Cheat Sheet

Student Services Center — Financial Aid

Basic Navigation

Home > Self Service > Student Center

Apply for Financial Aid

- 1. Click on the Apply for Financial Aid link.
- 2. Click on the *button* and select the type of financial aid form you need.
- 3. Click on the <u>Add</u> button.

Apply for Foundation Scholarships

- 1. Choose "Foundation Scholarship" from the dropdown 💌 box.
- 2. Click on the Add button.
- 3. Enter grade level.
- 4. Enter academic career.
- 5. Enter your primary campus (HBG = Hattiesburg; USMGC = Gulf Coast).
- 6. Enter your academic department code or click on the \bigcirc button to search for code.
- 7. Enter your phone number as a contact number.
- 8. Click on the **Continue** button.
- 9. Check the box if you graduated from high school. Leave blank if you did not graduate.
- 10. Enter your high school code or use the \bigcirc search.
- 11. Enter your high school graduation date (format: month/day/year) or use the 📴 help button.
- 12. List organizations in which you participated during high school in the lefthand box.
- 13. List leadership positions you held during high school in the right-hand box.
- 14. Click on the check box at the bottom of page to certify the correctness of the info.
- 15. Click on the $\frac{OK}{OK}$ button to take you back to previous page.
- 16. Click on the Save button.

Apply for Spring Award

- 1. Choose "Spring Application" from the dropdown 🗡 box.
- 2. Click on the Add button.

- 3. Enter grade level.
- 4. Enter academic career.
- 5. Enter your primary campus (HBG = Hattiesburg; USMGC = Gulf Coast).
- 6. Enter your academic department code or click on the Q button to search for code.
- 7. Enter your phone number as a contact number.
- 8. Click on the **Continue** button.
- 9. Check on the box if you are or have attended another institution during the fall term of the current academic year. Leave blank if you have not.
- 10. If so, choose the institution you attended using the \bigcirc search.
- 11. If so, check on the box if you received financial aid at the other institution.
- 12. Check on the box to certify information for accuracy.
- 13. Click on the OK button to go back to first page.
- 14. Click on the Save button.

Apply for Summer Award

- 1. Choose "Summer Application" from the dropdown 🗹 box.
- 2. Click on the Add button.
- 3. Enter grade level.
- 4. Enter academic career.
- 5. Enter your primary campus (HBG = Hattiesburg; USMGC = Gulf Coast).
- 6. Enter your academic department code or click on the \bigcirc button to search for code.
- 7. Enter your phone number as a contact number.
- 8. Click on the **Continue** button.
- 9. Check if you were enrolled at another institution during the **fall** term of the academic year. If you were not enrolled, leave blank.
- 10. If so, choose the institution you attended using the \bigcirc search.
- 11. If so, check on the box if you received financial aid at the other institution.
- 12. Check if you were enrolled at another institution during the **spring** term of the academic year. If you were not enrolled, leave blank.
- 13. If so, choose the institution you attended using the \bigcirc search.
- 14. If so, check on the box if you received financial aid at the other institution.
- 15. Select the correct residence type from the \bowtie choices.
- 16. Check if you would like to be considered for loan money for summer.
- 17. Check if you would like to be considered for work-study money for summer.
- 18. Check if you are participating in the Geology Field Camp program.
- 19. Check on the box to certify information for accuracy.
- 20. Click on the $\frac{OK}{OK}$ button to go back to first page.
- 21. Click on the Save button.

View Financial Aid and Disbursement Dates

View financial aid

- 1. Click on the <u>View Financial Aid</u> link.
- 2. Click on the Aid Year link (2007) that you would like to view.
- 3. To get information on a loan, click on the Details link.
- 4. Click on the Return to Award Summary link when finished viewing.

View scheduled disbursement dates

- 1. Click on the <u>View Scheduled Disbursement Dates</u> link to view the estimated disbursement date(s).
- 2. Click on the Return to Award Summary link when finished viewing.

Accept / Decline Awards and Choose a Lender

Accept / decline awards

- 1. To accept or decline the award offer,
 - a. click on the ACCEPT/DECLINE AWARDS button OR
 - b. click on the <u>Accept/Decline Awards</u> link on the main Student Center page.
- 2. Check "Accept" or "Decline" for each award or use the <u>accept all</u> and <u>decline all</u> buttons.
- 3. If you check "Accept," you can modify the amount awarded in the "Accepted" column.
- 4. Click on the **SUBMIT** button.

Choose a lender

- 1. On the "Award Package" page above, click on the Request Counselor Action link.
- 2. Choose "Lender Choice" for the Request Type: box.
- 3. Type in the name of the bank that you would like to process your loan in **Enter request details:** text box.
- 4. Click on the **SAVE** button.
- 5. Choose to Return to Award Package, Return to Aid Year Selection, or navigate elsewhere using the go to ... 💓 box.

Do entrance interview (for ALL first-time Southern Miss Stafford loan borrowers)

- 1. Click on the Entrance Interview Information link on the Accept/Decline Award page.
- 2. Complete the "Welcome to Stafford Entrance Counseling!" forms as it instructs you.

Revise My Financial Aid

- 1. Click on the **Revise My Financial Aid** link in the "Finances" section.
- 2. Click the radio button for the revision that you would like to make. The **3rd radio button includes** the following revisions:
 - a. Cancel work-study and be considered for additional loans
 - b. Increase loan limits because you progressed a grade level
 - c. Reapply for originally declined loans
 - d. Other reasons.
- 3. Follow instructions as provided after choosing your selection.