
EMERGENCY RULE

TITLE 15 – ELECTED OFFICIALS
Division 50 – Treasurer
Chapter 5 – Missouri Empowerment Scholarship
Accounts Program

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15 CSR 50-5.035 Grant Program

PURPOSE: This rule sets forth general information necessary to carry out the purpose of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Grant Program and provides for the annual budget authority.

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency rule sets forth general information necessary to carry out the purpose of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Grant Program and provides for the annual budget authority. This emergency rule is necessary to protect a compelling governmental interest as the initial timing of the availability of funds for program year 2026 is integral to the budget authority passed by the General Assembly and signed by the governor. As a result, the treasurer finds a compelling governmental interest, which requires this emergency action. A proposed rule, which covers the same material, was published in the July 15, 2025 issue of the **Missouri Register** (50 MoReg 994). The scope of this emergency rule is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the **Missouri** and **United States Constitutions**. The treasurer believes this emergency rule is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency rule was filed July 25, 2025, becomes effective August 8, 2025, and expires February 3, 2026.*

(1) The Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program Grant Program assists certified Educational Assistance Organizations (EOs) in awarding scholarship accounts to qualifying students.

(2) The treasurer may promulgate rules as necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program Grant Program. The treasurer may adopt policies and operating procedures concerning its internal management of the Missouri Scholarship Accounts Program Grant Program.

(3) Annual Budget. At or near the beginning of the program year, the treasurer shall provide the certified EOs the anticipated budget authority for the program year. The anticipated budget authority may be increased or decreased during the program year.

(4) During the program year and based upon fund availability, certified EOs may request reimbursement of allowed expenses for qualified students.

*AUTHORITY: sections 135.719 and 166.710, RSMo Supp. 2024. Original rule filed June 16, 2025. Emergency rule filed July 25, 2025, effective Aug. 8, 2025, expires Feb. 3, 2026. A proposed rule covering the same material was published in the July 15, 2025, issue of the **Missouri Register**. An emergency rule covering the same material will be published in the Sept. 2, 2025, issue of the **Missouri Register**.*

PUBLIC COST: This emergency rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in

the time the emergency rule is effective.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the time the emergency rule is effective.