

A Letter from the Director

Dear Counselors:

Welcome back for the 2007-08 academic year. Students will be returning to class soon and many of them will be faced with the challenge of selecting a college or university to attend next year. We want to work with you to provide these students a comprehensive look at Mississippi State by arming you with valuable tools such as print publications, counselor newsletters, and Web sites. Also, an MSU admissions counselor will work directly with you. These materials and more will arrive in the next couple of weeks and throughout the year.

This year transfer students will make up over 40% of our entering class and we could have not done it without your hard work. We look forward to working with you this year and helping more students through the transition process. Your individual admissions counselor will be in touch with you soon by letter. If you have any questions, please contact us. We will be happy to assist you in any way.

Sincerely,
Phil Bonfanti
Director of Admissions and
Scholarships

My MSU and the New Online Application Make a Grand Debut

State continues to update and improve the **application process** to provide students more efficient ways to apply to our university and stay informed throughout the process. On August 1, 2007, the new **online application** went live to offer students a more interactive experience as prospective students. The process begins when an application, a \$35 application fee, a high school transcript, a transcript from all colleges attended, and ACT/SAT scores have been submitted. The application then will be reviewed and an admission decision will be made.

An admitted status triggers the creation of a **My MSU** account which allows the student to choose housing and dining preferences, make parking arrangements, receive messages and notes on campus activities, and much more. Please note that priority-housing assignments are determined by the date the application was **submitted** and we strongly recommend that students desiring specific campus housing submit their application as soon as possible.

GPA's Needed on Transcripts for Scholarships

To assist your students for consideration of scholarships, we are requesting that you include the student's grade-point average on a 4.0 scale on the transcript that you submit. For scholarships, students need completion of at least 48 hours of transferable community college courses applicable to a bachelor's degree at MSU (36 hours complete; 12 hours may be in progress at the time of the application.) If the GPA is not supplied, the core as calculated by MSU will be used, and if both are supplied, the higher GPA will be accepted.

Eligibility for the Community College Recognition Scholarship begins with an overall GPA of 3.0 and admission to MSU. This two-year award of \$2,000 (\$500 per semester) may not be combined with the Community College Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship. The Community College Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship is open to students who have been admitted to MSU, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25, and are members in Phi Theta Kappa. This two-year award of \$4,500 (\$1,125 per semester) may not be combined with the Community College Recognition Scholarship.

We also want to ensure accurate and efficient processing of this paperwork and ask that you verify the address where you are mailing these transcripts:

Office of Admissions and Scholarships

P.O. Box 6334

Mississippi State, MS 39762

Discrimination based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or veteran's status is a violation of federal and state law and MSU policy and will not be tolerated. Discrimination based upon sexual orientation or group affiliation is a violation of MSU policy and will not be tolerated.

Step into the Maroon for an MSU Preview Day

Our fall recruiting events are taking shape and this year our Fall Discovery Program is changing to offer your students more information to assist them in determining the college of their choice. On both Friday, September 21, and Friday, October 5, the Office of Admissions and Scholarships will host "Step into the Maroon" an MSU Preview Day. Students will receive an invitation in the mail and need to register online for the date that works best for them.

Please encourage your students, and their parents, to register early, as the sessions will close when they have filled. "Step into the Maroon" an MSU Preview Day will include a college fair, campus tours, panel sessions, housing tours, visits with academic departments and lunch. For those wishing to attend the Saturday football games, three complimentary football tickets will be available to each registered student. Each event has a 400 student limit, so students are encouraged to register early.

New Online Campus Visit Registration to Come Soon

It is a great time to visit Mississippi State! We are in the final stages of moving our campus visit request to an online format. Soon, students will be able to request a campus visit via our MSU home page at msstate.edu. More details will follow soon.

Currently, students who would like to make individual visits to our campus may call our campus visit line at (662) 325-0539 to schedule their personalized visits. A typical visit to MSU includes a campus tour led by our Roadrunners, current MSU students. Riding with a Roadrunner across campus, the student will be able to visit our residence halls and the Sanderson Center. Students also will meet with an admissions counselor to discuss the admissions process and scholarship opportunities. If the student desires, we offer an optional meeting with the academic departments of their choice. Campus tours are available Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

View Transfer Course Equivalents Online

Mississippi State maintains an articulation agreement for transfer students to outline which courses will transfer and how credit will be awarded by MSU for those courses. At our Web site you can view the articulation guide by visiting <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/transfer> and then selecting "Transfer Course Equivalents." If you have any questions about articulation, please call the Office of the Registrar at (662) 325-2022.

How to Submit Immunization Requirements

We want to remind students that their immunization records for measles and rubella should be mailed or faxed to the following:

Longest Student Health Center
P.O. Box 6338

Mississippi State, MS 39762
Fax: (662) 325-8888

If you have any questions about the immunization requirements, you can reach the health center by phone at (662) 325-0706 or e-mail at health@saffairs.msstate.edu.

Access More Information on the Web

This publication, along with many others, may be accessed at our Web site:

admissions.msstate.edu

Other useful MSU Web sites include:

sfa.msstate.edu

housing.msstate.edu

honors.msstate.edu

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