

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

**Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development**

**HB Section(s): 3.050**

**Program Name: Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight)**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Academic Scholarship Program (Bright Flight)**

**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

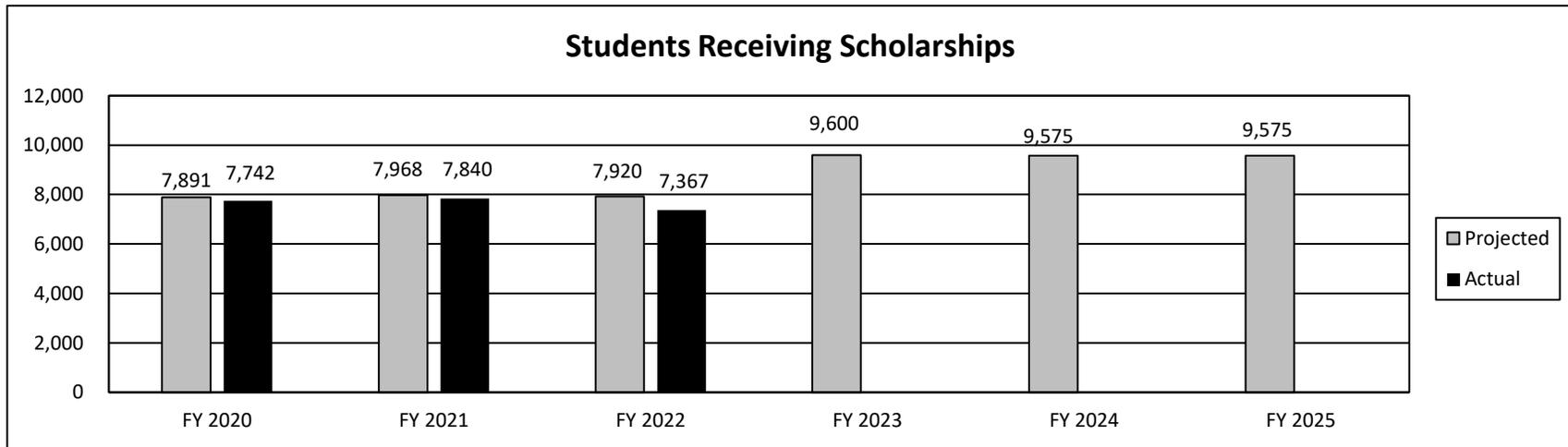
Affordability, Access and Success

**1b. What does this program do?**

This program incentivizes academically talented Missouri students to attend a participating Missouri postsecondary institution by providing scholarships based on academic achievement. It encourages the best and brightest students to pursue and complete their education in Missouri rather than out of state. A high school senior must score in the top five percent on the ACT or SAT assessment to qualify. The scholarship award is up to \$3,000 annually for those in the top three percent and up to \$1,000 for those in the fourth and fifth percentiles. Students in the top three percent must be awarded the full \$3,000 before students in the fourth and fifth percentiles can be awarded. For FY 2023 the scholarship is fully funded for the first time since the tiered award structure was implemented in FY 2011, with awards set at \$3,000 for students scoring in the top three percent and \$1,000 for students scoring in the top fourth and fifth percentiles. For FY 2023, the top fourth and fifth percentiles includes students who graduated high school between 2018 and 2021 and have maintained their eligibility for the scholarship by remaining continuously enrolled since high school graduation, in addition to those who graduated high school in 2022.

The scholarship can be renewed until the first bachelor's degree is received or the scholarship has been received for ten semesters, whichever occurs first.

