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### Missouri Families Win, Kids Maintain Access to MOScholars Scholarships Following Court Decision

#### CEAM Issues Statement On the Importance of Maintaining Stability for Students and Families

**(JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, April 15, 2026)** — Missouri families will continue to have access to MOScholars K–12 scholarships after a Cole County judge declined to end program funding, ensuring students can remain in learning environments that best meet their needs.

“This decision provides critical stability for Missouri families who are counting on MOScholars to support their children’s education,” said Peter Franzen, associate executive director of the Children’s Education Alliance of Missouri (CEAM). “For thousands of families, this means their children won’t have to abruptly change schools. They’ll be able to stay where they are learning and thriving without disruption.”

The MOScholars program continues to expand access to educational opportunities across the state. As education savings accounts are controlled by parents, these scholarships allow families to direct funds toward tuition, tutoring, and other approved services that help students succeed and thrive. With more than 6,000 students expected to benefit this year and nearly 10,000 applications already submitted for the upcoming school year, demand for the program continues to grow across Missouri.

“I am truly grateful for the MOScholars program and the impact it continues to have on families across Missouri,” said Lisa Smith, St. Louis Outreach Associate with CEAM and longtime parent advocate. “For many students, including my own, this program is life-changing—providing access to learning environments that meet their unique needs and learning styles.”

CEAM supports volunteer parent advocates across the state who are connecting with elected officials to share how K–12 programs and policies impact their children. These conversations continue to highlight a clear priority for Missouri families: access to more educational options that meet the diverse needs of their children.

CEAM remains focused on elevating parent voices and ensuring families across Missouri have the opportunity to share their experiences and advocate for the educational options that best meet their children’s needs.

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*The Children’s Education Alliance of Missouri (CEAM) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving Missouri’s K–12 education system by advancing policies and innovations that ensure all families have the right to choose the education that best meets the needs of their children.*

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