Dear Parent,

The MOScholars K-12 Scholarship program was formerly restricted to families living in Missouri's metropolitan areas but is now expanding statewide for the 2025-26 school year, giving access to qualifying families in our community. These scholarships go directly to the student to be used for tuition, tutoring, technology, or other educational expenses.

Additionally, Governor Kehoe and the Missouri General Assembly have <u>appropriated</u> \$50 million to support the program, giving students an unprecedented opportunity to receive a scholarship that will renew annually for the rest of their K-12 education.

To qualify for MOScholars for the 2025-26 school year, the student must be a legal Missouri resident who meets the one of the four following conditions:

- 1. Has a formal IEP/ISP issued within the past 36 months; OR
- 2. Has a household income under 300% of the reduced lunch threshold (Example: A family of four with a household income of \$178,433 this year or less) AND either:
 - a. Going into Kindergarten or 1st Grade; OR
 - b. Attended public school for a semester the immediate year prior; OR
 - c. Is a sibling of a renewal scholarship student.

Westside Christian Academy is partnering with the <u>Herzog Tomorrow Foundation</u> to provide these scholarships to our community. For families to take advantage of this opportunity for the 2025-2026 school year, it is important that they apply as soon as possible. **Applications for 2025-26 will close on June 30**, leaving only a short window for families to qualify.

We wanted to give you the opportunity to encourage your families to apply before that window closes!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Josh Hurlbert with any questions you may have!

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