

AY 26/27 First Time Freshmen (as of 8/7/2026)

Mississippi State University Scholarships					
Scholarship Name	Renewable (4 yrs/8 semesters)	Overall GPA	Enrollment	Revoked End of Spring If GPA/Hours Not Met* (Must submit appeal by June 15th)	Notes
Freshman Academic Excellence	Yes	3.0	12 Hours		May say "Academic Scholarship" in RPAAWRD
Colvard Future Leader	Yes	3.0	12 Hours		
Sumners	Yes	2.5	12 Hours		Submit app thru summersgrant.com, and be in good SAP standing (must apply every year)
Non-Resident Tuition	Yes	3.0	12 Hours		(Can be reinstated if lost due to GPA reasons - Check AOP 12.39) Does not show in paid column in RPAAWRD - Check account detail (RSIAREV) for paid

*If Academic Forgiveness is used to re-gain scholarship(s), then students will need to call the Scholarship office to have the scholarship reinstated, it is not automatic. Call 662-325-2450

***** Financial Aid GPA calculation does not include Academic Grade Forgiveness *** Attendance matters for Financial Aid *****

Mississippi Financial Aid					
Grant Name	Awarded Yearly (4yrs/8 semesters)	Overall GPA	Enroll and Pass	Revoked End of Semester if GPA/Hours Not Met*; FAFSA & State Aid App Required for Awarding (must reapply for each academic year)	Notes
MTAG	Yes	2.5	12 Hours		Can get back once GPA is met Deadline: September 15 Supporting Doc, October 15
MESG	Yes	3.5	12 Hours		Need 29 ACT Score, Can get back once GPA is met Deadline: September 15 Supporting Doc, October 15
HELP	Yes	2.5	12 Hours		Very large amt of \$\$, Can get back once GPA is met Deadline: March 31 Supporting Doc, April 30 (includes FAFSA)
FAITH	Yes (Max 5 Yrs/10 semesters)	2.0	At least 6 Hours		Specifically for students in Foster Care / CPS No application deadlines

*If a student loses State Aid after the Fall semester, they will not be able to get back for Spring, must go a semester without State Aid.

Federal Financial Aid					
Grant Name	Awarded Yearly	Requirement	Enrollment	FAFSA Required for Awarding	Notes
Pell Grant*	6 years or 600%	SAP	≥ 1 hour		< 12 hrs (< 6 in Summer) = partial funding Can use 150% in a given academic year
Work Study	Yearly	SAP	≥ 6 hours		Students must work to receive grant. Jobs listed on Career Center's Connections site
Direct Subsidized Loans^	Up to \$23,000 (overall - not annual)	SAP	≥ 6 hours		Starts accruing interest after they graduate
Direct Unsubsidized Loans^	Up to \$31,000 Combined Sub/Unsub Only \$23,000 is subsidized	SAP	≥ 6 hours		Starts accruing interest as soon as they take it out
Parent PLUS Loan	Max. \$20,000	SAP	≥ 6 hours		Parent can defer payment until after student grads but interest will accrue

*If a student withdraws or gets a non-passing grade, attendance or participation in at least one class activity must be confirmed. Without verification, Pell funding may be reduced

^Requires Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Loan Entrance Counseling to be completed thru studentaid.gov

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)				
Criteria	Description	Suspension Applied at the end of Spring and Summer* (can appeal with SAP eForm)	Notes	
Withdrawals	30 credit hours of W grades at MSU - Includes Amnesty Hours		Can only appeal to get off Suspension	
Completion Rate/Pace	67% (Completed/Attempted) - Includes Amnesty Hours		Includes remedial classes	
MSU GPA	By Class: Freshman=1.6, Sophomores=1.8, Juniors/Seniors=2.0			
Max. Time Frame	150% of Attempted Hours of Degree Program Requirements		Can only appeal to get off Suspension	

*If on SAP Probation, Suspension will be applied at the end of Probationary semester if SAP requirements not met

Annual Loan Limits for Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans		
Year	Dependent Undergraduate	Independent Undergraduate (including dependent undergraduate students whose parents were denied PLUS Loans)*
Freshman	\$5,500 (No more than \$3,500 in subsidized loans)	\$9,500 (No more than \$3,500 subsidized loans)
Sophomore	\$6,500 (No more than \$4,500 in subsidized loans)	\$10,500 (No more than \$4,500 in subsidized loans)
Junior/Senior	\$7,500 per year (No more than \$5,500 in subsidized loans)	\$12,500 (No more than \$5,500 in subsidized loans)

*If the parent borrower is denied a Direct parent PLUS loan, the dependent student may be eligible for additional Unsubsidized Loan money. However, If the parent borrower is later approved for the Direct PLUS loan, or another parent borrower is later approved, the dependent student will no longer be eligible for the additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Administrative Banner Breakdown		
RPAAWRD (Award Maintenance)	MSU Scholarship, Federal Aid, State Aid, Breakdown	If it shows No Record Shown - Might need additional documents. The additional documents needed can be found on their Banner under "Financial Aid Dashboard" it will have a link to the form they need.
RSIAREV (Account Detail Review Inquiry)	Full Account Detail, Charges, Payments, Fees, Outside Scholarships Posted, etc.	
RRAAREQ (Applicant Requirements)	Paperwork Status for FAFSA, SAP Appeal, Loans, etc.	