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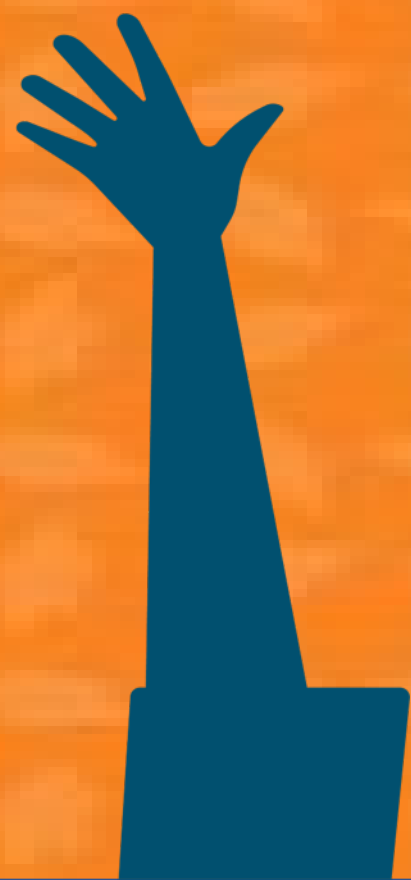
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# State Aid Huddle

2026 MASFAA Annual Conference

“On the Same Team”

April 24, 2026



# Program Review

Primary Undergraduate Grants

Other Grants

Other Programs

# K1: What is the MAAPP deadline for MTAG and MESG?

- March 31.
- April 30.
- **September 15.**
- October 15.

**K2: What is the income threshold for HELP for a family with one dependent? (use numbers)?**

- **\$42,500**



# Primary Undergraduate Grants



- Need: HELP – Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant
  - Requirements: MS Resident; FAFSA (Pell-eligible); Income; 20 ACT; 2.5 GPA; Full-time*
  - Award: Full tuition for 4 years*
- Residency: MTAG – Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant
  - Requirements: MS Resident; NOT max Pell; 15 ACT; 2.5 GPA; Full-time*
  - Award: F/S \$500; J/S \$1,000; 4 years*
- Merit: MESG – Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant
  - Requirements: MS Resident; 29 ACT; 3.5 GPA; Fulltime*
  - Award: \$2,500 for 4 years*



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## K3: How much does the FAITH Scholarship award each year?

- Up to tuition and fees.
- Up to \$5,000.
- **Up to COA.**
- Up to \$10,000.



# Other Undergraduate Grants

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- FAITH – Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope Scholarship
    - Requirements: MS Resident; FAFSA; Under Age 25; Meet 1 of 3 Foster Youth Definitions; Maintain SAP and 2.0 GPA; Half-time*
    - Award: Up to COA for 5 years*
  - LAW – MS Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Scholarship
    - Requirements: MS Residency: Child (under age 23) or Spouse of Deceased/Disabled Officer or Firefighter; Maintain 2.5 GPA; Full-time*
    - Award: Full tuition and housing; 4 years*
  - NISS – Nissan Scholarship

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# K4: Which professions does SFA offer loan repayment for?

- Social workers
- **Teachers**
- Medical doctors
- **Nurses**



# Other Programs

## ➤ Graduate Loans:

- CNDT – Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Forgivable Loan
- SLPL – Speech-Language Pathologist Forgivable Loan
- SREB – SREB Regional Contract Forgivable Loan – Optometry

## ➤ Loan Repayment:

- NULR – Nurse Retention Loan Repayment (licensed nurses)
- WRTR – Winter-Reed Teacher Loan Repayment (licensed teachers)

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# **K5: A student doesn't want to do the FAFSA. What other residency documents can they submit instead?**

- Rental Agreement
- Utility Bill
- **State Tax Return**
- **Vehicle Registration**