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



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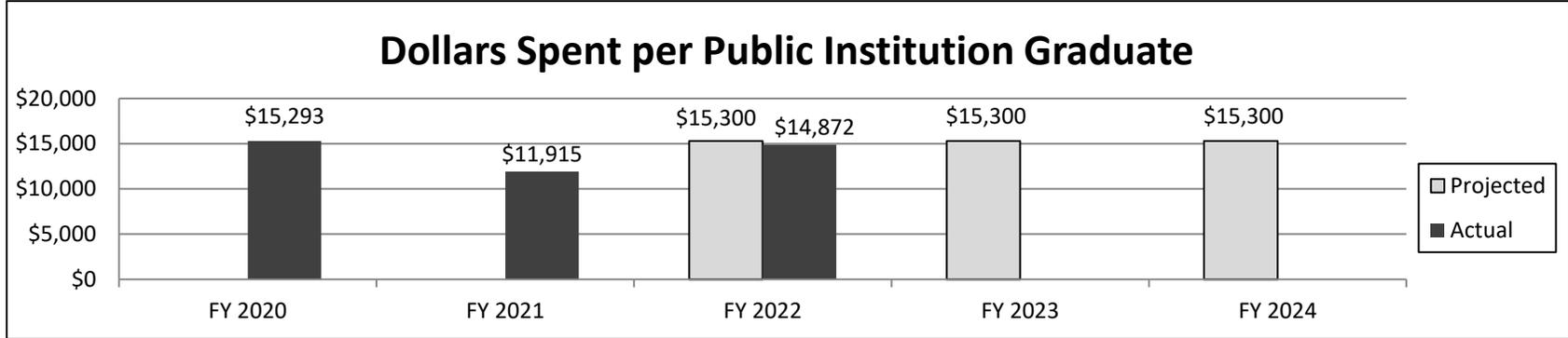
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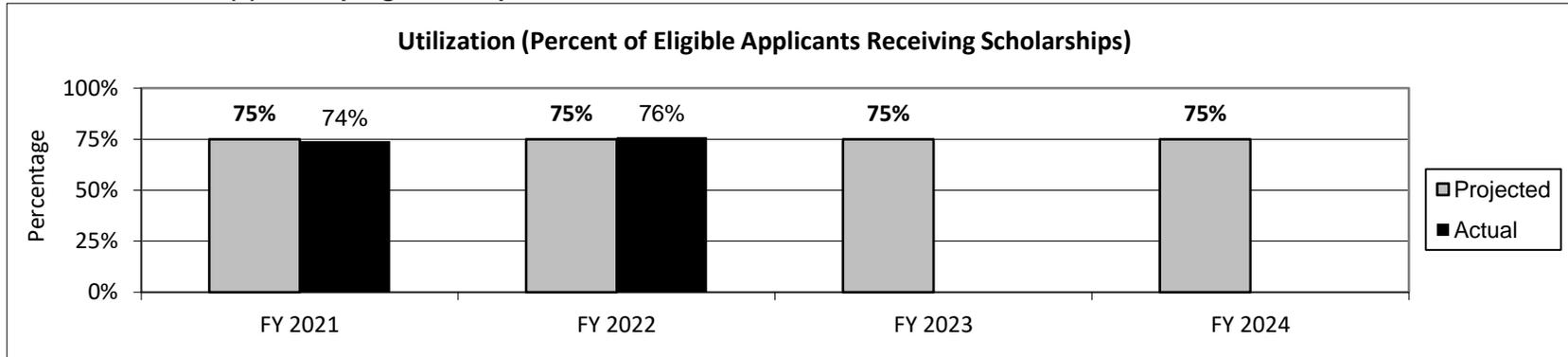
**2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.**

This measure, including the FY 2023 and FY 2024 projections, will be updated when the Governor's Recommendation is added as FY 2022 completion data are not yet available.



**Note:** Calculated by dividing the total awards at public institutions in each fiscal year by the total recipients who graduated from public institutions in that year. This measure demonstrates the cost-per-student to achieve the program's purpose of encouraging students to pursue and complete a degree. The decrease for FY 2021 is a result of the \$3.5 million core cut that reduced the maximum award from \$3,000 to \$2,400.

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



**Note:** Percentages compare the total eligible applicants scoring in the top three percent to those who received, or are projected to receive, the scholarship at a participating Missouri postsecondary institution for at least one semester in the applicable academic year. They do not reflect the unfunded top fourth and fifth percentiles for FY 2021 and FY 2022. For FY 2023 it is projected that utilization will be 75 percent for both the top three percent and top fourth and fifth percentiles.

