

COLLEGE FAIRS

A College Fair is a time when a large number of colleges are invited to provide information to high school students, usually at a high school or community college. A fair may take place during the day or evening and typically lasts an hour and a half to three hours.

At the fair, each college will be assigned a table, usually in the gym. The Ambassador stands behind the S&T table and answers questions about the University. A table cover and a nametag are furnished with the Admissions materials sent for the fair. Please follow the diagram included when setting up the table. You are asked to wear professional attire. That said, comfortable footwear is suggested, but we ask that you avoid wearing gym shoes.

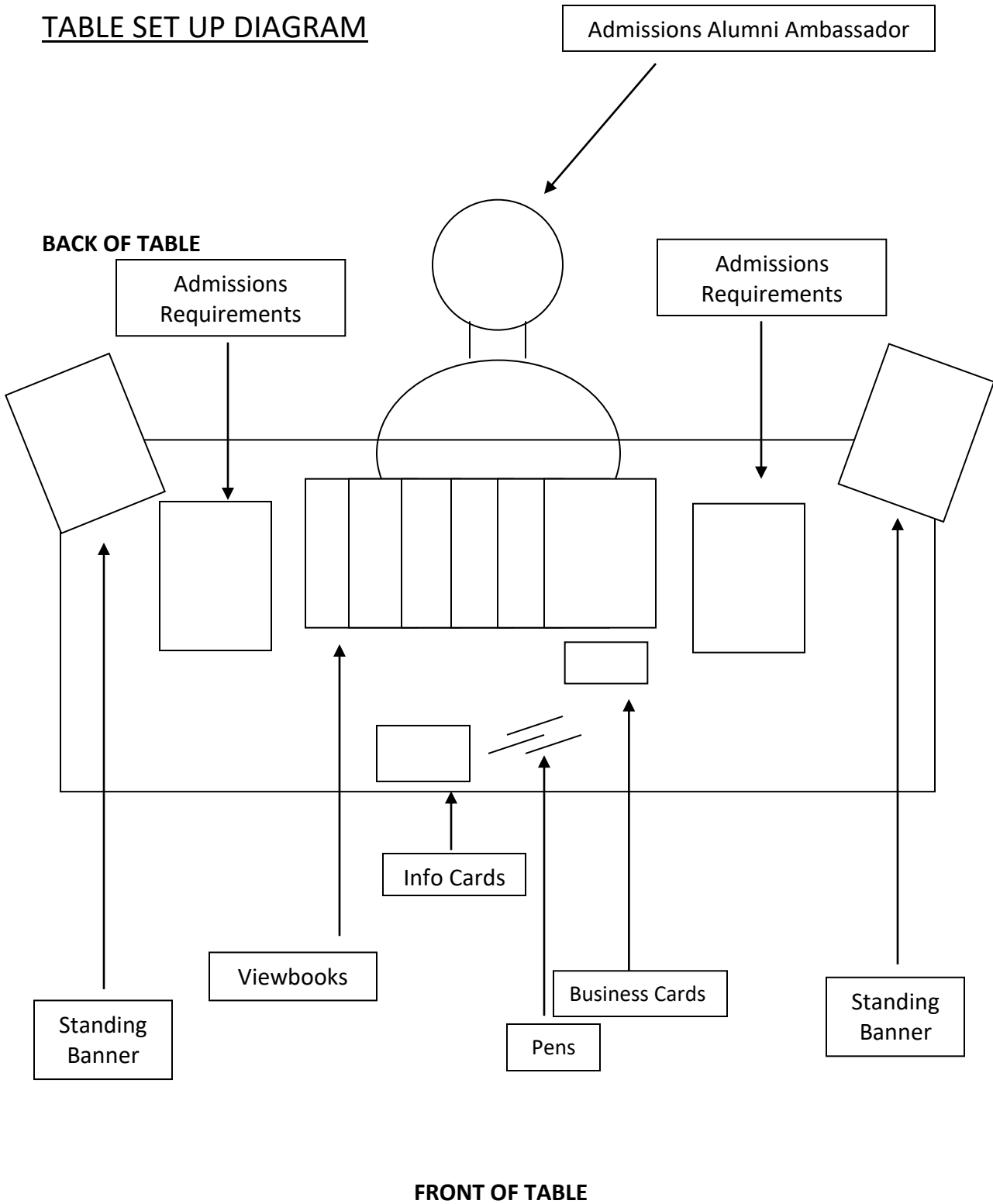
Hand out general information and give students information cards to complete. Perhaps the most important part of a fair is having prospective students fill out the information cards. Filling out a card puts a student in our database and putting a student in our database ensures the student will receive ongoing information through our direct mail program. If students just pick up one piece of literature and walk away they miss out on lots of other pertinent information. Another important reason for filling out the card is that it gives the Office of Admissions valuable information regarding the impact a particular activity has on a student's decision to attend S&T. Without the card, we will not know if your efforts were well spent at a particular fair. Even those students who are already receiving information from S&T should be encouraged to fill out another card as their information might have changed.