# Residency Documents (2 Required)

## Preferred

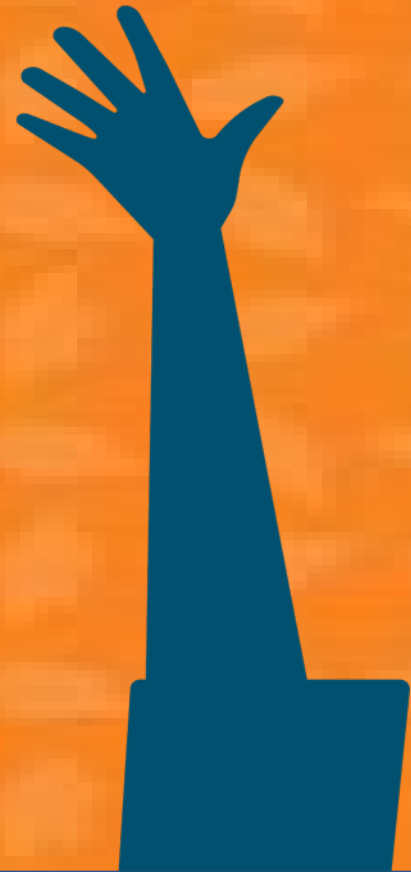
- FAFSA
- MS Driver's License

## Accepted

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

# General Policies

- Full-time, continuous enrollment
- 12 *earned* hours = full-time for state aid
- State follows federal guidelines for dependency status
- Residency for state aid is NOT the same as residency for tuition
- State accepts grades/GPA reported by school ONLY



# Legislative Plays

FY 2026 Projected vs. Actual Budget

FY 2026 & FY 2027 Appropriations

FY 2027 Projected vs. Actual Allocation

2026 Legislation

## K6: How many HELP awards did SFA award in 2025-26?

- 3,999.
- **4,853.**
- 4,301.
- 4,979.

# FY 2026 Projected vs. Actual Budget

Allocation	FY 2026 Projected		FY 2026 Actual		Diff (+/-)	
	Awards	Amount	Awards	Amount	Awards	Amount
Administration		\$1,576,740		\$1,576,740		\$0
MTAG	17,017	\$9,954,945	17,670	\$10,747,654	653	\$792,709
MESG	3,844	\$8,772,008	3,893	\$9,000,242	49	\$228,234
HELP	4,301	\$32,150,860	4,853	\$36,536,151	552	\$4,385,291
FAITH	278	\$3,570,087	290	\$3,599,924	12	\$29,837
Loans and WRTR	467	\$2,321,440	236	\$1,676,158	-231	-\$645,282
Other	11	\$143,000	9	\$102,220	-2	-\$40,780
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,918</b>	<b>\$58,489,080</b>	<b>26,951</b>	<b>\$63,239,089</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>\$4,750,010</b>

## **K7: How much did the SFA appropriation DECREASE for 2026-27 from 2025-26?**

- Level funding – no decrease
- -\$3,000,000
- **-\$7,000,000**
- Increase

# FY 2026 & FY 2027 Appropriations

Source	FY 2026	FY 2027	Diff (+/-)
General Funds	\$47,255,243	\$47,261,364	\$6,121
PY GF Carryover	\$6,550,322	\$0	-\$6,550,322
EEF (FAITH & WRTR)	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0
EEF (Grants)	\$0	\$5,100,000	\$5,100,000
PY EEF Carryover	\$250,000	\$0	-\$250,000
Collections, etc.	<u>\$1,433,515</u>	<u>\$1,542,660</u>	<u>\$109,145</u>
<b>Original Subtotal</b>	<b>\$58,489,080</b>	<b>\$56,904,024</b>	<b>-\$1,585,056</b>
Deficit	<u>\$5,100,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>-\$5,100,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,589,080</b>	<b>\$56,904,024</b>	<b>-\$6,685,056</b>

# FY 2027 Projected vs. “Potential” Allocation

Allocation	FY 2027 Projected		FY 2027 “Potential”		Diff (+/-)	
	Awards	Amount	Awards	Amount	Awards	Amount
Administration		\$1,606,702		\$1,606,702		\$0
MTAG	17,847	\$10,855,131	17,847	\$9,804,010	0	-\$1,051,121
MESG	3,932	\$9,090,244	3,932	\$8,210,021	0	-\$880,224
HELP	4,999	\$38,761,203	4,999	\$33,329,105	0	-\$5,432,098
FAITH	350	\$4,475,078	242	\$3,000,000	-108	-\$1,475,078
Loans and WRTR	464	\$2,844,000	37	\$814,000	-427	-\$2,030,000
Other	12	\$140,186	12	\$140,186	0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,603</b>	<b>\$67,772,544</b>	<b>27,068</b>	<b>\$56,904,024</b>	<b>-535</b>	<b>-\$10,868,520</b>