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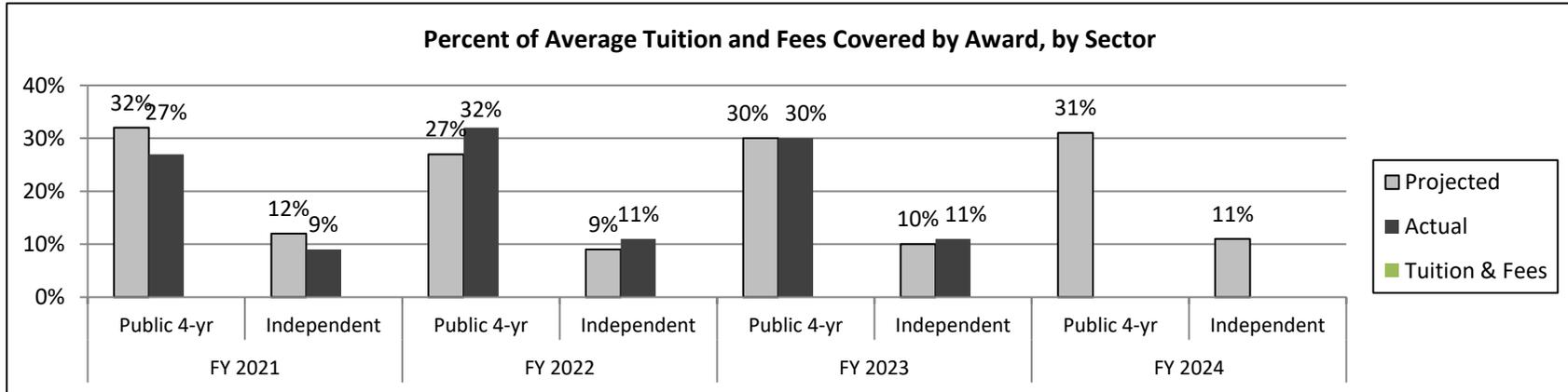
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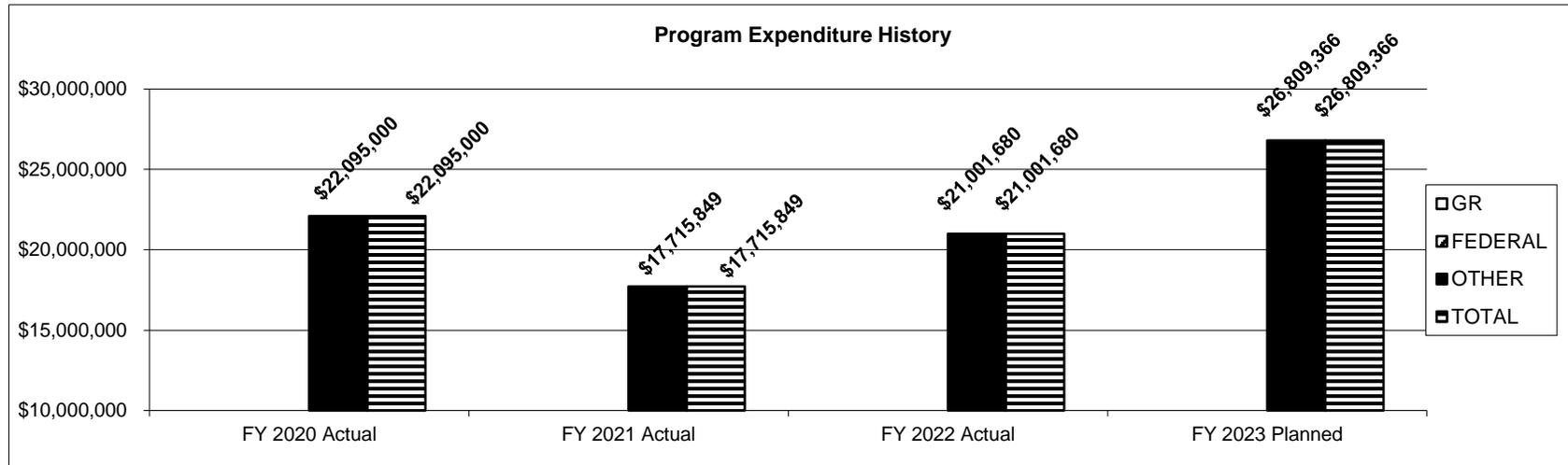
**2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.**

This measure, including the FY 2024 projection, will be updated when the Governor's recommendation is added as FY 2023 tuition and fee data are not yet available.



**Note:** Average sector tuition compared to actual maximum award. Does not include public two-year institutions.

**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.)**



**Note:** 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?**

Academic Scholarship Fund (0840)

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

Section 173.250, RSMo.

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

No

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

No