



SHOW-ME

SCHOLARS & TECH MASTERS

Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce

Preparing For Your Future

What

is the Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters program?

The Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters program is a course of study that encourages students to take more demanding classes in high school. The curriculum provides an education that better prepares students to enter a four-year college, community college, technical school, apprenticeship, military, or the workforce. The program is a joint effort of the Rolla Chamber of Commerce, Rolla Public School district, and the local business community.

Who

are Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters?

Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters are high school students who have completed or are on track to complete the Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters course of study; a rigorous sequence of academic courses in math, science, language arts, and social studies. Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters is based on research which shows that those students who complete a more rigorous course of study in high school are more successful in college and the workforce.

How

do students become Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters?

- Enroll in the Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters program with your high school counselor
- Meet the program requirements
- Graduate from high school

Show-Me Scholar

Students who wish to qualify for the Show-Me Scholar program must complete a college preparatory level of course study as seen below. Embedded credit may not be used to qualify.

Show-Me Scholar Course of Study

English/Language Arts.....4.0 *credits*

- English I (1)
- English II (1)
- *Two Additional English Credits Above English II*

Mathematics.....4.0 *credits*

- Algebra I (1)
- Geometry (1)
- Algebra II (1)
- *One Additional Higher Math Course*

Foreign Language.....2.0 *credits*

Science.....3.0 *credits*

- Biology I (1)
- Chemistry (1)
- *One Additional Science Class*

Social Studies.....3.0 *credits*

- American History (1)
- AP Euro (1)
- World History (1)
- *Any other Social Studies class to achieve 3 total credits*
- Government (0.5)
- AP Government (1)

Additional Requirements for Show-Me Scholars

- 50 Hours of Community or Volunteer Service During High School
- 2.0 Cumulative High School GPA on a 4.0 Scale
- 90% School Attendance During 4 Years of High School
- No Out of School Suspension

Tech Master

Students can qualify for the Tech Master program by earning the CTE Certificate or completing the Course of Study below.

Tech-Master Course of Study

Electives

- 2.5 electives of your program of study
- 3 CTE credits in the same area of study

This curriculum offers flexibility to tailor courses to areas of interest.

Additional Requirements for Recognition of Show-Me Scholars Tech Master

- Meet all requirements set forth in state and local board of education policies related to earning a high school diploma.
- Student must complete any remaining state mandated high school graduation requirements. Dual credit and AP courses are acceptable.
- Qualify as a career and technical education (CTE) concentrator. A CTE concentrator is a student who has completed at least three courses in a single career and technical education program of study. A course is defined locally as a series of lessons that equal one credit, this could count as a core class or an elective.
- 50 hours of appropriate work-based learning, lab work, classroom lab, on the job training and work-based employment/learning with industry partners all apply.
- 2.0 high school GPA
- 90% school attendance during high school years
- No out of school suspension
- Demonstrate attainment of appropriate professional or soft skill development. The requirement can be met in one of two ways:
 - Active participation in a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) during high school OR
 - Provide a letter of recommendation from a business or industry employer who has working knowledge of the student and can assure that the student has a high level of employability skill efficacy and is career ready. Letter may not be from a teacher, relative or student.

What Part Does the Business Community Play?

The Show-Me Scholars & Tech Masters Program is a business-led partnership between businesses and the schools. Business people provide leadership and incentives for students who stay on track and who graduate on time as a Show-Me Scholar or Tech Master.

Why become a Show-Me Scholar or Tech Master?

Recognition: As Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters, students are recognized by teachers, parents, and community leaders as students who accept challenges and set high goals for success.

Choices: After graduating as a Show-Me Scholar or Tech Master, students are better prepared to enter the workforce or attend a college, university or trade school. They have more choices available to them.

Money: If you challenge yourself in school by taking the Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters path, your chances of making more money are greater.

Better Jobs: Employers prefer to hire individuals with strong academic backgrounds and those who are able to make sound decisions, are able to critical-think through a problem, and have good communication, teamwork, self-starter, creative and innovative thinking and technology skills.

College: Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters are stronger candidates for certain types of financial aid and scholarships. They are also better prepared for college and are less likely to need costly remedial classes in college. Statistics show that Show-Me Scholars & Tech Masters graduates score higher on both the ACT and the SAT and have a greater chance of being accepted to the college or university of their choice.

Incentives: Businesses offer many added bonuses to Scholars and Tech Masters who stay on track during all four years of high school. Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters graduates are honored at the Rolla Chamber of Commerce annual Awards Luncheon where they are presented with graduation cords and medallions. In addition, Show-Me Scholars and Tech Masters graduates have the opportunity to receive scholarships through the Rolla Chamber of Commerce and the local business community.

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