

# 2025-2026 Financial Aid Opportunities

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Federal Programs - Stackable up to the Cost of Attendance Budget

Program Name	
Pell Grant (FAFSA) studentaid.gov.or by phone at 1-800-4FEDAID	<ul> <li>Do not repay</li> <li>Undergraduate with demonstrated need</li> <li>2023 tax and income information used</li> <li>Must maintain satisfactory academic progress</li> </ul>
Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)  • \$100-\$4000 per year (realistic maximum based on funding is \$1000)	<ul> <li>Do not repay</li> <li>This is not an entitlement program</li> <li>Undergraduate with demonstrated need</li> <li>Must maintain satisfactory academic progress</li> <li>Priority given to full-time dormitory students</li> <li>Must be Pell grant eligible and have a 0-to-1500 SAI</li> </ul>
Federal Work-Study     Students may be eligible to work up to 35 hours per month on campus at the wage of \$9.00/hour	<ul> <li>Priority deadline is April 1. Always more applicants than positions available</li> <li>Undergraduate with demonstrated need</li> <li>Must maintain satisfactory academic progress</li> <li>Priority given to full-time students</li> <li>Other financial aid awards are factors in determining Work-Study eligibility</li> </ul>
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan  • Maximum \$3500/year for freshmen  • Maximum \$4500/year for sophomores	<ul> <li>Must be enrolled in at least 6 hours each semester</li> <li>Variable interest rate</li> <li>Must be repaid after completing school</li> <li>Undergraduate with demonstrated need</li> <li>Must maintain satisfactory academic progress</li> <li>Pell grant (FAFSA) application must be on file and processing complete</li> <li>All first time borrowers must complete Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) at <a href="https://studentaid.gov">https://studentaid.gov</a>. (NOTE: Co-Lin request students to complete a loan processing form on our website after registering for classes.)</li> <li>Unsubsidized loan eligibility: \$2000 for dependent students and \$6000 for independent students per year</li> </ul>

### State Programs - All undergraduate students will receive state grant aid through only one state grant program.

Program Name		
Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)  • Maximum MTAG award of \$500/year based on Pell grant award	<ul> <li>Mississippi resident at least one (1) year prior to applying</li> <li>Minimum 2.5 GPA and minimum ACT of 15 upon completion of high school</li> <li>Must maintain 12 credit hours per semester and 2.5 GPA once college hours begin</li> <li>Application available at <a href="www.msfinancialaid.org">www.msfinancialaid.org</a> before <a href="September 15">September 15</a> deadline</li> <li>Award is need-based and cannot exceed school's cost of attendance budget</li> </ul>	
Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)  • Maximum MESG award of \$2,500/year based on Pell grant award	<ul> <li>Minimum 3.5 GPA and minimum ACT of 29 upon completion of high school</li> <li>Must maintain 12 credit hours per semester and 2.5 GPA once college hours begin</li> <li>Application available at <a href="https://www.msfinancialaid.org">www.msfinancialaid.org</a> before <a href="https://www.msfinancialaid.org">September 15</a> deadline</li> </ul>	
Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP)  Maximum HELP award covers the cost of tuition and some fees	<ul> <li>Must be a Mississippi resident of at least one (1) year and a first time student</li> <li>Minimum 2.5 GPA and minimum ACT of 20</li> <li>Must maintain 12 credit hours per semester and 2.5 GPA each semester</li> <li>FAFSA completed and documented \$42,500 or less adjusted gross income for family</li> <li>Application available at <a href="www.msfinancialaid.org">www.msfinancialaid.org</a> January 1 - March 31 each year</li> <li>Supporting documents due to Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid by April 30 (Residency, HELP Scholarship Worksheet, and Certification by your High School Counselor of Specific High School Core Curriculum Completion)</li> <li>Award is need-based and cannot exceed school's cost of attendance budget</li> </ul>	

### **Foundation Endowed Scholarships**

- Made possible by individual donations to the College. In addition to the application, a brief resume must be included outlining your educational and career goals. Incoming freshman must include current ACT score and grade point average from high school.
- Applications are available online at <a href="https://www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation/foundation/">https://www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation/foundation/</a>. The application period opens in January and is due by March 1 each year.
- \*\*Applications for the Taylor/Pitts Presidential Scholarship are available in the President's Office on the Wesson Campus.

