

Financial Aid Options Checklist for Prospective MUW Students

THANKYOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN. THIS CHECKLIST IS MEANT TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH YOUR FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS FOR THE 2006-2007 AWARD YEAR. WE HOPE THIS IS HELPFUL TO YOU AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NEXT FALL.

- **Finalize Admission Application**
Some sources of financial aid may be affected by the date of your admission to MUW. It is very important to finalize your **Admission status once you decide MUW is the right school for you.**
- **Review Costs**
Current Tuition and Fees, and Cost of Attendance breakdowns are available through our homepage www.muw.edu/finaid/, click on Tuition and Fees. The cost of Attendance breakdown outlines a yearly budget for direct costs such as tuition, and indirect costs such as books and supplies.
- **Payment Options**
Through Banner Web (www.muw.edu), our online payment and billing information system, students have the option of paying any institutional related charges on a student's billing account. Students and/or parents can also set up a payment plan with Tuition Management Systems (website).
- **Apply for Federal Aid in Three Steps**
First, apply for a PIN from the U.S. Department of Education's PIN website at www.pin.ed.gov. If you are a dependent student, one of your parents will also need a PIN. Second, file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible on or after January 1, 2006 at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Make sure to keep your PIN number handy because you will need it to sign your FAFSA electronically. Third, review the Student Aid Report (SAR) sent to you by the U.S. Department of Education and the Award Letter sent by MUW that will outline your aid eligibility and your next steps.
- **Mississippi State Aid Options**
Students that are residents of the state of Mississippi should complete an on-line application with the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) at www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid/default. This agency oversees

programs such as MTAG, LEAP, and MESH. Be aware of application deadlines that must be met to be considered for any state awards.

- **MUW Scholarships**

MUW has many scholarship opportunities available for New Freshman and Transfer Students based on previous academic performance. MUW scholarship opportunities, deadlines and applications are available at www.muw.edu/admissions/scholarships.

- **Non-MUW Scholarships**

Investigate private sources for scholarship and grant opportunities. Check local libraries, local businesses and civic organizations and your parent's employer. Take advantage of free internet scholarship search engines such as:

Finaid on the Web

www.finaid.org

FastWeb

www.fastweb.com

Scholarship Resource Network Express

www.srnexpress.com

GoCollege: The Collegiate Webservice

www.gocollege.com