# K8: What did the Legislature change about the HELP grant during the 2026 Session?

- Raised the ACT score
- **Eliminated the curriculum requirement**
- Lowered the ACT score
- Raised the income threshold

**K9: What is the name of the new state aid program created by the Legislature this year? (use words)**

- **UPSKILL**



**2026  
Legislative  
Changes**

HELP Core Curriculum  
Requirement Eliminated

LAW Program Updated

UPSKILL Program Created

# UPSKILL (HB 562)

- “Free” community college
  - Last-dollar tuition only
  - \$500 stipend
  - Support services
- Adults 24+
- Enrolled in programs leading to jobs in priority occupations
- Pilot to start in Spring 2027
- **NO LEGISLATIVE FUNDING** – looking for opportunities

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# MAAPP Playbook

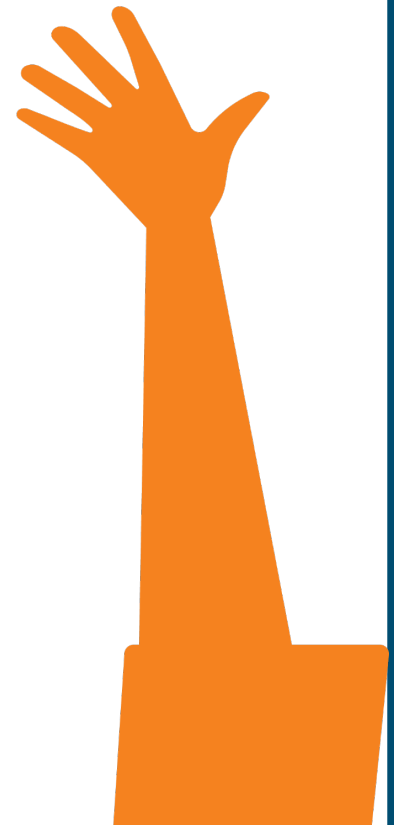
Institutional ID Field  
Updated Metrics on Dashboard  
“Not Enrolled” Checkbox for FAITH  
Dependency Status Verification

**K10: True/False: You can search for a student in MAAPP by your institution's student ID.**


- **True**
- False

# Institutional ID Field

- Institutional ID field added to all SFA reports: Grade, Enrollment, Award, Disbursement
- Institution provides ID in designated field on SFA reports
- ID is stored in Oracle
- When provided by institution, ID appears on all future SFA reports and in MAAPP
- Searchable in MAAPP



# Institutional ID Field

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## Institution Report

Export Report

**Search**

**SSN Last Four**

**Date of Birth**

**MAAPP Start Date**


**MAAPP End Date**

**Aid Year**

**Missing Document Type**

**Application Type**

Reset Search

Aid Year	ID	Name	SSN Last Four	Student Institution ID	Date of Birth	Institution Name	MAAPP Date	Other Docs	FAFSA Status	Grade Verification	Enrollment Verification	FAITH Award Information
2026-2027	11478196	<a href="#">Aboubaker, Amer</a>	1216	N/A	01/01/2006	Hinds Community College	10/03/2025	Still Needed	Received	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11477497	<a href="#">Acy, Gage</a>	093	N/A	11/22/2007	Hinds Community College	10/01/2025	Still Needed	Still Needed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	10766670	<a href="#">Adams, Aaliyah</a>	2346	N/A	10/05/1994	Hinds Community College	10/01/2025	Received	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11390197	<a href="#">Adams, Alli</a>	5835	N/A	07/01/2004	Hinds Community College	10/19/2025	Still Needed	Still Needed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11374076	<a href="#">Adams, Baylegh</a>	2852	N/A	07/17/2007	Hinds Community College	10/24/2025	Received	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11477805	<a href="#">Adams, Caleb</a>	0444	N/A	02/01/2007	Hinds Community College	10/02/2025	Still Needed	Received	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11486192	<a href="#">Adams, Dalton</a>	7110	N/A	08/04/2008	Hinds Community College	11/09/2025	Still Needed	Still Needed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11485981	<a href="#">Adams, Gabrielle</a>	570	N/A	03/04/2008	Hinds Community College	11/06/2025	Still Needed	Still Needed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11480784	<a href="#">Adams, Javionna</a>	2035	N/A	06/24/2008	Hinds Community College	10/20/2025	Still Needed	Still Needed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11445687	<a href="#">Adams, Morgan</a>	3493	N/A	12/05/2007	Hinds Community College	10/23/2025	Still Needed	Received	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2026-2027	11377429	<a href="#">Adams, Victoria</a>	9582	N/A	11/14/2006	Multiple 	10/20/2025	Received	Still Needed	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable



