The University of Mississippi

State of Mississippi Aid Programs

**Summary/Purpose:** State of Mississippi aid programs such as MTAG, MESG, William Winter Teacher Program, and Critical Needs Teacher Program.

State of Mississippi aid programs such as the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG), the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG), the Critical Needs Teacher Program, and the William Winter Teacher's Program are administrated by the State of Mississippi's Office of Student Financial Aid in Jackson. To be considered for these awards, each year the student must complete the State of Mississippi's Office of Student Financial Aid's application available online at [http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid/default.asp](http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid/default.asp). Eligibility is determined by the State of Mississippi's Office of Student Financial Aid. MTAG/MESG as well as other state aid programs may be prorated subject to funds availability or other awards that are received. Funds are disbursed upon receipt.

Upon the creation of the MTAG, the Legislature of Mississippi stipulated that the Federal Pell Grant plus the MTAG may not exceed the maximum value of the Federal Pell Grant. Therefore, a student may not be awarded the Federal Pell Grant and the MTAG in excess of the maximum value of the Federal Pell Grant. To comply with this law, reductions are made to the MTAG and not to the Federal Pell Grant.