## PARTNERS in STUDENT SUCCESS

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

#### MAAPP DASHBOARD

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



#### **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.

#### **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 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 Document Share Portal to upload the file.

### 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 \$8,800 at a public university or about \$3,300 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



# **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 (15 credit hours) at eligible MS institution

MAAPP Deadline: March 31
Supporting Document Deadline: April 30\*

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(\*FAFSA deadline extended to June 30 for 2024-2025 only)

## 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 (15 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 (15 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 qualified residential living facility
  - 3. Been adopted from the legal custody of CPS or a 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 • FAFSA on application)

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

EMAIL: SFA@MISSISSIPPI.EDU



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