



OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Office of the Chancellor

September 18, 2014

Dear OTC A+ Student:

This letter contains important information about your A+ Scholarship award for the Spring 2015 semester. Your A+ scholarship typically covers tuition and general fees for the classes you take at OTC.

The A+ Program is funded by the State of the Missouri. However, the program currently faces a state budget shortfall.

The funds appropriated for the A+ program by the State of Missouri were lower than the amount recommended by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and over \$2 million has been withheld for revenue issues associated with tax collections. This means there may not be enough money for the State of Missouri to fully fund the A+ Scholarship.

Please know, OTC is working hard to get the scholarship dollars you've been promised. As OTC's Chancellor, I will personally advocate for A+ scholarship recipients by explaining to our statewide elected officials the importance of properly funding the A+ Scholarship Program.

What might this mean for OTC students and their families in the future? It may mean slightly more out-of-pocket expenses in the coming semester. The Missouri Department of Higher Education has preliminarily projected you may be paying for one class if the program is not fully funded, but this is only a projection and we will not have more information until the end of the semester.

At this time, we are sharing our preliminary concerns with you. We will not have specific information regarding your account until we know what actions our state government will take to rectify this shortfall. As we learn more, we will share it with you.

Sincerely,

Hal L. Higdon, Ph.D.
Chancellor