

YOUR NEWS

Dear H.S. Counselors:

The February 1 priority date for Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarships at Mississippi State University has passed, and the review process of your students who submitted applications and online scholarship resumes by this priority date has begun.

However, MSU also offers a variety of scholarships and financial awards that are not contingent upon the February 1 date. We have listed a few below, along with some details. Additional information, as well as more scholarship opportunities, may be found at admissions.msstate.edu.

Junior Miss Scholarship

- **Award:** One-time award of \$1,000 to be used the freshman year; overall winner for the State of Mississippi receives \$2,500 for the freshman year.
- **Criteria:** Awarded to the local winners of the Junior Miss Pageant (only awarded to the winners, no first- or second-alternate awards).

Gold Award/Eagle Scout Scholarship

- **Award:** One-time award of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) and is in addition to any other scholarship for which the student may qualify.
- **Criteria:**
 - o Must attain the level of Eagle Scout or Gold Award.
 - o Must have a high school core grade-point average of 2.5 as calculated by Mississippi State University for freshmen; or completion of at least 48 hours of transferable community college courses applicable to a bachelor's degree at MSU with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for transfer students.
 - o Students who live in Mississippi and/or awarded from a Mississippi-based council.
 - o Recipients must be admissible to Mississippi State and enroll as full-time students the semester in which they receive the award. Recipients also must remain in good standing while receiving the scholarship.
 - o Eagle Scouts and Gold Award recipients may still qualify through special circumstances.

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship

- **Award:** One-time award of \$1,000 (valedictorian) or \$500 (salutatorian)
- **Criteria:**
 - o Students must officially be named valedictorian or salutatorian by their high school.
 - o Must submit a letter of verification by a high school counselor, principal or other high school official by June 30, 2007.

The Office of Admissions and Scholarships also reminds you of some events we will be hosting on our campus this spring that will appeal to your current juniors and sophomores, as well as your seniors and transfer students.

Super Bulldog Weekend

Our Super Bulldog Weekend event will be March 31 and will include visits with academic advisors, campus tours, Sanderson Center tours, and residence hall tours. In addition, it includes a complimentary barbecue lunch at The Junction and tickets for the spring football scrimmage and the baseball game. Please look for announcement posters to be arriving in your mail at the end of February. We will send invitation postcards to your students, as well.

Spring Discovery Day

We also will be hosting Spring Discovery Day April 20. This event provides an opportunity for juniors and their parents to see all that MSU has to offer, including excellent academics in more than 80 possible majors, over 300 student organizations and state-of-the-art residence halls and work-out facilities.

Registration cards and information letters will be mailed to your students in March. If you have students who are interested in attending this event and who did not receive a registration card, you may download the form from our Web site at admissions.msstate.edu/events/ and fax it back to our office. We also encourage you to consider organizing a busload of interested students from your school. We will have special accommodations for your buses if you will fax us a list of those accompanying your group, as well as their registration forms, to 662-325-1678. For additional information on our campus events or admission and scholarship details, visit our Web site at admissions.msstate.edu.

A Call For Grading Scales

The Office of Admissions and Scholarships requests that a representative from your school supply our office with a current grading scale. Please note, if our office does not have a current grading scale on file for your institution and your transcripts do not include the scale, we default to your school's grading scale on the National Collegiate Athletic Association Web site, which may or may not be accurate. In the interest of accuracy for your students, we prefer to have an official scale from your school. Please send those to (note our mailing address has changed in the past few years):

The Office of Admissions and Scholarships
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Mississippi State wishes you a successful spring semester and hope that we may assist you during this busy season of working with your students to finalize their plans.