



Apply for State Aid

Here are some grants (that's money you don't have to pay back) for Mississippi's first-year college students:

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:

- ▶ Cumulative 2.5 GPA
- ▶ 15 ACT (national testing) or 720 SAT
- ▶ Must NOT be eligible for full federal Pell grant
- ▶ Mississippi resident
- ▶ Full-time enrollment at eligible Mississippi institution

Online Application Deadline: September 15
Supporting Document Deadline: October 15

Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)

Award Amount/Length of Eligibility:

- ▶ Up to \$2,500/year
- ▶ Max 8 semesters/12 trimesters

Initial Eligibility Requirements:

- ▶ Cumulative 3.5 GPA
- ▶ 29 ACT (national testing) or 1290 SAT
- ▶ Mississippi resident
- ▶ Full-time enrollment at eligible Mississippi institution

Online Application Deadline: September 15
Supporting Document Deadline: October 15

Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP)

Award Amount/Length of Eligibility:

- ▶ Tuition and fees at a public institution (or equivalent amount at private)
- ▶ Max 10 semesters/15 trimesters

Initial Eligibility Requirements:

- ▶ Cumulative 2.5 GPA
- ▶ 20 ACT (national testing)
- ▶ MUST complete specific HELP Core Curriculum
- ▶ MUST complete the FAFSA - CAN be full Pell eligible
- ▶ MUST provide evidence of annual family Adjusted Gross Income
- ▶ Mississippi resident
- ▶ Full-time enrollment at eligible Mississippi institution

Online Application Deadline: March 31
Supporting Document Deadline: April 30

There's More Where That Came From

The state also offers forgivable loans for future teachers and nurses. Forgivable loans are even available for students pursuing certain graduate degrees. Forgivable loans are cool because you don't have to pay them back if you complete your degree and work in the state!

Got Questions?

Contact the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid
3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211-6453
800-327-2980 or 601-432-6997 • sfa@mississippi.edu • www.mississippi.edu/financialaid

The program requirements listed may not be the only requirements for participation. Please review all requirements at www.mississippi.edu/financialaid. Program requirements are subject to change without notice.

Get Money for College and Rise Up to a better life!

There is a lot of money available to help you pay for college. In addition to federal and institutional aid, Mississippi provides about \$40 MILLION every year for Mississippi students to go to college.

Visit www.mississippi.edu/financialaid to learn more and apply online.

Want to go to one of Mississippi's public universities, but don't have the grades...or the cash?

If you don't meet the requirements for admission into one of the state's eight public universities, you still have options for getting in.

Apply for admission into the Summer Developmental Program. Then apply for a Summer Developmental Program Grant to pay for it.

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State of Mississippi Teacher Education Forgivable Loans

Aid for Undergraduate Students Pursuing a Teacher License

William Winter Teacher and Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWTS/WWAR)

- Available to: Juniors/Seniors majoring in education or field leading to alternate route education
- Eligibility: Mississippi residents with 3.0 GPA
- Loan: Repayable through service or money
- Service: 1 year in Mississippi public/charter school for each year of money received
- Amount: \$4,000/year for 2 years; max \$8,000
- Online Application Deadline: March 31
- Document Deadline: April 30

Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan (TES)

- Available to: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors enrolling in a program of study leading to a Class "A" teacher license
- Eligibility: Students with a 3.5 GPA and a 28 ACT score
- Loan: Repayable through service or money
- Service: 5 years in Mississippi public school for any amount of loan received
- Amount: Up to \$15,000/year for up to 4 years (8 semesters or 12 trimesters)
- Online Application Deadline: March 31
- Document Deadline: April 30

Aid for Students Pursuing an Alternate Route Teacher License

Teacher Education Alternate Route Certification Scholars Forgivable Loan (TESA)

- Available to: Students with a Bachelor's Degree enrolling in a certification program (Mississippi Alternate Path to Quality Teachers Training Institution, Teach Mississippi Institute, Career Tech Education, or Master's Degree program) leading to an Alternate Route teacher license
- Eligibility: Mississippi residents with a 3.0 GPA on the final 60 hours of undergraduate coursework and passing Praxis test scores
- Loan: Repayable through service or money
- Service: 1 year in a Mississippi public/charter school for each year of loan received
- Amount: Total cost of 1 certification program, not to exceed \$5,000/year for length of program
- Online Application Deadline: March 31
- Document Deadline: April 30

Loan Repayment for Teachers with an Alternate Route Teacher License

Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR)

- Available to: Teachers with an Alternate Route teacher license who are currently teaching in a Mississippi public/charter school in a critical shortage geographic or subject area
- Eligibility: Must NOT have received state aid for teachers as an undergraduate student and must have outstanding undergraduate student loans
- Loan Repayment Amount: Up to \$3,000/year for up to 4 years; \$12,000 max
- Online Application Deadline: March 31
- Document Deadline: April 30

Aid for Students Pursuing a Graduate Degree in Teaching, Counseling or Administration

Graduate Teacher, Counselor and School Administrator Forgivable Loan (GTS/CSA)

- Available to: MS public school teachers seeking first master's degree
- Eligibility: Mississippi residents with 3.0 GPA
- Loan: Repayable through service or money
- Service: Teach full-time while in school and 1 year after degree completion
- Amount: Reimbursement of tuition at \$125/hour for up to 12 hours per term
- Online Application Deadline: March 31
- Document Deadline: April 30

Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Forgivable Loan (CNDT)

- Available to: Students seeking a first master's degree in Dyslexia Therapy
- Eligibility: First-time graduate students seeking a class "AA" MS Educator License with a 203 (Dyslexia Therapy) designation
- Loan: Repayable through service or money
- Service: 1 year in Mississippi public school for each year of money received
- Amount: Tuition, materials and fees
- Online Application Deadline: March 31
- Document Deadline: April 30

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