

2021-2022 FINANCIAL AID INSTRUCTIONS

Please be sure to complete your EMCC admissions application online at www.eastms.edu.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Complete the FAFSA application at www.studentaid.gov.

- To attend the fall 2021 and spring 2022 terms complete the 2021-22 FAFSA.
- You will use the 2019 year income. During the application process you will be prompted to use the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool**. If you are able to use the tool it will automatically populate the income portion for you. We encourage you to take advantage of this option as it can greatly expedite overall processing time. Note: If you or your parent has had a significant decrease in income for the 2021 tax year please contact our office for consultation after you have completed the FAFSA using the 2019 income.
- EMCC's school code is 002405.
- Be sure to click "submit" at the end of application process. Upon completion you will receive a confirmation number and an email stating the application was successfully submitted.
- It normally takes 2 to 3 days for the school to receive a copy of the results.
- Once we receive your FAFSA results you will either be awarded, if eligible for Pell Grant, or receive a request from our office for additional information needed to complete your file.

MTAG / MESG / HELP: Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant / Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant / Higher Education Legislative Plan

Go to www.msfinancialaid.org to complete the application for state aid.

- All requirements for these grants are on their website.
- As part of the application process you will have to document Mississippi residency.
- You will need to complete the FAFSA for 2021-22.
- MTAG and MESG deadline date for completing the application is September 15, 2021.
- HELP deadline date for completing the application is March 31, 2021.

EMCC Scholarships – To complete the appropriate applications go to eastms.edu.

Tuition Assistance Scholarship:

- Must be a graduate of an accredited high school and live in one of the six counties served by EMCC (Clay, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha) or Calhoun County (recently added).
- Must complete the applications for FAFSA, MTAG/MESG, and other EMCC Scholarships.
- Must enroll at EMCC as a full-time student (at least 15 semester hours) the first term following graduation from high school to be eligible. Summer terms are not counted for this purpose.
- Failure to maintain full-time enrollment (15 semester hours per term) with a 2.50 GPA results in cancellation of the scholarship. Calhoun County recipients are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.
- Tuition Assistance award fills any remaining tuition costs not already covered by other gift aid awards, such as Pell Grant, MTAG, MESG, HELP, or other EMCC scholarships.
- **Deadline for application: Aug 1 for the Fall Semester, January 2 for the Spring Semester**

ACT Scholarships:

- Opportunity, Achievement, and Excellence Scholarships are the various names of ACT based scholarships available to freshmen.
- Awarded based on the ACT composite score that is on file at EMCC by the application deadline date.
- Awarded up to four semesters as long as the student remains full-time (15 or more semester hours per term) and maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or 3.0, depending upon the scholarship.
- Amounts range in value from \$700 to \$3,500 per semester based on the ACT composite score.
- Although not ACT based, confirmed Valedictorian and Salutatorian high school graduates are eligible for \$500 per semester in addition to ACT scholarships.
- **Deadline for application: August 1 for the Fall Semester, January 2 for the Spring Semester.**

Departmental Scholarships:

- Awarded based on a holistic review of academic merit, leadership, program, or community service experience.
- Awarded for various academic and career technical programs.
- Amounts range in value from \$250 to \$500 per semester.
- **Deadline for application: August 1**

Activity Scholarships:

- These are competition scholarships awarded to qualified students who have special skills, talents or abilities.
- Most will require auditions, interviews or the submission of material for selection.
- Scholarship amounts and deadlines vary.