

Title 10: Education Institutions and Agencies

Part 622: Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund Summer Grant (GEER)

Part 622 Chapter 1: Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund Summer Grant (GEER) Rules and Regulations

Rule 1.1 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund Summer Grant (GEER) Rules and Regulations. These Rules and Regulations are subject to change by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board (Postsecondary Board). Funds will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.

I. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- A. The applicant must be a current legal resident of Mississippi. Resident status for purposes of receiving GEER funds under this act shall be determined in the same manner as resident status for tuition purposes as set forth in Sections 37-103-1 through 37-103-29, of Ms. Code Ann., with the exception of Section 37-103-17.
- B. The applicant must be a continuing college student and have completed at least twelve (12) college hours, not including any college course work taken while in high school.
- C. The applicant has earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale on all college coursework completed through the Fall 2021 term.
- D. The applicant must enroll in an aid-eligible program of study at the undergraduate level at one (1) eligible institution in Mississippi for at least three (3) credit hours during a Summer 2022 term.
- E. The applicant must be seeking a first certificate, associate's, or bachelor's degree.
- F. The applicant must complete the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or before April 30, 2022 and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 15,000 or less..
- G. The applicant must complete an application for GEER funds on or before April 30, 2022.
- H. The applicant must not currently be in default on a Federal or State educational loan or owe a repayment on a Federal or State grant.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Applicants must:

1. Complete a GEER application online at www.mississippi.edu/financialaid by the deadline date of April 30, 2022.
2. File the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the deadline date of April 30, 2022.
3. Submit two forms of documentation of current legal residency by the document deadline of April 30, 2022, unless the student has already established residency with the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid. Acceptable forms of residency documentation are listed in the General Administration Rules and Regulations and published online at www.mississippi.edu/financialaid.
4. Submit by the document deadline of April 30, 2022 proof of a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale earned from at least twelve (12) college hours. Grade documentation must be provided by the attending institution.
5. Be enrolled in an aid-eligible program of study at the undergraduate level at one (1) eligible institution in the State of Mississippi for at least three (3) credit hours during a Summer 2022 term. Evidence of enrollment will be automatically provided to the Postsecondary Board by the attending institution.

III. LENGTH AND AMOUNT OF AWARD

- A. Awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. Completing the application by the deadline date does not guarantee funds.
- B. For students attending a community college, the one-time award shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).
- C. For students attending a four-year institution, the one-time award shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (1,000.00).
- D. No student shall receive a combination of student financial aid and GEER funds that exceeds the cost of attendance as defined by the institution's Federal Pell Grant Budget.
- E. Payment of GEER awards shall be disbursed directly to the educational institutions and applied first to tuition.
- F. If a recipient transfers from one eligible Mississippi institution to another, the award will be transferable, provided the student applies for the grant and is otherwise eligible.