After the fair ends, you may wish to leave a few pieces of literature for the counselor. Pack up the rest and send back along with the information cards and the fair evaluation form. Unless your section or city is assigned a certain number of table covers, it is important to return the table covers as soon as possible, to make sure they are available for later fairs.

Checklist for fairs

1. In advance, find out the exact location. Contact the Alumni Ambassador Coordinator for directions if you need them.
2. Review the handbook and your materials a day or two before the program.
3. Arrive around an hour (depending on if you are familiar with the location or not) prior to the program's start. This will allow time to locate the S&T table and set up materials before the students and parents arrive.
4. Read through your materials two or three times just prior to the start time to refresh your memory.
5. Visit freely with students and parents—feel free to refer them to the Office of Admissions should you not be able to answer a question definitively. (Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know.")
6. Clean your area after the fair ends. Leave one or two Viewbooks with the counselor.
7. Send back the table cover, info cards, evaluation, and remaining materials. Include a FAQ sheet if there were extra questions and did not know the answer right off hand.
- 8. Pat yourself on the back: these fairs are very effective recruiting tools for us!**

TABLE SET UP DIAGRAM



*We'll also include a few Cost of Education, Credit by Exam, and COER pieces in your box of materials in case a student or parent specifically asks about either of those. However, we generally do not display

these pieces on our table. There will also be Joe Miner stand-ups in your box of materials if you have extra space on the table and would like to use them.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students may apply to S&T after they have completed their junior year in high school. Our application for admission has gone completely online, and students should go to: apply.mst.edu to complete the online application for admission. There are multiple different pieces of literature in your box of materials. These are designed to walk students through the online application process, the application timeline, and scholarship opportunities at S&T.

Applying for admission on or before December 1 of the senior year allows the student to be automatically considered for merit-based scholarships awarded by the Office of Admissions. Merit-based scholarships are outlined in the Admissions recruitment literature. Merit-based scholarships, also known as Groundbreaker Scholarships, are awarded at the time of acceptance based on the student's GPA at the end of their junior year in combination with their highest ACT/SAT score on file. S&T will upgrade scholarships through June after senior year if the student retakes the ACT/SAT and becomes eligible for a higher merit-based scholarship. **With the recent changes to merit-based scholarships, we strongly recommend that students/parents visit S&T's Student Financial Assistance webpage at www.sfa.mst.edu to fill out the Net Price Calculator. This will give the student a good idea as to the scholarships/federal aid they will be eligible for.** Be sure to advise students properly based on their home state or residency.

Items needed to complete an application:

- Online Application for Admission
- ACT or SAT Score (S&T does not require the added writing portions of the ACT or SAT test)
- High School Transcript – showing grades through the end of the student's junior year.
- Students now have the option of applying test optional.
- This can affect their merit-based scholarships. Please refer them to the admissions office for more questions.

Students must have completed, or plan to complete, the following core curriculum by the time they graduate from high school:

4 units of English (one of which may be in speech or debate. Two units emphasizing composition or writing skills is required.)

4 units mathematics (Algebra I and higher)

3 units of social studies

2 units of science (not including general science), one of which must be a lab course

2 units of a single foreign language

1 unit of fine arts

How is admission granted?

S&T considers the candidate's rank in high school/ their final junior year GPA, as well as his/her highest

overall standardized test scores.

Every student's file is reviewed individually; **please do not make casual comments regarding a student's chances of being admitted.** If the student has specific questions, please tell him/her to call The Office of Admissions at 573-341-6731. They can also email their questions to admissions@mst.edu.