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## **Institutional Programs**

- Priority date is March 1
- Scholarships may be stacked; however, students will not receive any combination of financial aid valued over the cost of attendance budget for Co-Lin as determined for Federal student aid (\$15,360 per academic year).

Academic Scholarships (Maintain at least 15 hours and 3.0 term GPA.)				
Must be a Mississippi resident or Mississippi high school graduate.		Not available for transfer students.		
Available up to four (4) semesters (Fall and Spring semester awards only).				
Achievement	• 19-20 ACT Superscore or composite score; \$487.50/semester			
Honors	• 21-24 ACT Superscore or composite score; \$975/semester			
Deans	• 25 & 26 ACT Superscore or composite score; \$1950/semester			
Vice President's	• 27 & 28 ACT Superscore or composite score; \$1950/semester and \$250/semester for Books/eResources/ Instructional materials			
President's	• 29+ ACT Superscore or composite score/National Merit/Achievement Finalist; \$1950/semester, Room, Meals and \$250/semester Books/eResources/Instructional materials			
Valedictorian/Salutatorian	<ul> <li>\$1000/year award for the first two years (\$500/semester)</li> <li>Must have ACT Superscore or composite score of at least 21</li> <li>Must provide letter from high school counselor to the Financial Aid Office</li> </ul>			
Leadership	<ul> <li>\$1000/year award for the first two years (\$500/semester)</li> <li>Rewards outstanding leadership among students through their high school/community service activities</li> </ul>			

Athletic Scholarships				
Baseball	Adam Chamblee	(601) 643-8412		
Basketball - Men	Randy Bolden	(601) 643-8366		
Basketball - Women	Britta Stephens	(601) 643-8381		
Football	Micah Davis	(601) 643-8347		
Golf	Allen Kent	Allen.kent@colin.edu		
Soccer - Men / Women	JT Coward	(601) 500-8293		
Softball	Meleah Howard	(601) 757-6668		
Tennis – Men & Women	Tripp Case	(601) 643-8658		

Service Scholarships (Maintain at least 15 hours and 2.0 term GPA.)				
Archery (Wesson & Simpson)	John McDonald (W)/Jason Cooley (S)	(601) 643-8272 (W)/(601) 849-6134 (S)		
Band/Sojourners	Chad Austin /Bobby Helms	(601) 643-8383/(601) 643-8434		
Cheerleader	Mary Catherine Franklin	(601) 757-4110		
Choir	Chad Austin/ Bobby Helms	(601) 643-8383/(601) 643-8387		
Colette/Color Guard	Kennedy Moore	(601) 643-8383		
N-Sights (Natchez Campus)	Nancy McFarland	(601) 446-1207		
Wolf Tales (Wesson Campus)	Mary Warren	(601) 643-8493		

**Student Government Association Award** – Students elected (by the student body) to the Student Government Association Officers will receive a scholarship up to \$200. The President will receive up to \$400.

**Trailblazer Award** – Student Ambassadors for the college selected through application and interview process will receive \$100 per semester.

#### **Recognition Scholarships**

**Science Quest Scholarship** – First Place Award valued at \$900/semester for two years, Second Place valued at \$900/semester for one year, Third Place valued at \$450 for one semester, Fourth Place valued at \$250 for one semester. These scholarships will be awarded to students who place in Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Science Quest Competition.

**Skills USA** – First Place award of \$900/semester for two semesters and Second Place and Third Place finishers will receive an award of \$450/semester for two semesters. Recipients must enroll in a Career/Technical program.

#### **Non-Traditional Scholarship**

- Half tuition award for a maximum of 52 semester hours
- Student must be 24 years or older at the time of application.
- Student must be a **FIRST time degree seeking student**.
- Must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher on the FIRST 12 semester credit hours (SCH) of Co-Lin work. (The 12 SCH may be completed over the course of several semesters.)