# **K11: What data does SFA request from institutions through MAAPP?**

- **Enrollment verification**
- **Grade verification**
- **Dependency Status Verification**
- **FAITH COA & package information**

# Dashboard Metrics



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Update Student Information

Search By SSN

Aid Year

Update Type

GO!

615

2026-2027 COMPLETED MAAPP APPLICATIONS

536

2026-2027 STUDENTS WITH MISSING DOCUMENTS

0

ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION REQUESTS

2026-2027

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GRADE VERIFICATION REQUESTS

2026-2027

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FAITH AWARD INFORMATION REQUESTS

2026-2027

3

DEPENDENCY STATUS VERIFICATION REQUESTS

2026-2027

2026-2027

2025-2026

0

AWARDS BY PROGRAM : TOTAL

2026-2027

All Program Types

\$0.00

AWARDS BY PROGRAM : TOTAL PAID AMOUNTS

2026-2027

All Program Types

\$0.00

AWARDS BY PROGRAM : TOTAL OFFERED AMOUNTS

2026-2027

All Program Types



**K12: True/False: When SFA requests dependency status verification, the school must initiate a verification.**

- True.
- **False.**

# Dependency Status Verification



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Aid Year

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Dependency Status Verification

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Showing 3 of 3 Results



# Dependency Status Verification



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## Student Details

Aboubaker, Amer (aaboubaker1)

(DOB: 1/1/2006)

Overview Applicant Academic FERPA Documents Awards Enrollment Grades Package Messages

Select Aid Year

2026-2027

Update Enrollment Information

Update Grade Information

Update Award Package

Update Dependency Status

### MILESTONES

MAAPP Submitted on 10/3/2025 ?

— Program(s) Applied For:

- Undergraduate Grants

FAFSA Submitted ?

Student Documents Received ?

Counselor Documents Received ?

Awards Offered ?

### MISSING DOCUMENTS

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Dependency Status Verification

Still Needed

[FAFSA](#) ?

Still Needed

[Parent's MS Driver's License](#) ?

Still Needed

[ACT Scores](#) ?

Still Needed (To be Submitted by Counselor)

[Certified Core Curriculum](#) ?

Still Needed (To be Submitted by Counselor)

[Electronic High School Grade Verification](#) ?

Still Needed (To be Submitted by Counselor)

### RECENT MESSAGES

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# Dependency Status Verification

The screenshot displays the MAAPP (Mississippi Aid Application) system interface. A modal window titled "Dependency Status Verification Request" is open, showing a request for documentation from the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid. The student's information is displayed as follows:

Student Information	
Name: Amer Aboubaker	SSN Last Four: 1216
Date of Birth: 01/01/2006	

The modal window includes a "Cancel" button and two buttons for designating the dependency status: "Dependent" (orange) and "Independent" (green).

The background interface shows the user is Jennifer Rogers, Financial Aid Administrator, with a last login of 10/3/2025, 8:11 AM. The student details for Amer Aboubaker (DOB: 1/1/2006) are visible, along with a "Select Aid Year" dropdown set to 2026-2027. The interface also features a "MILESTONES" section with a checked item "MAAPP Submitted on 10/3/2025" and a "MISSING DOCUMENTS" section listing several items that are "Still Needed":

- Dependency Status Verification (Still Needed)
- FAFSA (Still Needed)
- Parent's MS Driver's License (Still Needed)
- ACT Scores (Still Needed (To be Submitted by Counselor))
- Certified Core Curriculum (Still Needed (To be Submitted by Counselor))
- Electronic High School Grade Verification (Still Needed (To be Submitted by Counselor))

The interface also includes a "RECENT MESSAGES" section and a "View All" link for the missing documents.

