taught by dedicated faculty.
- One-on-one attention and a supportive learning environment characterize the atmosphere at these institutions.
- Missouri State-West Plains provides unlimited free tutoring and academic counseling for every student.

College is appropriate

- Every dollar and hour spent on education provides one of the best returns on investment possible.
- Alumni of two-year schools in the Ozarks include doctors, lawyers, ministers, pharmacists, nurses, teachers and business owners.
- Graduates of two-year schools can put their associate's degree to immediate use in the marketplace, or transfer to earn bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

Transfer Program

- The AA degree allows students to complete general education requirements for virtually any bachelor's degree before transferring to a four-year college or university.
- Missouri State's Academic Outreach program offers bachelor's degrees in agriculture, business, elementary education, nursing and technology management at the West Plains Campus.

Career Programs

- The AAS and AS degrees allow students to immediately enter the workforce after graduation
- Graduates of career programs could find employment in the careers listed below:#
 - In south-central Missouri, the average annual salary for a computer support specialist was \$25,032, and the average annual salary for computer programmer was \$41,402.
 - Police and sheriff's patrol officers in Missouri earned an average annual salary of \$35,891. Police and sheriff's patrol officers in the south-central Missouri region earned an average salary of \$22,476.
 - Respiratory therapists in Missouri earned an average annual salary of \$41,823.
 - Registered nurses in Missouri earned an average annual salary of \$50,645, with an entry-level salary of \$37,600.
 - Registered nurses in the south-central Missouri region earned an average salary of \$48,391, with an entry-level salary of \$35,102.

Invest In Your Future Today

- Register for a Red Carpet Day to find out more about how Missouri State-West Plains can get you well on your way to an exciting career! Upcoming Red Carpet Days: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22.
- Apply for admission and financial aid as soon as possible during your senior year.

**To register for Red Carpet Day or start the admission and financial aid process,
talk to your high school counselor or contact the Admissions Office toll free at 1-888-466-7897.**