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State Aid for MS Residents MTAG, MESG, HELP

Step 1: Go to msfinancialaid.org: Login to or Create Your MAAPP Account

Step 2: Submit Application and Requested Documentation

Step 3: Monitor MAAPP Account and Email for Updates

Step 4: Enroll in 12 Credits

Step 5: Helpful Facts About State Aid

MTAG

- Sept 15 Deadline
- 15 ACT/2.5 GPA
- Fall/Spring Only
- \$250/semester < 60 Credits
- \$500/semester > 60 Credits
- Not With Full Pell
- 8 Total Semesters

MESG

- Sept 15 Deadline
- 29 ACT/3.5 GPA
- Fall/Spring Only
- \$1250/ Semester
- Apply within 3 years of High School
- 8 Total Semesters

HELP

- March 31 Deadline
- 20 ACT/2.5 GPA
- Fall/Spring Only
- Covers Full Tuition \$
- Income Limitations
- Apply within 1 year of High School
- 8 Total Semesters

Returning Students

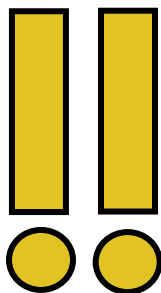
- Successfully Completed 12 Credits Prior Semester (not including summer)
- Maintain Cumulative 2.5 gpa
- Complete the FAFSA

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- Successfully Completed 12 Credits Prior Semester (not including summer)
- Maintain Cumulative 2.5 gpa
- Complete the FAFSA
- Meet Income Limitations



- *State Aid funds are not received by USM until mid- semester, October 15th for the Fall and March 15th for the Spring. It will show in SOAR as pending until funds are received*
- *You must renew your State Aid Application each year, just like the FAFSA*
- *Make sure you add USM as your college preference or we will not be sent your award information*
- *Regaining Eligibility. Example: Student did not attend Fall 2025 but is enrolling Spring 2026. Would not be eligible Spring 2026, but if they submit 26-27 Application by the deadline, maintain cumulative GPA, and completed 12 credits Spring 2026, they may be eligible Fall 2026*