# “Not Enrolled” Checkbox for FAITH





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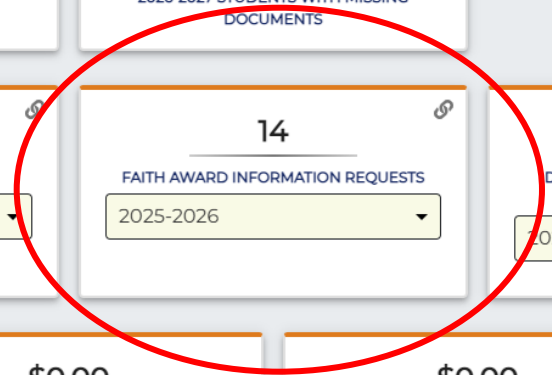
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2025-2026	11346146	<a href="#">Bunton, Aukhyli</a>	3465	N/A	01/13/2005	Hinds Community College	08/12/2025	Received	Received
2025-2026	11255494	<a href="#">Catchings, Alexis</a>	0272	N/A	10/07/2002	Hinds Community College	01/02/2025	Still Needed	Received
2025-2026	11391318	<a href="#">Fleming, Jaque</a>	0912	N/A	08/06/2004	Hinds Community College	12/09/2024	Still Needed	Received
2025-2026	11306768	<a href="#">Hobson, Audrey</a>	0702	N/A	05/19/2004	Hinds Community College	12/27/2024	Still Needed	Received
2025-2026	11403465	<a href="#">Hoover, Jayna</a>	7454	N/A	03/20/2006	Hinds Community College	03/09/2025	Received	Received



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Turner, Brooke (bturner26)

(DOB: 4/1/2008)

Overview

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Update Grade Information

Update Award Package

### MILESTONES

✓ MAAPP Submitted on 2/24/2025 ?

— Program(s) Applied For:

- FAITH
- Undergraduate Grants

✓ FAFSA Submitted ?

○ Student Documents Received ?

✓ Counselor Documents Received ?

✓ Awards Offered ?

### MISSING DOCUMENTS

[View All](#)

[Faith Disclosure](#)

Still Needed

[Faith Awarding Info](#)

Missing

### RECENT MESSAGES

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**FAITH Award**

7/3/2025

You have been offered the FAITH Scholarship for the 25-26 academic year. This is a proj...

**MTAG FULL PELL**

3/10/2025

Your FAFSA indicates that you may be eligible for the maximum Pell Grant. Max Pell Gr...

**Student Independ Verify**

3/10/2025

Per your FAFSA application you indicated that your parent(s) is deceased, you are in fos...

**FAITH Documents**

2/24/2025

You have applied for the FAITH Scholarship. You must complete the FAFSA to be eligibl...



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Turner, Brooke (bturner26)

(DOB: 4/1/2008)

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Select Aid Year

2025-2026

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Fall 2025, Hinds Community College

Add Award Package

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Please update fields below.

Cancel

Save

\* Denotes a required field

Term \*

Fall 2025

Enrolled \*

No

I certify that the above information is true and correct for the student listed \*

Cancel

Save

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Please update fields below.

