

SENIOR and PARENT INFORMATION



What is Financial Aid? Financial Aid is any grant, scholarship, part-time employment or loan used for the purpose of helping students pay for education related expenses. Such aid is usually provided by federal, state, college or private agencies.

It is important that you start early and be diligent in obtaining aid for your post secondary education. Hopefully the following information will provide as a guide to assist you in applying for and receiving financial aid and scholarships.

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

You **MUST** apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This **doesn't cost** anything to complete. If you are on website or completing a paper/pencil application and there is a request for money you are not completing the correct form.

Even if you do not wish to receive Financial Aid from the government, you must still apply so that you will be eligible for any university scholarships or other scholarships that are available.

You will need your previous years' tax return and other personal information. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov for step by step instructions. You may also call 1-800-433-3243 to ask questions. Itawamba Community College's Financial Aid Department is also very helpful. You may contact them at 662-862-8000.

Scholarships and grants help you pay for college. Unlike loans, they **do not** have to be paid back. Most scholarships are based on academic, athletic, or artistic talents. Others are offered to students who are interests in a particular field of study. RESEARCH the university or community college that you are interested in attending. Each should have an Office of Financial Aid with detailed information of all scholarships available. The following are some **FREE** scholarship searches.

www.finaid.org

www.careersandcolleges.com

www.petersons.com/finaid/default.asp

www.fastweb.com

http://apps.collegebard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp

www.mississippi.edu

www.college-scholarships.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.scholarships.com

www.fastaid.com

STATE AID

State of Mississippi Student Financial Aid (Mississippi Residents Only)

Several student financial aid programs are offered by the state of Mississippi through the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid in Jackson, MS. Some of the programs are offered specifically for teacher education majors, nursing majors, medical students and dental students. Two of the larger programs are the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG). These two programs do not require a specific major and are available to ALL residents who meet the eligibility criteria.

For information or to receive an application for MTAG/MESG or to learn about other state aid programs contact:

Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid

3825 Ridgewood Road

Jackson, MS 39211

1-800-327-2980

<http://www.ihl.state.ms.us>

Email: sfa@ihl.state.ms.us

College and University Scholarships

Blue Mountain College

www.bmc.edu

School Code 002398
662-685-4771 Ext. 141

Delta State University

www.deltastate.edu

School Code 002403
1-800- GO-TO-DSU or 662-846-4670

Itawamba Community College

www.iccms.edu

School Code 002409
662-862-8000 or 662-620-5000

Millsaps College

www.millsaps.edu

School Code 002414
1-800-352-1050 or 601-974-1220

Mississippi College

www.mc.edu

School Code 002415
601-925-3000

Mississippi State University

www.msstate.edu

School Code 002423
662-325-2450

Mississippi University for Women

www.muw.edu

School Code 002422
1-877-462-8439

Northeast Mississippi Community College

www.nemcc.edu

School Code 002426
1-800-555-2154 or 662-728-7751

University of Mississippi

www.olemiss.edu

School Code 002440
1-800-891-4596

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



A wealth of scholarship information is available on college and universities' websites. There are a multitude of scholarships available in your own community that you do not want to overlook.

Employers – Ask you parents about scholarships that maybe available through their employers.

Churches and Civic Groups – Many churches and civic organizations offer scholarships for community service participation.

City Government Offices – There are community service scholarships available from some city offices as well as police academy scholarships for those interested in law enforcement.

Military Scholarships – Talk to your local military recruiter regarding scholarship opportunities through the military.

DEADLINES

Meet the deadlines and turn in all documents when requested. Check with all financial aid offices of the universities that you are interested in to make sure that they have received your information.

Most scholarships have a deadline for submission. Be sure and check the university website for deadlines and required documents.

Be sure that ALL documents are completed and signed by the student AND parent. Use your full legal name on all documents. KEEP a copy of all documents submitted.

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Many of our students choose to begin their post secondary career at Itawamba Community College. Admissions application, scholarship application, tuition guaranty application and other forms can be found at www.iccms.edu/forms/index.asp

Students that live in Itawamba County have a tuition guaranty while attending Itawamba Community College. There is an application that must be completed as part of the process. The deadline to complete and return the tuition guaranty application is July 31st. There are also other steps that **MUST BE** completed in order to qualify for the tuition guaranty. To qualify for the tuition guaranty the **FASFA, MTAG application, ICC scholarship application and the ICC Financial Aid Application. EACH of these MUST be completed.**

A copy of the ICC scholarship and ICC financial aid application can be accessed at www.iccms.edu/forms/index.asp

To complete the MTAG – www.mississippi.edu

To complete the FASFA – www.fafsa.ed.gov.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

In addition to the admission and scholarship application that are required for all students entering a college or university, some programs of study have other criteria and deadlines. Many Allied Health Programs have an additional application that must be submitted. These programs also have earlier application deadlines. **Check to see if your intended major has additional requirements and deadlines.**

