Questions and answers for students about the upcoming Fall 2020 semester.

Financial

Q: If my family’s situation changed due to COVID-19, can I be considered for additional aid?
A: You should definitely check with the financial aid office at the school you are attending or plan to attend. They might have flexibility to possibly adjust financial aid when student or parent income changes. Ask your financial aid advisor/counselor about the Special Circumstances process in particular as early as you can. The earlier you alert the financial aid office to the changes in your family’s finances, the quicker you can get through any required processing before the school year begins.

Q: Is there a discount for taking my classes remotely?
A: Your school/college advisor is the best person to ask that question. Each school will differ in their tuition policies.

Q: I decided to change schools and stay close to home. How do I add another school to my FAFSA?
A: Watch this quick video on how to do just that! https://youtu.be/5SU662O5spQ

Internet Access

Q: I don’t have reliable access to internet. What should I do?
A: Contact your school or college right away and see what they can do to help. Schools are working to be flexible and supportive so be upfront from the beginning, especially with your professor, about any internet access difficulties.

Q: Are there any resources for finding help with internet costs?
A: Check with your school or college. You can also check out this website https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers.

Online vs. In Person

Q: Will classes be held online or in person this fall?
A: It’s different for each campus. You can get the latest re-opening plans for colleges here but be sure to check with your college, too, as information continues to change quickly.

Q: Will I be able to live on campus?
A: Most likely! Check with your college in advance of school starting. There will be some changes and some colleges are having one person to a room. (Think positive – no staying up all night listening to snoring!)
Q: What is being done to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on campus?
A: Each campus has a plan in place. Examples are requiring wearing face masks, following physical distancing rules, adding extra cleaning protocols, and self-assessment of symptoms. Check with your campus in advance.

Q: What happens if my school has to go fully remote if a second wave of COVID-19 occurs?
A: Your school will guide you to the next steps so make sure you are reading emails and text messages from your college. Your college is committed to your safety and well-being. Colleges have planned instructions for moving online.

What if?

Q: What if I decide to attend my local community college, how will my credits transfer?
A: You should not have a problem. Every college has their own rules for transferring individual credits, but Missouri has adopted CORE 42. CORE 42 is the general education framework of lower division core curriculum courses to guarantee transfer to all public colleges and universities in Missouri.

Q: What if I defer my admission? What does “gap year” mean?
A: You probably heard this term a lot lately. A gap year refers to a period of time taken off before college enrollment. Some students use that time to work, volunteer or now - wait until COVID-19 settles. Determine what is best for you, the pros and cons, before deciding. Whatever you decide – MOCAN will be here to provide you with resources!