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Yes

Total Term Cost of Attendance \*  
\$

Tuition/Required Fees \*  
\$

Housing \*  
\$

Food \*  
\$

Books/Supplies \*  
\$

Personal/Miscellaneous \*  
\$

Travel/Transportation \*  
\$

Other  
\$

Grant Aid from All Sources \*  
\$

Additional Holiday Room/Board Cost  
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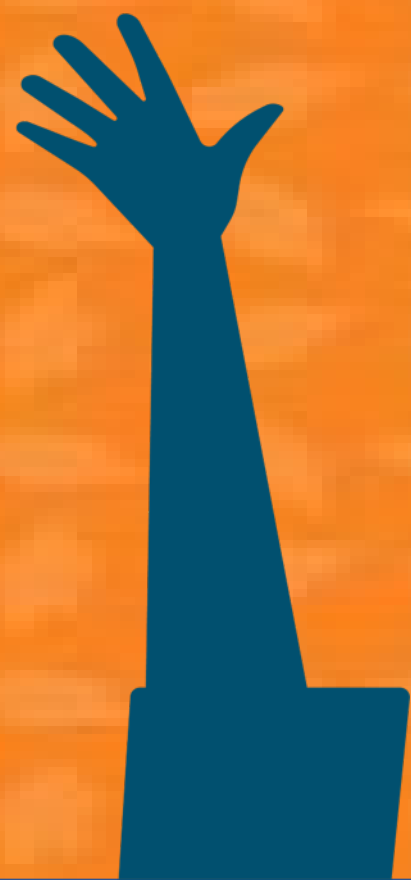
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# Policy Reminders

When to Return Funds

Returning MTAG Funds

ACT Scores and Superscores

Issues for Appeal

Balancing and Certification Statements

# When to Return Funds

- If the student withdraws or drops to below full-time status before state financial aid funds are disbursed to the student
- “Disbursed”:
  - When the institution makes the funds unconditionally available to the student
  - If the institution uses its own funds to advance payment of the funds
  - In no case are funds considered to be disbursed to the student before the Office receives verification of enrollment.

**K13: True/False: A student's MTAG award can EXCEED their Pell award.**

- True.
- **False.**

# Returning MTAG Funds

- Max Pell recipients cannot receive MTAG.
- Partial Pell recipients CAN receive MTAG, BUT...
- An MTAG award cannot exceed a student's Pell award.
- IF MTAG exceeds an individual's Pell award, reduce MTAG to equal the Pell award, and return the overage.
- IF MTAG puts the student's total package over COA, reduce MTAG so the package does not exceed COA, and return the overage.

# ACT Scores & Superscores

- Only “official” ACT scores accepted
- Sources:
  - Directly from ACT via batch file or Encoura
  - ACT Score Report
  - High School Counselor – Counselor entrusted to record from official source; counselor should not calculate Superscores
- Superscores accepted:
  - Old EMRS Superscore – tests taken before April/September 2025
  - New EMR Superscore – tests taken after April/September 2025

# K14: Appeals are accepted for what reasons (multiple answers)?

- **Sat out a term**
- Missed the deadline
- Grades too low
- **Completed less than 12 hours**

# Issues for Appeal

- Continuous or full-time enrollment
  - Near-degree
    - Exceptions considered for one term only
    - No appeal will be accepted and no aid will be disbursed for any semester carrying less than 6 hours
  - Personal Event
    - Serious medical problem, illness, accident, injury, divorce, abuse, death of an immediate family member, or military service
  - Internship
    - Must be required and/or lead to earned credit
- SAP - Will follow institution
- Will NOT hear appeals related to deadline dates, residency, GPA, or ACT scores

