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## Senator Schaefer Again Proposes Access Missouri Scholarship Legislation

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Senator Kurt Schaefer today filed a bill designed to increase benefits to the Access Missouri Scholarship Program; this bill is similar to one filed last year. Senator Schaefer will be working towards passage of [Senate Bill 784](#) this year.

“We need to ensure that the scholarship amount we award to our state’s students keeps pace with the ever-increasing cost of college,” Sen. Schaefer said. “Financial hardship should never stand in the way of receiving higher education.”

The bill, which would take effect in the 2014 school year, would continue to provide scholarships for students attending public two-year institutions in the amount of \$1,250 (maximum). Future scholarship amounts for students attending public four-year institutions would increase from a maximum of \$2,150 to \$2,850. Scholarships for students attending four-year private institutions will also be at this new level.

“Education should be one of the top priorities for lawmakers this legislative session,” Sen. Schaefer said. “After all, the future of our state is in the hands of today’s students.”

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