

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development
Program Name: A+ Schools Program - A+ Scholarship
Program is found in the following core budget(s): A+ Schools Program

HB Section(s): 3.065

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Affordability, Access and Success

1b. What does this program do?

This program provides tuition and fee reimbursement to eligible graduates of designated high schools to attend public community colleges, public vocational or technical schools, or private two-year vocational or technical schools that meet the criteria outlined in Section 160.545, RSMo. The student financial assistance received through this program increases students' persistence and completion at qualifying postsecondary institutions by covering a significant portion of students' cost of attendance. Students who qualify for federal non-repayable financial aid, such as Pell grants, will have their A+ reimbursement reduced by a corresponding amount.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected
Number of Unduplicated A+ Students Paid	13,493	14,809	14,181	14,465	14,755
Number of designated schools*	630	633	645	645	645

*For informational purposes only - The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, has statutory authority to designate A+ high schools.

First-Time, Full-Time Degree-Seeking A+ Recipients

	FY 2020		FY 2021		FY 2022	
	Students **	Total Grants	Students **	Total Grants	Students **	Total Grants
Public Two-Year Institutions	7,902	\$24,925,798	8,595	\$28,615,244	8,157	\$28,301,663
Area Vocational/Technical Schools	94	\$344,191	95	\$384,685	93	\$352,501
Private Two-Year Institutions	60	\$248,492	75	\$364,521	67	\$321,877
Total	8,056	\$25,518,481	8,765	\$29,364,450	8,317	\$28,976,041

** Student numbers may be duplicated due to transfer

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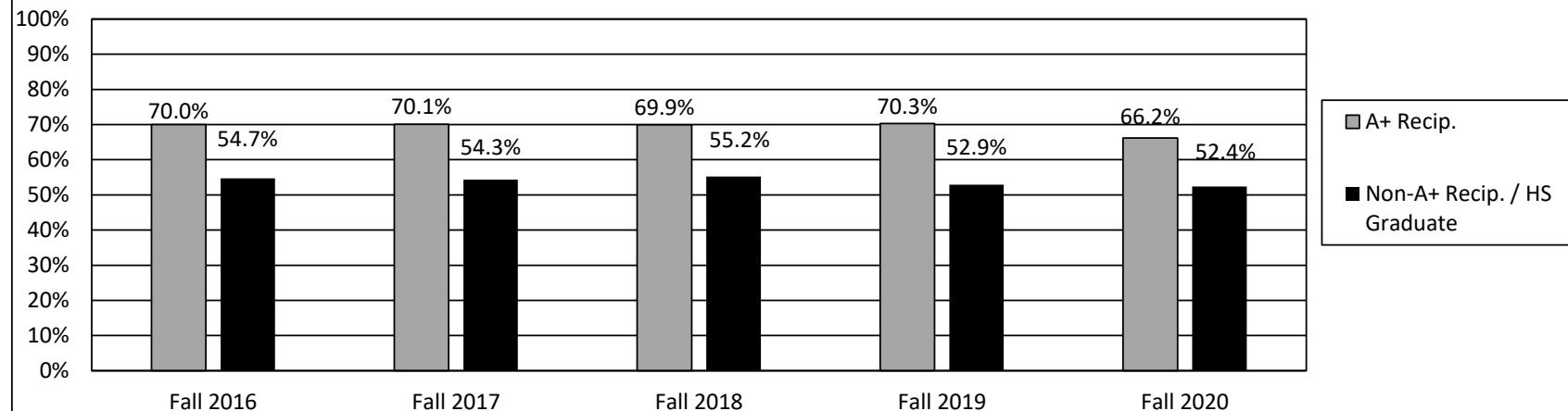
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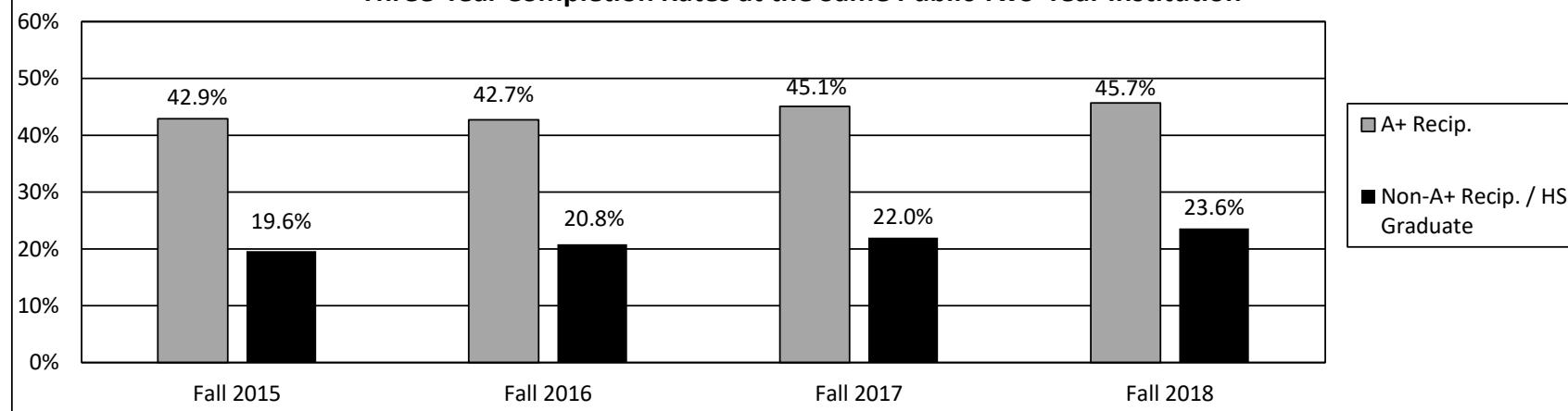
2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Student Persistence at the Same Public Two-Year Institution



2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.