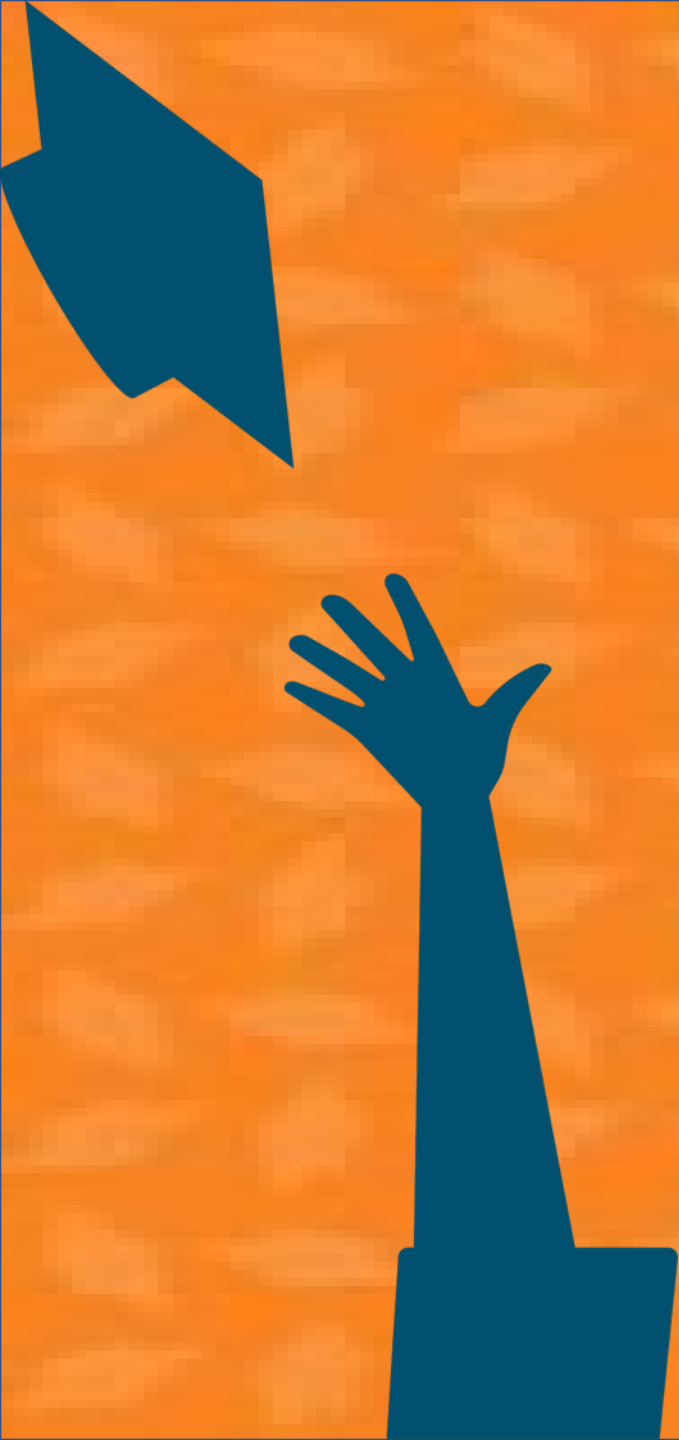
# Balancing & Certification



Refund Roster



Balancing Certification Statements WITH Refunds



# Institutional Resources

Webpage for Institutions

MAAPP

SFA Contacts


# Institutional Resources

- Information for College Staff (formerly Institutional Info): <https://www.msfinancialaid.org/colleges/>
- MAAPP: <https://maapp.msfinancialaid.org/#/account/login>
- SFA Office Contacts:
  - Beverly Jackson – [bjackson@mississippi.edu](mailto:bjackson@mississippi.edu)
  - Brandon Johnson - [bjohnson@mississippi.edu](mailto:bjohnson@mississippi.edu)

# Webpage for Institutions

From the SFA Homepage  
[www.msfinancialaid.org](http://www.msfinancialaid.org)

[www.msfinancialaid.org/colleges/](http://www.msfinancialaid.org/colleges/)



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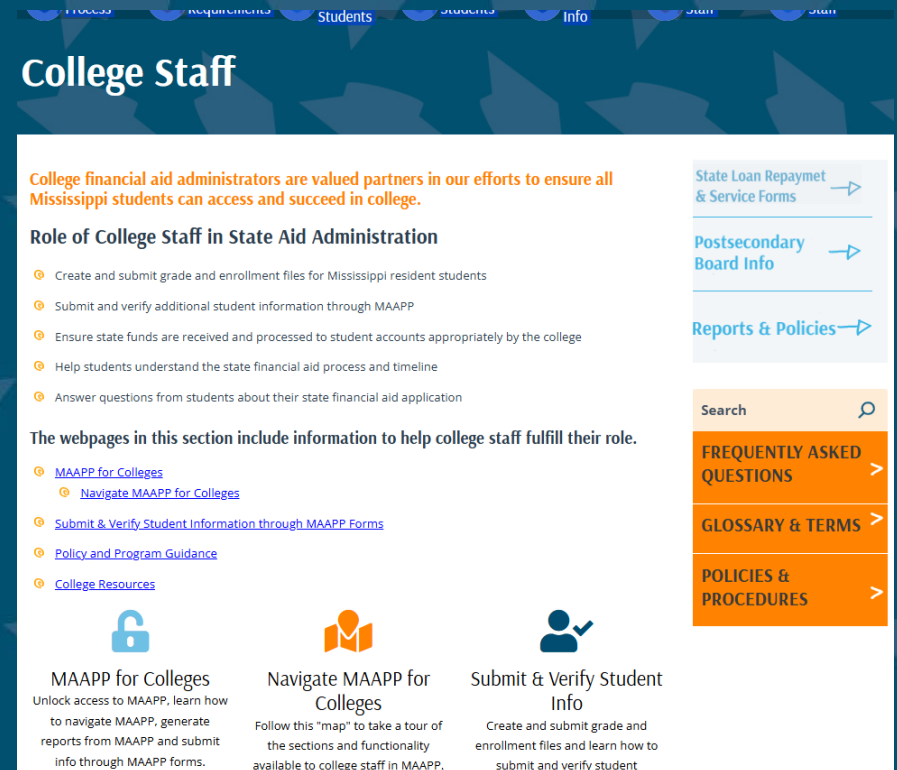
MAAPP is not just for students to apply. Students, student representatives, high school counselors, superintendents, headmasters, and institutional financial aid administrators can also view student accounts, make updates, and do more.

