

MISSISSIPPI SUMMER DEVELOPMENTAL GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

These Rules and Regulations are subject to change by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"). The number of awards and the amounts depend upon the availability of funds.

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Must be able to document current legal residency in the State of Mississippi. Resident status for purposes of receiving the Mississippi Summer Developmental Grant under this act shall be determined in the same manner as resident status for tuition purposes as set forth in Sections §37-103-1 through §37-103-29, of Mississippi Code Ann., with the exception of Section §37-103-17;
- B. Must attend (full time) one of the following institutions of higher learning: Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi;
- C. Must be a first time attendant in the Summer Developmental Program;
- D. Must complete on-line Mississippi Summer Developmental Grant Application no later than July 21st;
- E. Must not currently be in default on a Federal or State educational loan or owe a repayment on a Federal or State grant;
- F. Must meet any other general requirements for admission into the Mississippi Summer Developmental Program and student financial aid at the student's eligible institution of choice;

II. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Must be accepted and attend (on a full-time basis) the Mississippi Summer Developmental Program; Full time is defined as no less than twelve (12) hours;
- B. Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as required by the attending institution. -The results from the Free Application must be received by July 31st;
- C. Must demonstrate financial need after all other grant/gift aid has been applied, and prior to the certification of any federal loan application.
- D. The students will have until July 31st to provide any outstanding documents necessary to determine initial eligibility. Failure to respond to our request may result in no award for that student.

III. LENGTH AND AMOUNT:

- A. Must not have received prior funding from the Summer Developmental Grant;
- B. Amount of Grant will be based upon the applicant's demonstrated financial need, as determined by the Financial Aid Office of the attending institutions and the availability of funds through the MOSFA. The award should be calculated in the following manner: need minus other gift aid equals Summer Developmental Grant amount;
- C. In no case shall any student receive any combination of student financial aid and a Mississippi Summer Developmental Grant that would exceed applicant's demonstrated financial need.

IV. INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Summer Developmental Grant will be awarded to a student under the assumption that the student will attend the Program (full time) for the entire period for which the grant is awarded.

- A. Institutions shall make available and assist the applicant in the completion of the Mississippi Summer Developmental Grant On-line Application at the time of screening;
- B. The institutions shall notify the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid (MOSFA) of the students who are fully admitted into the Summer Development Grant.
- C. The institution shall determine the amount of each eligible applicant's award. A recipient must have demonstrated financial need to receive funds. Financial need is the difference between the student's cost of attendance and the family's ability to cover these costs (EFC). The eligible applicant must demonstrate financial need after the subtraction of the EFC from the student's COA minus other aid.
- D. Institutions shall report to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid all data components used to determine an award amount for eligible students on the Mississippi Summer Developmental Grant prior to any disbursements.
- E. The enrollment status of each applicant shall be reported to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid no later than the close of business on the day following the last date to add or drop a course; funds will not be disbursed to the institution prior to this date;
- F. The institution shall request the student's award amount in the same manner that it currently requests LEAP awards to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid. At no time is the school to allow a student's award to exceed the student's need when combined with all other aid.
- G. At the time of disbursement the school must verify the recipient eligibility for the award. Every effort is to be made to prevent an over award. Should this occur, due to a change in the student's aid package, the school should take into account other forms of aid it controls and reduce that aid first. If the aid package includes a Federal Subsidized Student Loan the school may cancel the loan or a subsequent disbursement. If an over award still exists the school may use the SDG disbursement to repay an already disbursed Subsidized Student Loan obtained for use while attending the Summer Development Program on their campus. If an over award still exists the institution must return the excess funds to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.
- H. The institution will not be expected to return funds from the grant for a student who withdraws from the program after receiving funds;
- I. Schools must make available information (i.e., school catalog, web site, flyers) pertaining to admission opportunities and to the availability of funds through the Mississippi Summer Developmental Grant.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID:

MOSFA will notify the student regarding the on-line application, once notified by the institution of the student's acceptance into the program, and/or missing documents necessary to determine initial eligibility.

Actual award amounts will be based upon the number of eligible applicants, availability of funds and the amount recommended by the institution.

MOSFA will notify eligible students of an award (award amount as reported by institution) and instruct the student to contact the institution's financial aid office for any additional necessary information.