Critical Needs Alternate Route Teacher Loan/Scholarship Program (CNAR) Provide education opportunities for students who wish to become classroom teachers and address Mississippi’s teacher shortage by providing a constant source of qualified classroom teachers for our public schools.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  
**Document deadline:** Entrance counseling: March 31; Praxis I test results: July 31  
**Award Amount:** Varies

Critical Needs Teacher Loan/Scholarship (CNTP) Provide education opportunities for students who wish to become classroom teachers and address Mississippi’s teacher shortage by providing a constant source of qualified classroom teachers for our public schools.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  
**Document deadline:** Entrance counseling: March 31; Praxis I test results: July 31  
**Award Amount:** Varies

William Winter Alternative Route Teacher Scholar Loan Program (WWAR) Provide education opportunities for students who wish to become classroom teachers and address Mississippi’s teacher shortage by providing a constant source of qualified classroom teachers for our public schools (For students enrolling in program of study leading to an alternative route teacher license).

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  
**Document deadline:** March 31; Praxis I test results: July 31  
**Award Amount:** Up to $4,000 per year ($2,000 a semester) for a maximum of 2 years (4 semesters)

William Winter Teacher Scholar/Loan (WWTS) Provide education opportunities for students who wish to become classroom teachers and address Mississippi’s teacher shortage by providing a constant source of qualified classroom teachers for our public schools.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  
**Document deadline:** March 31; Praxis I test results: July 31  
**Award Amount:** Up to $4,000 per year ($2,000 a semester) for a maximum of 2 years (4 semesters)

Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG) Provide financial aid assistance to Mississippi residents attending state approved public and nonprofit two-year eligible colleges and universities.

**Application dates:** January 1st to September 15  
**Document deadline:** October 15  
**Award Amount:** Up to $2,500 per academic year, but may not exceed tuition and required fees. May receive grant up to 8 semesters or degree completion whichever comes first.

Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) Provide financial aid assistance to Mississippi residents attending state approved public and nonprofit two-year eligible colleges and universities.

**Application dates:** January 1st to September 15  
**Document deadline:** October 15  
**Award Amount:** Up to $500 per academic year for freshmen and sophomores and $1,000 per academic year for juniors and seniors.

Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship (NELB) Provide education opportunities to students who wish to become nurses and address Mississippi’s nursing shortage by providing a constant source of qualified nurses.

**Application Deadline:** March 31  
**Document deadlines:** March 31, except Letter of Acceptance, which is due July 31  
**Award Amount:** Up to $4,000 per academic year not to exceed two years.

Nursing Education/Loan Scholarship RN to BSN (NELR) Provide education opportunities to students who wish to upgrade their nursing degree and address Mississippi’s nursing shortage by providing a constant source of qualified nurses.

**Application Deadline:** March 31  
**Document deadlines:** March 31, except Letter of Acceptance, which is due July 31  
**Award Amount:** Up to $4,000 per academic year not to exceed two years.

Nissan Scholarship. Nissan North America provides scholarship funds for applicants that will attend a Mississippi college or university.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 1st  
**Document deadline:** March 1  
**Award Amount:** Each scholarship will be an amount that pays full tuition, required fees, and a book allowance.

Higher Education Legislative Plan (HELP) Program designed to provide tuition assistance to qualified students whose financial need, as demonstrated by federal student aid eligibility, will not be met with gift aid from other sources.

**Application Deadline:** March 31  
**Document deadline:** April 30  
**Award Amount:** Tuition and required fees at a public institution up to 10 semesters or degree completion, whichever comes first.

Health Care Professions Loan/Scholarship for Undergraduates (HCP-UG) Provide education opportunities to students who are interested in majoring in speech pathology and psychology and address Mississippi’s health care shortage.

**Application Deadline:** March 31  
**Document deadline:** March 31, except Enrollment Verification or Letter Acceptance, which is due July 31  
**Award Amount:** Up to $1,500 per academic year not to exceed 2 years.

**Please visit www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/financialaid-state.php for additional requirements and eligibility.**

*NOTE: Eligibility for these programs is determined by the Mississippi Office of State Financial Aid. Visit their website for official eligibility requirements.*
GRADUATES (must be a resident of Mississippi)

Graduate Teacher, Counselor, School Administration Loan/Scholarship (GTS) Designed as an incentive to encourage current licensed classroom teachers in our state’s public schools to pursue an advanced degree in education.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  **Document deadline:** March 31

**Award Amount:** Selected participants will be eligible to receive reimbursement of $125 per graduate credit hour, not to exceed 12 credit hours, of successfully completed course work leading to a master’s degree in education.

Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship Masters (NELM) Provide education opportunities to students who wish to continue their education in nursing. Must seek a master’s degree in nursing at a Mississippi institution of higher learning.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  **Document deadline:** March 31, except Letter of Acceptance, which is due July 31

**Award Amount:** Up to $4,000 per academic year not to exceed 2 years or $8,000

Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship-RN to MSN (NERM) Provide education opportunities to students who wish to continue their education in nursing. Must seek a master’s degree in nursing through an approved RN to MSN bridge program at a Mississippi institution of higher learning.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  **Document deadline:** March 31, except Letter of Acceptance, which is due July 31

**Award Amount:** Up to $4,000 per academic year not to exceed 3 years or $12,000

Nursing Teacher Stipend (NTSP-Masters) Provide education opportunities to students who wish to continue their education in nursing and teach. Must seek a master’s degree in nursing at a Mississippi institution of higher learning.

**Application dates:** January 1st to March 31st  **Document deadline:** March 31, except Letter of Acceptance, which is due July 31

**Award Amount:** Up to $1,000 per month not to exceed 1 year or $12,000

NO FLAT RATE SCHOLARSHIP

Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Loan/Scholarship (SWOR) Established to encourage family protection workers (FPW I or FPW II) currently employed by the Department of Human Services to obtain college education

**Application deadline:** March 31

**Award Amount:** Each scholarship will be an amount not exceeding the highest tuition and required fees at a state institution of higher learning for a maximum of 2 annual awards.

UNDERGRADUATES & GRADUATES (must be a resident of Mississippi)

Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Loan/Scholarship (SWOR) Established to encourage family protection workers (FPW I or FPW II) currently employed by the Department of Human Services to obtain college education

**Application deadline:** March 31

**Award Amount:** Each scholarship will be an amount not exceeding the highest tuition and required fees at a state institution of higher learning for a maximum of 2 annual awards.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP (must be a resident of Mississippi)

Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers & Firemen Scholarship. Program offers financial assistance to dependent children and spouses of any Mississippi law enforcement, full-time firefighter or volunteer firefighter who has suffered fatal injuries or wounds or become permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds occurred in the performance of the official and appointed duties of their office.

**Application deadline:** open  **Online Application:** January 1st to September 15th

**Award Amount:** Funds cover the cost of tuition, including required fees, and the average cost of campus housing at any state-supported college or university within the state of Mississippi. Funding cannot exceed 8 semesters or until child recipient reaches the age of 23 on first day of semester.

**Please visit www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/financialaid-state.php for additional requirements and eligibility.**

**NOTE:** Eligibility for these programs is determined by the Mississippi Office of State Financial Aid. Visit their website for official eligibility requirements.