

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
2023-2024 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Create your FSA ID at:
 - <https://studentaid.gov>

This ID will be used throughout your college career so... **HANG ON TO THIS INFORMATION!!!!**

- Apply for Federal Financial Aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at:
 - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>
 - BMC Federal School Code – **002398**
 - **You may file your FAFSA beginning October 1, 2022, using 2021 tax information**

- Apply for the State of Mississippi Financial Aid Programs at:
 - <https://www.msfinancialaid.org>
 - MTAG – application dates October 1, 2022 – September 15, 2023
 - MESH – application dates October 1, 2022 – September 15, 2023
 - HELP – application dates October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023
 - NELB – application dates: October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023
 - NELR – application dates: October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023
 - Phone numbers: 601-432-6997 or (toll-free) 1-800-327-2980

- Apply for BMC Scholarships:
 - Complete General Scholarship Application

- Apply for Mississippi Baptist Scholarship: applications accepted January 1, 2023 – April 30, 2023:
 - Available to Juniors and Seniors ONLY
 - If you are a member of a cooperating Southern Baptist in Mississippi
 - <http://www.ms baptist foundation.org/> then click on **Scholarships**
 - Phone number: 601-292-3210

- Apply for Tri-State Foundation: applications must be submitted by April 15, 2023:
 - Mississippi Residents-Alcorn, Lee, Itawamba, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union
 - Alabama Residents-Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion
 - Tennessee Residents-Chester, Hardeman, Hardin, Lawrence, McNairy, Wayne
 - <http://www.tristatescholarships.com/scholarships.htm>

- Explore other scholarship opportunities:
 - <https://get2college.org/resources/scholarship-search-tool/>
 - <https://studentaid.gov>
 - <http://www.fastweb.com>

Income Tax Information

- Access your IRS Income Tax Return Transcript online at <https://www.irs.gov> then click on *Get Your Tax Record*, or by calling 1-800-908-9946.

Loan information

- Complete a **Master Promissory Note (MPN)** for your loan at:
 - <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/>
- Complete **Entrance Counseling** at:
 - <https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/>
- Subsidized loans-loans in which the government pays the interest on the loan while you are in school. These loans typically have a six-month grace period before repayment begins.
- Unsubsidized loans-loans in which interest will collect while you are in school, as well as after graduation. This interest can be paid while you are in school or deferred until you graduate. These loans typically have a six-month grace period before repayment begins.
- Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) – loans available to parents of dependent students that can assist in educational costs. More information about the PLUS loan can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus>
 - You may apply for a PLUS loan online at <https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/>
- Access your loan history online at: <https://studentaid.gov/>

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