Book/Meal Vouchers and Cash Advances

Summary/Purpose: Vouchers and cash advances for pending financial aid

Students may request a book voucher or cash advance to cover educational expenses if disbursement of financial aid is pending for the term. The pending aid must be in excess of all University charges.

Students who have been selected for Verification and have submitted all of the required documentation may be eligible for only a voucher for books and/or meals, not a cash advance.

Vouchers and cash advances cannot be processed for:

1. Mississippi state grants (such as MTAG, MESG, William Winter, Critical Needs, or HELP) that have not been authorized by the state office in Jackson for awarding purposes.

2. Outside scholarships. These awards will process when the funds are received by the school.

3. Institutional loan funds (such as Perkins, McKinstry, and Health Professions Loans). Once all requirements are complete for these loans, standard disbursement should occur the next business day.

To be considered for a voucher or advance, a student must complete an on-line form, which can be accessed from the Financial Aid Homepage, www.olemiss.edu/finaid/. The review process for book vouchers and cash advances will begin the first class day of the term.

Cash advances cannot be processed for students who have not completed all requirements for financial aid in a timely manner. In general, most students must wait for their aid to process normally and will not qualify for an advance. If students believe that they have extenuating circumstances (such as processing delays that appear to be due to institutional error), they should note this information in the “Reason for Request” section of the Book Voucher/Cash Advance Request Form.

The Office of Financial Aid will review all requests to ensure that students are eligible for their aid.