Three-Year Completion Rates at the Same Public Two-Year Institution



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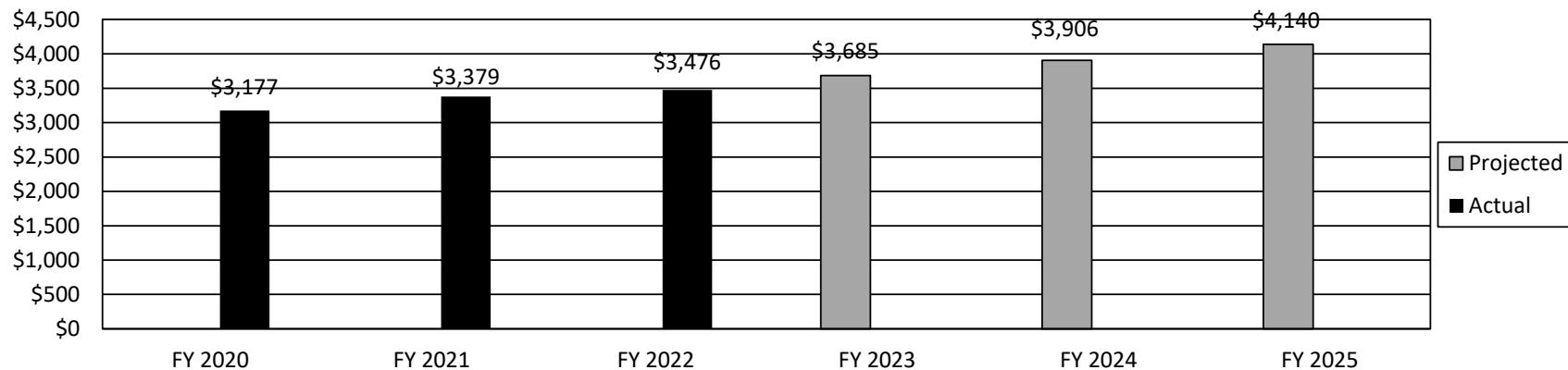
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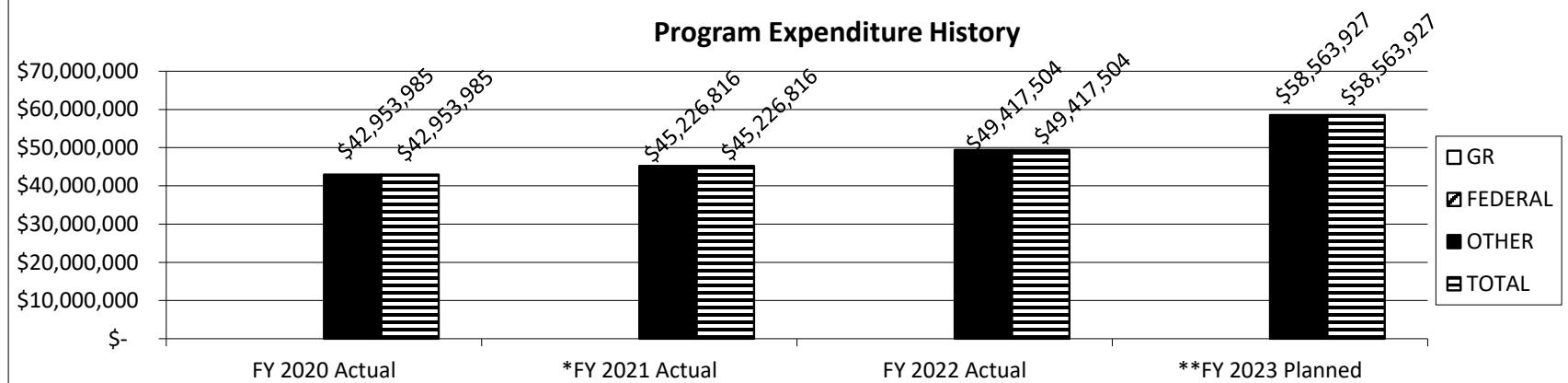
2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.

Average Reimbursement



3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)

Program Expenditure History



Notes:

* The FY 2021 expenditures exclude \$4,896,578 expended from Coronavirus Relief Funds allocated to the A+ Scholarship. Total FY 2021 expenditures were \$50,123,394.

**The FY 2023 planned represents the transfer appropriation less the three percent statutory reserve.

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4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds?

A+ Schools Fund (0955)

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Section 160.545, RSMo.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

No

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No