

MISSISSIPPI FINANCIAL AID

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid (MOSFA) offers scholarships and grants based on merit and financial need to full-time (15 credit hours per semester) students attending eligible Mississippi colleges and universities. The application is available at www.mississippi.edu/financialaid or you can link to the Mississippi application after completing the FAFSA and most of your info will be prefilled.

You should complete your application after October 1 of your senior year and prior to March 31 which is the earliest deadline. For more information, contact MOSFA at 601.432.6997 or 800.327.2980.

To receive any state assistance, you must take at least 15 hours each semester (fall/spring).

MISSISSIPPI TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT (MTAG)

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15

Covers up to \$500/year for freshmen and sophomores and up to \$1000/year for juniors and seniors.

Initial eligibility for the student who:

- o Has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and a minimum of 15 on the national ACT or equivalent score on the national SAT
- o Is not full Pell Grant eligible.

MISSISSIPPI EMINENT SCHOLARS GRANT (MESG)

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15

Covers up to \$2500/year, but may not exceed tuition and required fees at attending institution.

Initial eligibility for the student who:

- o Achieves a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5.
- o Scores a minimum of 29 on the national ACT or equivalent score on the national SAT or is a National Merit/National Achievement Finalist or Semi-Finalist.

HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE PLAN (HELP)

DEADLINE: MARCH 31

Covers tuition and required fees for no more than 8 semesters at a public institution. Participants attending a private institution in Mississippi will receive an award amount equal to the award of a student attending the nearest comparable Mississippi public institution. Additional documents must be submitted by April 30. Initial eligibility for the student who:

- o Is a freshman and/or sophomore who graduated from high school within the immediate past two years using the designated core curriculum and is a resident of Mississippi.
 - o Demonstrates need as determined by the results of the FAFSA
 - o Meets the income threshold to qualify as listed on the HELP website.
 - o Has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 and a minimum of 20 on the national ACT.
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