Degree Completion Scholarship Application

Today’s Date __________________________________________

Name ___________________________________________________ Student Number_____________________

Phone number ____________________________________________________________________________

Anticipated Degree Completion Date _________________________________________________________

The Degree Completion Scholarship Application is designed to support graduating seniors at the University of Missouri-St. Louis who have limited financial aid options and are within two semesters of graduating. This program is designed to assist students who have a specific and urgent financial need which serves as a barrier to degree completion. By completing this application you will be considered for one of two programs, the Senior Degree Completion Program and the Finish Your Degree Program. The Student Financial Aid Office will determine if students meet the conditions for either scholarship, and if so, which program best fits the applicant’s profile.

Degree Completion Program Criteria

- Must have completed the FAFSA for the current academic year
- Must have limited federal and state funding resources preventing registration for final semester or graduation
- Must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress and have a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
- Applicants must be within two semesters and 30 credit hours of degree completion at UMSL
  (Preference will be given to students who are within one semester [15 hours or less] of degree completion)
- Must be working on first bachelor’s degree
- Must have attempted a minimum of 30 credit hours at UMSL prior to applying for scholarship

The following documents are needed to apply for this scholarship:

1. Degree Completion Program Application
2. Degree Completion Graduation Plan
3. Degree Completion Essay (see below for essay instructions)

Please attach a typed essay (300-500 words) that explains: the circumstances that led you to submit the Degree Completion Application, how you plan to ensure that you are able to complete your degree if provided either opportunity, the impact of receiving one of these scholarships, and lastly your plans for post-graduation.

Please return all three (1) Degree Completion Scholarship Application, (2) Degree Completion Graduation Plan, and (3) Degree Completion Essay at the time of submission to the Student Financial Aid Office. Please note that ALL three documents are due at the time of submission and incomplete applications will not be considered for either scholarship.

Applicants will be notified within 2 – 3 weeks after submission if they were selected for either the Senior Degree Completion Program or the Finish Your Degree Scholarship
Degree Completion Scholarship Application
- Graduation Plan -

Name: _______________________________________________________

First                                               Middle                                                    Last

UMSL ID#: ________________________________________________

UMSL Email: ______________________________________________

Phone: (______) ________ - ________________________________

Current Degree Major: ______________________________________

Expected Graduation Term (please mark): Summer 20____  Fall 20______ Spring 20______

Total Hours Attempted at UMSL ____________________________ Hours

Additional Hours Needed for Degree __________________________ Hours

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*Confirm with your academic advisor that you are within 30 credit hours AND within two terms of graduating. In Addition, ensure that the courses listed above are offered in the semesters indicated.

UMSL Academic Advisor Name ___________________________ Signature ___________ Phone ____________________
(By signing above you are acknowledging that the information on the Graduation Plan is accurate to the best of your knowledge)

Student Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

Submit this Degree Completion Graduation Plan along with your Degree Completion Scholarship Application and Essay to the Student Financial Aid Office

Student Financial Aid
327 Millennium Student Center
One University Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63121
Phone (314)-516-5526
FAX (314) 516-5408