

STATE FINANCIAL AID *for* COLLEGE

MISSISSIPPI OFFICE of STUDENT FINANCIAL AID



In addition to federal and institutional aid, Mississippi provides about **\$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 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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2025-2026

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 (12 credit hours) at eligible MS institution

MAAPP Deadline: March 31

Supporting Document Deadline: April 30*

(*Includes FAFSA)

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 (12 credit hours) at eligible MS institution

MAAPP Deadline: September 15

Supporting Document Deadline: October 15



MISSISSIPPI AID APPLICATION

COMPLETE THE 2026-2027 APPLICATION
beginning October 1, 2025

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 (12 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 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

No Application Deadlines

THERE'S MORE!

The state also offers money for children of deceased or disabled law enforcement officers or firefighters and students interested in the automotive industry. Learn more about the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Scholarship and the Nissan Scholarship at www.msfinancialaid.org.

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

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