Among the key health concerns the State of Missouri needs to address is the declining level of health care available in small towns and rural areas. To further enhance its rural health mission, the University of Missouri (MU) School of Medicine implemented a strategy to encourage young people coming from rural backgrounds to pursue a medical education. Students are accepted into the Bryant Scholars Pre-Admissions Program as a cooperative effort between the designated institutions and the MU School of Medicine.

Students accepted into the pre-admissions program are offered acceptance into a particular entering class of the MU School of Medicine, conditional upon them achieving certain academic standards, demonstrating ongoing professional conduct and participating in required activities.

To be eligible to apply for the Lester R. Bryant Pre-Admissions Program students must:
- Be in process of completing their sophomore (second) year in college.
- Have a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA and minimum 3.3 Math/Science GPA.
- Have A or B grades in required lecture/lab courses already taken.
- Show evidence of leadership and interest in a variety of extracurricular activities.
- Be a Missouri resident.
- Have graduated from a rural Missouri high school.
- Be full-time enrolled at a Missouri public or independent four-year college or university.

For more detailed program and application information, please visit medicine.missouri.edu/AHEC/pre-admissions