

COUNSELORS: Partners *in* Student Success

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS *and*
THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

MAAPP DASHBOARD

WWW.MAAPP.MSFINANCIALAID.ORG

- View student aid applications
- Submit student academic information
- Certify the HELP Core Curriculum
- Generate reports to support FAFSA and state aid application completion

ACCESS MAAPP

To access MAAPP, your public school district or private school must have a valid Participation Agreement on file, and you must have an authorized account.

STEP 1: Complete/Update the Participation Agreement

The Participation Agreement is a data-sharing agreement between the school district/private school and the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid. It includes the legalese needed to protect student data. District superintendents/private school headmasters must log in to MAAPP annually to update the agreement.

STEP 2: Request a MAAPP Account

High school counselors, district counselors, school administrators, and teachers may request an account. Each account must be approved by the district superintendent/private school headmaster who signed the Participation Agreement. Visit **MAAPP** to request an account.

SUBMIT STUDENT ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High school counselors are responsible for submitting data (GPA, ACT score, HELP Core Curriculum certification) for all graduating high school seniors between January 1 and April 30 each year.

- **Submit Information for Individual Students:** Submit academic information if you only have a few graduating seniors OR if you wish to update information for an individual student. Visit **MAAPP**.
- **Submit a High School Grade File:** Submit academic information for all graduating seniors in a batch file, called the High School Grade File. Follow instructions online to create the High School Grade File. In **MAAPP**, click the blue **Upload Documents** button to upload the file.

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CERTIFY HELP CURRICULUM

Students must complete a specific curriculum in high school to qualify for the HELP Grant. Law requires high school counselors to certify curriculum completion. Certify completion of the HELP curriculum in one of three ways:

- **On the High School Grade File:** Include the HELP curriculum certification on the High School Grade File. Upload the file by clicking the blue **Upload Documents** button in **MAAPP**.
- **In MAAPP for Individuals:** In MAAPP, click **Update Student Information** on the **High School** tab of the student details panel.
- **On a Generated Report from MAAPP:** AFTER the March 31 application deadline for HELP, in **MAAPP**, select **Reports**. Click the blue **Export Report** button. In the column titled 'HELP Core', replace the words 'Still Needed' with the appropriate certification. Upload the edited report by clicking the blue **Upload Documents** button in **MAAPP**.

GENERATE REPORTS TO SUPPORT FAFSA AND STATE AID APPLICATION COMPLETION

Counselors can generate reports containing state aid application and FAFSA completion data for individual students at their high school. In **MAAPP**, select **Reports**. Click the blue **Export Report** button. Data is reported in an easy-to-use Excel format. Data is also continuously updated, so counselors may generate reports as often as necessary.

- **FAFSA First.** Students who complete a FAFSA are more likely to enroll in college, because the FAFSA provides access to thousands of dollars in federal grants, loans, and even work study. Determine which students have completed the FAFSA and taken a critical step towards college.
- **Free college, anyone?** The Mississippi HELP Grant pays tuition and fees for students who complete the MAAPP and qualify. That's a value of about \$9,000 at a public university or about \$3,500 at a community college. Determine which students have completed the MAAPP, when applications were received, and what supporting documents, if any, are missing.

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FOR DETAILS

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MISSISSIPPI AID APPLICATION

QUICK HELP *for* COUNSELORS

HELP – Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students

Award Amount/Length of Eligibility:

- Tuition and fees at a public institution (or public university average at a private institution)
- Max 8 semesters/12 trimesters

Initial Eligibility Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA
- 20 ACT (Superscore accepted) or equivalent SAT
- Complete HELP Core Curriculum (IHL CPC)
- Complete the FAFSA and be Pell eligible
- Meet income limitations
- Mississippi resident
- Enroll full-time (12 credit hours) at eligible MS institution

MAAPP Deadline: March 31

Supporting Document Deadline: April 30*

(*FAFSA deadline)

MESG – MISSISSIPPI EMINENT SCHOLARS GRANT

Award Amount/Length of Eligibility:

- Up to \$2,500/year
- Max 8 semesters/12 trimesters

Initial Eligibility Requirements:

- 3.5 GPA
- 29 ACT (Superscore accepted) or equivalent SAT
- Mississippi resident
- Enroll full-time (12 credit hours) at eligible MS institution

MAAPP Deadline: September 15

Supporting Document Deadline: October 15

MTAG – MISSISSIPPI RESIDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT

Award Amount/Length of Eligibility:

- Up to \$500/year for freshmen and sophomores
- Up to \$1,000/year for juniors and seniors
- Max 8 semesters/12 trimesters

Initial Eligibility Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA
- 15 ACT (Superscore accepted) or equivalent SAT
- NOT eligible for maximum Pell grant
- Mississippi resident
- Enroll full-time (12 credit hours) at eligible MS institution

MAAPP Deadline: September 15

Supporting Document Deadline: October 15

FAITH – FOSTERING ACCESS & INSPIRING TRUE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

Award Amount/Length of Eligibility

- Up to Cost of Attendance plus holiday housing allowance
- Max 5 calendar years

Initial Eligibility Requirements:

- Be younger than 25
- Have met one of the following conditions since age 13:
 1. Been in legal custody of MS CPS
 2. Lived in a MS qualified residential living facility
 3. Been adopted from the legal custody of MS CPS or a MS qualified residential living facility
- Mississippi resident
- Enroll part-time (6 credit hours) at eligible MS institution

RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS (2 Forms Required):

Preferred:

- MS Driver's License (provided on application)
- FAFSA

Alternate:

- State Income Tax Returns
- Homestead Exemption
- Voter Registration
- Vehicle Registration

CONTACT INFORMATION

CALL CENTER:


601.432.6997 OR 800.327.2980

- Option 1: LAW Scholarship or SREB Forgivable Loan
- Option 2: Nissan Scholarship
- Option 3: Counselors/Technical Support
- Option 4: All Other Questions
- Option 5: Leave Voicemail in General Mailbox

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