C2C Grant Application Process

To be considered for the C2C Grant, please complete the following three steps:

1. Fill out and complete the 2018-19 FAFSA: [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/).
3. Make sure your C2C Coach submits your name for consideration to the State C2C Office.

**Instructions for completing the State Aid application:**

To ensure you’re flagged as a C2C student for consideration, please make sure you complete the State Aid application correctly. The following must be true and reflected on your application as such:

- Date of birth must reflect that student is 21 years of age or older
- Residency must reflect that student is a Mississippi resident/U.S. citizen
- High School graduation date must not have been within last two years
- Enrolling institution must be a MS Public Institution only
- Classification can NOT be “Entering (first-time) freshman”, or “Graduate or professional”
- Student must be pursuing an Associate Degree or Bachelor’s Degree
- Student can NOT already have an Associate or Bachelor’s degree
- Student must answer Yes to “Have you earned at least 12 college hours”
- Student can be enrolling full-time or part-time
- If the student meets all of the previous criteria, the student should see the following screening questions:
  - “Have you been enrolled in a college or university at any time during the last 24 months?”
    - If YES, then student is not eligible for C2C and will not be flagged as a C2C student for consideration.
    - If NO, then:
  - “Are you re-enrolling in college or university through the Complete 2 Compete program?”
    - If NO, student is not flagged as a C2C student.
    - If YES, then student should see the following:
      - You may be eligible for financial assistance through the Complete 2 Compete Grant program if you also complete the [Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA)](https://fafsa.ed.gov). Do you wish to apply for the Complete 2 Compete Grant Program? Yes or No
      - If YES, student will be prompted to complete the Household Verification Worksheet.
Check FAFSA and State Aid application statuses:

Please be sure to check the status of BOTH your FAFSA and State Aid applications weekly. If they need additional information or paperwork from you, they will notify you within your application on their website.

To check status of State Aid application:

- Check the status of your State Aid application (or complete missing documents/information):
  - Go to [www.riseupms.com](http://www.riseupms.com).
  - Click on the “State Aid” tab.
  - Select “Check Status (aid year completed) Application”.
  - Enter requested personal information.

- Review the section titled “Outstanding Documents for the Academic Year”. If you see the statement, “No Outstanding Documents at this Time”, then your application is complete. If supporting documents are still needed, you will see a message with instructions for submitting the outstanding documents, and the documents will be highlighted. Examples of outstanding documents may be “household verification form” or “residency doc”.

- Examples of residency documents are completed FAFSA and MS driver’s license, which can be submitted electronically during the online application. For alternate residency documents, visit the FAQ page at [http://riseupms.com/state-aid/frequently-asked-questions/#general13](http://riseupms.com/state-aid/frequently-asked-questions/#general13)

It is critical that you get these steps completed in a timely manner. Once both forms are in a “complete status” and your coach has verified enrollment (typically last day to withdraw without academic or financial penalty), it still takes up to 20 business days for your money to be received physically at the institution(s).

The C2C office nor your coach has access to what you may still be missing or need for these forms. If you have questions about what you’re missing or may still need, please contact the state financial aid office at 601.432.6997 or 1.800.327.2980.