**Grade Point Average Requirement**
A+ students must maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or above at all times.

**Course Completion Requirement**
A+ students must successfully complete 12 credit hours or more during each regular semester and 6 credit hours or more if enrolled in summer semester.

In addition, A+ students must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward completion of his/her program of study which includes a cumulative completion of 67% of all coursework attempted.

**Withdrawn Courses**
Students may not use A+ funds to cover the cost of withdrawn courses; if a student earns a "W" or "WX", the student is responsible for repaying the cost of the course, unless the withdrawal results in the student failing to meet the A+ completion requirement, therefore losing A+ in the next enrollment period.

**Repeat Courses**
Students may not repeat coursework using A+ funds if an A, B, C, D, or F was previously earned for the course. If the student wishes to retake a course, the student must pay for the repeated course using funds other than A+.

**Common A+ Questions**

**If I lose my A+ can I get it back and how?**
Yes, but in addition to meeting all other eligibility criteria, you must have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or above and a 67% completion rate to earn it back. In addition, if you lost A+ due to the completion requirement, you must have completed at least enough hours to total 12 credit hours when combined with your prior term.

**When will my A+ funds expire?**
Once one of the following occurs, A+ ends: 48 months after high school graduation, once you receive an Associate's degree, or completion of 105% of a program of study.

**How many credit hours must I take each term?**
Students must be enrolled full time. Exceptions may be made for students with a documented disability or for those with proof that there are not enough courses remaining in their degree program to enroll full time.

**What costs are not covered by A+?**
A+ will not cover lab fees, program specific fees, course supplies, uniforms, textbook costs, and miscellaneous expenses such as parking and graduation fees.

**Can I use A+ for Housing?**
No, A+ will only cover tuition, technology fees, and activity fees.

**What if I have a Pell grant?**
If you have a Pell grant, but it does not cover all tuition expenses, then A+ will cover what is left of tuition and technology fees. The Pell grant will always pay first, and if there is any tuition or technology fees balance left A+ will then pay.

**If I am attending another college, can I come back and use A+ for the summer with Jefferson College?**
No, you must be degree seeking with Jefferson College.
A+ Awarding Criteria

Follow These Steps...

1. Apply for Admission
2. File the FAFSA Annually
   Students must fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every academic year. This can be done at www.studentaid.gov
3. Submit a final High School Transcript with the official A+ Seal to Jefferson College.*
   *Per MDHEWD, a final A+ high school transcript with official A+ seal must reflect the mid-year graduation date for early-out graduates to be A+ eligible.
4. Review and submit Jefferson College’s A+ contract located on www.jeffco.edu

Federal Financial Aid

If a student is eligible for a Pell Grant, these funds will be applied to the student’s Jefferson College account first. A+ will then pay the remaining eligible tuition charges not covered by federal funds.

A+ Student Eligibility

Full-time enrollment is required for each semester the student attends:

**Fall Semester**
12 credit hours

**Spring Semester**
12 credit hours

**Summer Semester**
6 credit hours

Students may begin enrollment at Jefferson College during any semester.

Students may not use A+ funds to cover a course that does not count toward completion of the student’s declared Jefferson College program of study. If enrolled in all available hours, submit a degree audit to the Financial Aid Office for permission to enroll less than full time.

105% Maximum Timeframe

Students must complete the hours required for the program in which the student is currently enrolled within a 105% time frame; once a student has completed the maximum number or hours allowed for the program of study, eligibility for A+ terminates.

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* Requirements and maximum hours allowed are specific for each program
** Includes Health Occupation Programs only: OTA, PTA, and Rad. Tech

Certificate seeking students are evaluated based upon the number of hours required for the certificate. Maximum time limits range from 25-60 hours depending on the length of the program.

A student who has earned a certificate may progress to the AAS Degree for the same program of study and receive A+ funds, as long as A+ eligibility still remains.

105% Inclusions

All hours including developmental/remedial hours, hours completed at any other A+ eligible institution, and hours completed at any non-eligible A+ institution that the student’s current institution accepts in transfer are included in the 105%. "F’s" are counted in the 105%.

105% Exclusions

Hours earned for work completed before high school graduation, including dual credit, dual enrollment, technical education articulation, and advanced placement are excluded from the 105%.

A+ Renewal

Eligibility is reviewed at the end of each semester, including summer term.

Initial A+ Students
- Must be new to attending an A+ eligible institution;
- Must be A+ eligible;
- Will be reviewed for a cumulative 2.0 grade point average or above during fall end of term;
- Will be reviewed for a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or above during spring end of term;
- Will be reviewed for satisfactory academic progress every semester;
- Will be reviewed for the 105% maximum hours allowed every semester.

To maintain A+, students must successfully complete 12 credit hours or more during each regular semester, 6 credit hours or more if enrolled in summer semester, or all enrolled hours, if approved for a reduced course load.

Changes are made to the A+ Scholarship Program periodically, please review the A+ Contract for details, call the Financial Aid Office with questions, or check out MDHEWD at dhewd.mo.gov for updates.