



## Alumni Information for College Fairs – FAQs

- What are your admission requirements?
  - Average GPA: 3.74
  - Average ACT: 25.6 OR Average SAT: 1210
    - We take the highest composite score and **DO** super score!!
  - WE ARE TEST OPTIONAL FOR ADMISSION PURPOSES!
  - We do not use the writing portion of the test
- How do I apply?
  - Submit your online institutional application at [www.apply.msstate.edu](http://www.apply.msstate.edu), or through CommonApp Application
  - Upload, or ask your high school counselor to send us your official transcript
    - Students can upload via their applicant portal OR email directly to [admit@msstate.edu](mailto:admit@msstate.edu)
  - Upload, or send your official ACT or SAT scores report **if** they have tested
  - Pay your non-refundable application fee -\$40
    - We will accept an ACT/SAT fee waiver from your HS counselor
- What scholarships are available?
  - Academic Excellence
    - Award amount is based on 9th -11th grade high school GPA and test scores.
    - 3.0+ GPA and ACT/SAT to be considered. Higher GPA and higher test score will increase scholarship amount. Matrix can be viewed at [www.admissions.msstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/scholarships)
  - Non-resident Tuition Scholarships
    - We do offer scholarships without test scores.
  - College/Departmental: All colleges/departments award their own scholarships.
    - Must complete general scholarship application to be eligible and supplemental departmental scholarship application.
  - Should complete scholarship application by December 1<sup>st</sup> for maximum eligibility for all scholarships. Students will still be considered if completed after 12/1 – so always encourage them to submit it.

- Non-Resident Military Tuition Waiver – Dependents of military veterans, or active service members, can be considered for the full portion of non-resident tuition to be waived.
- Do I have to do anything to keep my scholarships?
  - Yes, you must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA to maintain your scholarship.
- Can I visit campus? How do I do that?
  - [www.admissions.msstate.edu/visit](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/visit)
    - Regular campus visits Monday-Friday 9 AM and 1 PM
      - Can see presentation, tour campus, see housing, meet with academic departments if desires but must request via confirmation email of scheduled official visit
    - Preview days in Spring and Fall
      - See online for dates. Full day campus experiences.  
[www.admissions.msstate.edu/visit/preview-days](http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/visit/preview-days)
- Where are you located? How far is it to Starkville?
  - Starkville is in the eastern part of north-central Mississippi
  - Use Google Maps to know about the driving distance from your location/city to Starkville.
- How big is the campus?
  - Around 23,000 students, so you still get that big campus feel with more personalized experience, we offer a 16:1 Student to Faculty Ratio
  - Average class size is 45-50 students.
- What is there to do on campus?
  - 350+ student organizations ranging from academic interests to hobbies to volunteer work to social organizations to student government
- How many students are Greek?
  - About 24%
  - Very active Greek system if you are interested, but majority of the campus is not Greek if it's not for you
- Do students from this area attend MSU?
  - Yes! We also host an out-of-state student social the first week of classes each year so that you can meet other non-resident students.

- Provide the student with Admissions Counselor business card to place them in direct contact with other students interested in exploring their options from the same area
- My mom/dad is an alumnus of MSU. Do I receive in-state tuition?
  - You will not be eligible for in-state tuition, but you can receive additional scholarship awards!
- My grandparents live in MS or my family owns land in MS. Can I be considered in-state?
  - No, your residency is determined by where your parents live, pay taxes, own property; lease an apartment/house, etc.
- Do I have to live on campus during my freshman year?
  - Yes, you are required to live on campus and have a meal plan your freshman year.
  - Housing is based on the date you apply to MSU for admission ([www.housing.msstate.edu](http://www.housing.msstate.edu)).
- How is my housing assignment made?
  - When you apply to MSU, you reserve your housing priority. This is your spot in line to choose your residence hall later. I encourage you to apply early! Housing is determined by your admissions application date **NOT** your housing application date.
  - You will be able to complete the housing application once you are admitted. It is not due until April 1 to keep your housing priority.
  - You can mutually request a friend for a roommate, or you can use the Housing Profile to find a compatible roommate.
- If I have AP credits, can I receive college credit?
  - Yes, if you will visit [www.catalog.msstate.edu](http://www.catalog.msstate.edu) and search “Credit by Examination” you can see the score required for each AP test to receive college credit. You can also view the class you will receive credit for and how many hours.
- I am taking dual enrollment courses. Can I receive credit?
  - Yes, if it’s from an accredited institution, you can receive credit. You can just send us the transcript when you complete the classes. The transcript needs to come from the institution in which you completed the coursework.

- Do you have an Honors program?
  - Yes, we have a great Shackouls Honor College with lots of opportunities. Study abroad, research, living learning community.
  - Honors automatically invites any student with the following credentials to join without them having to apply:
    - 3.75+ GPA
    - 30+ ACT (superscore) or 1360+ SAT
  - Otherwise, it is a separate application. [www.honors.msstate.edu](http://www.honors.msstate.edu)
- I want to play football/basketball/baseball/insert sport here. Can you tell me how to get a scholarship/talk to coaches?
  - That's great! Unfortunately, I cannot talk to you about Athletic Recruiting under NCAA recruiting regulations. The best thing to do is have your coach contact our coaches or visit [www.hailstate.com](http://www.hailstate.com).
- What makes MSU different from every other college here?
  - Tell them about your experience, what you love about MSU.
  - FAMILY
- What do students do in Starkville on weekends?
  - SEC sports—always something going on throughout the year
  - Bulldog Bash-largest outdoor concert in the state of MS, always the night before an SEC football game, downtown streets are blocked off
  - 20 minutes from a national wildlife refuge
  - Lots of “local” things to do-great restaurants, lots of shopping, art festivals, live music, etc...
  - 350+ student organizations with different events, meetings, social opportunities