- Process
- Eligibility Requirements >
- Aid for Undergrad Students >
- Aid for Grad Students >
- Loan Repayment Info >
- High School Staff >
- College Staff >**

State Loan Repayment & Service Forms →

Apply 2026-2027

Dashboard Login & Request



## College Staff

College financial aid administrators are valued partners in our efforts to ensure all Mississippi students can access and succeed in college.

### Role of College Staff in State Aid Administration

- Create and submit grade and enrollment files for Mississippi resident students
- Submit and verify additional student information through MAAPP
- Ensure state funds are received and processed to student accounts appropriately by the college
- Help students understand the state financial aid process and timeline
- Answer questions from students about their state financial aid application

The webpages in this section include information to help college staff fulfill their role.

- [MAAPP for Colleges](#)
  - [Navigate MAAPP for Colleges](#)
- [Submit & Verify Student Information through MAAPP Forms](#)
- [Policy and Program Guidance](#)
- [College Resources](#)

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 MAAPP for Colleges  
Unlock access to MAAPP, learn how to navigate MAAPP, generate reports from MAAPP and submit info through MAAPP forms.

 Navigate MAAPP for Colleges  
Follow this "map" to take a tour of the sections and functionality available to college staff in MAAPP.

 Submit & Verify Student Info  
Create and submit grade and enrollment files and learn how to submit and verify student

NOTICES TO GO HERE. NOTICES TO GO HERE. NOTICES TO GO HERE.

# APPLY for State Aid

Mississippi offers MILLIONS for students to go to college.

APPLY HERE

## Find Information, Policies, and the Right Program for You.

Programs, policies, and tools to help you get the support you need.



### Students and Parents

Learn about state aid programs, check eligibility, and find out how to apply for financial aid.



### Colleges and High Schools

Find tools and resources to help schools support students and manage state programs.



### Loan Information

Explore Mississippi's loan repayment programs and access the forms you need.



## Students &amp; Parents ▾

## Application Process →

- MAAPP – Mississippi Aid Application
- How to Submit Documents
- Awards Process & Timeline
- Appeal Process

## Eligibility Requirements ▾

- Continuous, Full-Time Enrollment
- Residency Requirements
- Information for Homeschool Students
- ACT Scores

## Information for Homeschool Students

## State Aid for Undergraduate Students ▾

- HELP – Higher Ed Legislative Plan
- MESG – Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant
- MTAG – Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant ▾
  - Test 4th Level Page
- FAITH Scholarship

LATE – Late Arrival/Leave Enforcement

## Application Process

[Home](#) > [Students & Parents](#) > [Application Process](#)

This page outlines the steps to apply for state financial aid, including completing the Mississippi Aid Application (MAAPP), submitting required documents, understanding the awards timeline, and the appeal process.



### How to Submit Documents

After completing the online application for state aid, applicants may be asked to submit supporting documents to the...

[Read more](#)


### Awards Process & Timeline

Application Period and Deadlines  
October 1: Application for next Aid Year becomes available  
March 1: Application deadline for the Nissan...

[Read more](#)


### Appeal Process

Students can appeal decisions related to full-time, continuous enrollment for certain reasons. Download Appeal Form Nearing Degree Completion...

[Read more](#)

# K15: If you have a state aid question, who should you email first?

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- **Brandon**
- Beverly
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