Dates and Deadlines

December 1st of the senior year is the priority deadline for merit-based scholarship awards. If the student applies by December 1, S&T will automatically consider them for merit-based scholarship awards. If a student receives a merit-based scholarship, the student has until May 1st to decide to attend S&T and to accept the scholarship.

February 1st is the final application deadline for most on-campus scholarships. Students need to visit Missouri S&T's Scholarship database at scholarships.mst.edu. These scholarships are separate from merit-based scholarships, and most require a separate application.

Other important dates that may come up:

July 1st: Last day to make application for the Fall semester.

December 1st: Last day to make application for the Winter semester.

May 1st: Last day to make application to Summer semester.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To apply for need-based financial assistance, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is available online at www.fafsa.gov

Please do not feel you have to be an expert when discussing the financial aid application process with a student. If the student has specific questions that you are unable to answer about FAFSA specifically, please refer them to the S&T Office of Admissions or Financial Assistance Office. 573-341-4282.

VISITING THE CAMPUS

A campus visit allows the student to experience being a member of the S&T community for a day. The student can meet other students, faculty, and staff. **We strongly encourage campus visits;** as well, over half of the students visiting campus enroll at S&T. When discussing visiting campus, refer the student to the "Come for a Visit Postcard" post card.

DAILY VISITS

Daily Visits (formerly Individual Visits) can be arranged by calling **573-341-6731** or scheduling online at visit.mst.edu. Generally a Daily Visit includes a presentation with an admissions counselor, a campus tour, a meeting with a faculty member from the department of their choice, and a tour of the Residential Commons (formerly Residential College) residence hall. One week advance notice is requested to accommodate academic department schedules, but late registrants can be taken over the phone by calling the Visit Center at the number above.

The Office of Admissions' Visitor Center will make the arrangements for the student. Daily visits are available every weekday with the exception of special event days. Parents are encouraged to accompany

their sons and daughters during their campus visit. As an integral part of the college decision process, parents are invited to participate in all aspects of the visit.

OPEN HOUSES

Participating in an **Open House** program is a great way for students and parents to gain a sense of the academic and social atmosphere at S&T. We open our doors and allow families to see all that Missouri S&T has to offer. This is an all-encompassing visit and generally is an all-day event. Each program incorporates campus and residential life tours, Admissions and Financial Aid presentations, tours of the Student Design Center, tours of the fitness Center, as well as an information fair that provides an opportunity to meet with several different departments and offices across campus. These activities are offered in the Spring and the Fall. Parents are encouraged to attend.

DISCOVER DAYS

Discover Days (formerly Miner Days) are smaller versions of our Open Houses. There are generally 6-8 Discover Days per academic semester.

Generally, we recommend that students attend an Open House or Discover Day program when they begin their college search process. An individual campus visit is better suited to those seriously considering S&T and is very helpful to juniors and seniors in the decision-making process.

S&T SHOWCASE

S&T Showcase happens one time each Fall semester. It is designed for students from the St. Louis area to learn more about S&T student life and campus culture. Students will participate in various S&T Showcase and Open House activities.

VIRTUAL VISIT OPTIONS

We offer virtual presentations on various topics such as finding the right college, navigating the application process, filling out the FAFSA, signing up for Advising and Registration, etc.

We also offer different virtual Q&A sessions with both current faculty and current students on campus. Our most popular virtual event is our Parent Q&A where parents can come ask questions to current students.

On top of that, there are options for connecting virtually, one-on-one with Admissions Counselors, Financial Aid counselors, and current students.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYER RELATIONS CENTER (COER)

(Formerly Career Opportunities Center, COC)

The COER offers Missouri S&T students assistance in full-time, co-op and summer internship job searches. Career advisors are ready to answer questions about companies, career fairs, resume and cover letter writing, online resources, practice interviews, interviewing skills and more.

The COER hosts special events throughout the academic year, including two career fairs, an etiquette dinner, workshops covering transitioning from college to the real world, employment for graduate students and professionalism.

Stats:

Average full-time starting salary (undergraduate, includes all degree programs) - \$72,600 (19-20)

90% of S&T graduates had firm career plans at graduation (19-20)

**Firm career plans are defined as either accepting a job, fulfilling military duties, or enrolling in graduate school*

4,427 unique employers actively recruiting at S&T (19-20)

Over 750 students had co-ops and internships in 32 different states.

Average monthly co-op salary - \$3700 (19-20)

Top Hiring States: Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Illinois, Washington, CA

STUDENT LIFE

S&T offers over 200 student organizations. Below are some of the clubs and organizations available.

