

McNeese State University Financial Aid Data Form

Priority Deadline: May 1

If you plan to attend a Summer semester, a separate **Summer Data Form** must be completed and submitted beginning in February

Indicate each semester and year that you are applying for aid			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall (August) _____ year	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring (January) _____ year		
Student Information (Make sure name/contact information is updated with the Registrar's Office)			
ID Number	Last Name	First	Middle
Other/Maiden			
Mailing Address		City	State
Zip			
Area Code/Phone	Email Address	Birthday (mm/dd/yyyy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
			<input type="checkbox"/> Female
High school graduation year: _____	Indicate which form of completion was earned: <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Completion		
Did you take college courses during high school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you are ONLY interested in TOPS (By checking this box you will NOT be considered for Grants, Loans, etc.)			
Anticipated Income (such as TOPS, any Scholarships, Tuition Exemption, etc.)			
Indicate the total amount of anticipated scholarships, tuition exemptions, and other aid that you will receive during the academic year. Please answer all items. Indicate zero if none of the below is expected. By leaving blank, you are indicating zero expected.			
\$ _____ TOPS Tuition	\$ _____ TOPS Stipend		
\$ _____ Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ _____ Tuition Exemption:		
\$ _____ Athletic Scholarship	\$ _____ Scholarship:		
\$ _____ National Guard Fee Waiver	\$ _____ Other:		
Class Status			
Indicate what your expected class status will be during the semester that you are applying for aid:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entering Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> New Transfer Student			
Previous College Information			
Prior to the semester that you are applying for aid, will you have earned a four-year bachelor's degree? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, list school name/date earned: _____ Date _____			
List any other colleges, vo-tech, and/or proprietary schools that you have ever attended. Official transcripts must be on file in the McNeese Registrar's Office. If no other school attended, please write "none." By leaving blank, you are indicating none attended.			
School Name:	Dates Attended:	Degrees Earned:	
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Signature			
By signing below I certify that the above information is true and that I understand and agree to the following:			
1) The Office of Financial Aid must verify the information I submit on my financial aid application, and I may be required to submit additional documentation to the McNeese Office of Financial Aid. I will allow the McNeese Office of Financial Aid to make the necessary corrections in order to complete my application for financial assistance.			
2) McNeese may use any funds I receive to pay tuition and room/board expenses related to my attendance at McNeese State University.			
3) To receive aid for Spring 2008 and beyond, all full-time freshmen and graduates must earn 9 hours each semester. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled full-time must earn 12 hours each semester. Undergraduates must maintain a overall cumulative GPA of a 2.0 at all times. Graduates must maintain a overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 at all times. See official policy if enrolled less than full time. Students may not receive financial assistance for any courses beyond 150% of their allotted attempted hours required for their degree plan. See official policy in McNeese Catalog and website for more details.			
4) If I resign or stop attending on or before 60% of the semester has been completed, I may be required to repay a portion of any grants or student loans disbursed.			
Student's Signature			Date

Financial Aid Information

The Office of Financial Aid at McNeese administers state and federal student aid programs (i.e., grants, loans, jobs). The goal of the office is to make available the best financial aid package tailored to fit each student's need. To continue this process, the enclosed McNeese Data Form must be completed and returned. Upon receipt of the data form, the Student Aid Report (SAR), and any other requested documents, an official award notice will be emailed to the student from the McNeese Office of Financial Aid.

Financial Assistance Programs Available

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- GO Grant
- Student Employment
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Direct Stafford Loan
- Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
- Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

Steps in Applying for Financial Assistance

- Complete the FAFSA, at www.fafsa.gov. Select McNeese to receive results of this application. (The code for McNeese is #002017.)
- Once the SAR, the data form, and requested documentation have been received, eligibility will be determined.
- Complete the McNeese Data Form and forward it to the McNeese Office of Financial Aid.
- Keep your contact information, including email address, updated on Banner Self-Service and check your email often.
- The results of the FAFSA application, which is the Student Aid Report (SAR) will be sent directly from the Central Processor. When received, students should read it thoroughly for accuracy, correcting errors as needed on their FAFSA.
- Beginning in March, and continuing throughout the year, you will be notified via email if you have missing requirements. You should then check your status on Banner Self-Service. Promptly provide all additional documentation requested to the McNeese Office of Financial Aid.
- Beginning in April, you will be notified of your awards via email. You should then check your status on Banner Self-Service.

Deadlines: Priority consideration for financial aid will be given to students who submit all required information to the McNeese Office of Financial Aid by **May 1** for the upcoming year.

Approximate Expenses Per Semester

Tuition & Fees (Louisiana resident) - \$2,800	Tuition & Fees (non-resident) - \$5,515	Books - \$600
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Fee Payment

At the end of the regular registration period, fee invoices will be emailed to the email address on file with the University. Students registering during late registration will not be emailed an invoice and must complete payment arrangements with the Cashier's Office by the published deadline.

Payments may be made by mail, in person, via the drop box on the north side of Smith Hall, or online via Banner Self-Service. The cashier's office no longer accepts credit card payments in person, by mail or by telephone. Students can go online at www.mcneese.edu/payment to see the Payment Policy on credit card payments and online payment changes.

A Fee Deferral Plan (FDP) is also available to allow installment payments on all registration fees, including tuition, special assessments, and class-related fees. The McNeese Bookstore offers students an interest-free student account called a Personal Touch Account (PTA). Additional information on these plans is available from either the Cashier's Office (FDP) or the Bookstore (PTA).

Important Notice: Students utilizing scholarships or financial aid to pay all or part of the fees listed on the invoice must sign and submit the Financial Aid/Scholarship authorization by the deadline indicated. Signing and submitting the authorization is the only way scholarship or financial aid funds can be applied to the McNeese student account. If the authorization is not submitted to the Cashier's Office by the indicated deadline, all classes will be dropped.

Residence Facilities/Dining Services

Residence facilities, operated and managed by Ambling Management Company, include 2- and 6-person suites, garden-style apartments, and traditional residence halls. Information on available facilities and rates may be obtained by contacting McNeese Housing and Residence Life at (337) 475-5606 or by visiting the website at www.mcneesereslife.com.

McNeese dining is managed by Chartwells and provides a variety of dining options to accommodate students and their busy schedules. These options include a traditional dining hall, a food court, and a convenience store. All students living in campus residence halls, suites, and garden apartments are required to purchase and are charged for a meal plan following final registration. Information on meal plan options and rates may be obtained by contacting Housing, Student Services or Dining Services or by visiting the McNeese website at www.mcneese.edu/students.

Brief Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities

McNeese State University conducts the tasks of education, research, and service on the fundamental assumption that every student who enrolls at the University has a right to a student-centered learning environment that fosters academic excellence and personal success. Students positively contribute to this environment by maintaining high standards of integrity and ethical honor in all academic work and personal conduct, familiarizing themselves with and adhering to all policies and regulations of the University, promptly fulfilling all academic, contractual, and financial obligations, and actively participating in university life.

Visit www.mcneese.edu/students/student-rights-and-responsibilities in order to view the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities in its entirety or contact the Dean of Student Services in the Holbrook Student Services Center, Suite 108, Box 92535, 375 Beauregard Dr., Lake Charles, LA 70609, to obtain a printed version of the document.