

# STATE AID *for* COLLEGE

## MISSISSIPPI OFFICE *of* STUDENT FINANCIAL AID



In addition to federal and institutional aid, Mississippi provides more than **\$60 MILLION** every year for Mississippi students to go to college.

### PROGRAMS FOR UNDERGRADS

#### HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE PLAN FOR NEEDY STUDENTS (HELP)

Students with financial need should apply by March 31.

#### MISSISSIPPI RESIDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT (MTAG)

Mississippi resident students should apply by September 15.

#### MISSISSIPPI EMINENT SCHOLARS GRANT (MESG)

High achieving students should apply by September 15.

#### FOSTERING ACCESS & INSPIRING TRUE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP (FAITH)

Foster youth may apply at any time.

**VISIT [WWW.MSFINANCIALAID.ORG](http://WWW.MSFINANCIALAID.ORG) TO LEARN MORE  
AND APPLY ONLINE BY THE DEADLINE.**

### GOT QUESTIONS?

Contact the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid  
3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211-6453  
800-327-2980 or 601-432-6997

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# APPLY *for* STATE AID

Grants (money you don't have to pay back) for Mississippi's first-year college students:

## HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE PLAN FOR NEEDY STUDENTS (HELP)

### Award Amount/Length of Eligibility:

- Tuition and fees at a public institution (or public university average at private institutions)
- 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\***

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

## MISSISSIPPI EMINENT SCHOLARS GRANT (MESG)

### 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**



MISSISSIPPI AID APPLICATION  
COMPLETE THE 2024-2025 APPLICATION

beginning October 1, 2023

## MISSISSIPPI RESIDENT TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT (MTAG)

### 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**

## FOSTERING ACCESS & INSPIRING TRUE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP (FAITH)

### 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

**No Application Deadlines**

## THERE'S MORE!

The state also offers money for children of deceased or disabled law enforcement officers or firefighters, students interested in the automotive industry, and high school students seeking dual credit. Learn more about the LAW, Nissan, and Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarships at [www.msfinancialaid.org](http://www.msfinancialaid.org).

*Please review all program requirements online as they are subject to change.*

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