Service Opportunities

Alpha Phi Omega

Circle K Club

FIRST Alumni Association

Habitat for Humanity

Intercollegiate Knights

Lambda Sigma Pi

And more...

Religious Opportunities

Baptist Student Union

Campus Crusade for Christ

Catholic Newman Center

Campus Christian Fellowship

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Jewish Student Association

Koinonia

Latter-Day Saint Student Association

Lutheran Student Fellowship

Muslim Student Association

The Navigators

Wesley House

And more...

Intercultural Opportunities

Association of Black Students

Chinese Students Association

International Student Club

Korean Students Association

And more...

Media Opportunities

Missouri Miner newspaper

KMNR campus radio 89.7FM

Rollamo yearbook

Theater & Music Opportunities

Jazz & Pep Bands

Marching Band

Symphony Orchestra

University Choir

University Theater

Wind Ensemble

Design Teams

Advanced Aero-Vehicle Group

Baja SAE Team

Engineers without Borders

Solar Car team

Solar House team

Formula SAE Racing team

Human Powered Vehicle team

Concrete Canoe Team
Robotics Team
And more...

Other Groups

NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers)
Society of Women Engineers (SWE)
Women's Leadership Institute (WLI)
Women in Science & Engineering (WISE)
Greek Life – Fraternities & Sororities
Toastmasters
Cheerleaders
Dance Squad
ROTC Programs
Student Council/Student Government
And more...

Intramural Sports

Badminton

Basketball
Billiards
Bowling
Cross Country
Dodgeball
Flag Football
Golf
Racquetball
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Table Tennis
Tennis
Track & Field
Ultimate Frisbee
Volleyball
Weightlifting

ATHLETICS

S&T is a NCAA Division II university in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. S&T offers both men's and women's varsity sports as listed below.

Men's Varsity Sports

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Swimming
Track & Field
Volleyball

Women's Varsity Sports

Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Track & Field
Volleyball

CAMPUS HOUSING

Residency Requirement

Freshmen and sophomores attending S&T are required to live in university housing or university-approved housing. This requirement applies to all students who either have not achieved junior status or have not completed the equivalent of four full semesters of academic work. University-approved housing includes the residence halls and on-campus apartments, the recognized fraternity and sorority houses, as well as our Campus Christian Housing (there is a

male and a female home). Exceptions to the residency policy may be granted under certain conditions, including the following:

- Students residing with a spouse or immediate family.
- Part-time students taking less than nine hours during the fall and winter semesters.
- Students who are over the age of 21
- Students who are parents
- Students emancipated through their veteran status.

Those students who qualify for an exemption, and wish to be released from the residency requirement, should work with the Residential Life Office at 573.341.4218.

Housing Facts

- Housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis, so students are encouraged to return their housing application as soon as possible.
- Students may list housing and roommate preferences on housing applications.
- Hall, room, and roommate assignments are generally distributed in mid-July.

DESCRIPTION OF COLLEGE FAIR MATERIALS

The following publications will be used when attending college fairs.

Travel Viewbook

The Travel Viewbook is our main publication for recruitment. It is designed to contain the answers to most of the common questions students and parents will ask about Missouri S&T. This piece includes At-A-Glance information, a comprehensive list of undergraduate degree options, and much more.

Information Card

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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admissions@mst.edu

Office of the Registrar

573.341.4181

registrar@mst.edu

Student Financial Assistance

573.341.4282
sfa@mst.edu

New Student Programs

573.341.4025
800-266-9035
pro@mst.edu

Student Diversity Initiatives

573.341.7286

sdowp@mst.edu**Athletics**

573.341.4175

Alumni Association

573.341.7901

alumni@mst.edu**Bookstore**

573.341.4705

Career Opportunities and Employer Relations

573.341.4343

career@mst.edu**Cashier's Office**

573.341.4195

cashier@mst.edu**Student Health Services**

573.341.4284

mstshs@mdt.edu**International Affairs**

573.341.4208

ia@mst.edu**Residential Life**

573.341.4218

reslife@mst.edu**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

When referring to the University, the only acceptable abbreviations for Missouri University of Science and Technology are either "Missouri S&T" or "S&T." Please do not use abbreviations such as MS&T, MUST, MUS&T, etc.

Thank you for all you do!