



About the Showme Scholarship Challenge Match

The power of an independent higher education goes beyond academic excellence. We know that teaching occurs by faculty, it develops critical thinking, decision-making, leadership, and communication skills while emphasizing values and ethics, self-discipline, and responsibility. It makes a difference.

In today's economy it is extremely difficult for many young Missourians graduating from high school to find a way to pay for a college education, especially those from working-class families who simply cannot afford to provide much assistance. In a recent report from the Missouri Dept of Higher Education and Workforce Development, the gap between financial aid and college costs continues to widen. That is why we need your help.

Presidents of independent colleges and universities have made it clear that one of their highest priority needs is additional scholarship aid for deserving students. A second identified need is for scholarships that can improve student retention beyond the first year. This grant addresses both concerns.

The Missouri Colleges Fund (MCF) is a group of sixteen independent colleges and universities in Missouri with enrollments totaling nearly 70,000 students. Most of these students are from Missouri and upon graduation will stay in Missouri to work and raise a family. The mission of the MCF is to acquire resources to help educate students in member independent liberal-arts colleges and universities.

The Council for Independent Colleges (CIC) will match any new, increased, or re-instated gift received between now and July 31, 2023. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 and their **match of \$25,000** will generate \$75,000 in added support for our scholarship program.

As always, **100% of funds** raised go to student scholarships which are administered by the schools and awarded to students based on financial need.

Donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to:

Missouri Colleges Fund, Inc.
Showme Scholarship Challenge
3401 W. Truman Blvd, Suite 202
Jefferson City, MO 65109

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www.mocollegesfund.org
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