



**2011-2012
HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENT LOANS (HPSL)
LOANS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (LDS) AND
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (SDS)
APPLICATION**

Mercer University participates in three need-based programs offered by the Bureau of Health Professions, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), for undergraduate and/or graduate students in healthcare and medicine education programs. The Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) is a federal grant; the Loan for Disadvantaged students (LDS) and the Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) are low-interest, long-term federal loans.

You are eligible to apply for these programs if you are a citizen, national, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico or the Marianas Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated State of Micronesia.

In addition, for the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) and the Loan for Disadvantaged Students (LDS), you must characterize your financial situation as economically disadvantaged. (See chart below.)

Pharmacy students are considered for a grant and/or a loan. Nursing students are considered for a grant only.

IMPORTANT NOTE: HHS requires parent income and asset information to be reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for all students including independent students (even graduate students). In cases where the parents refuse to provide income information, an affidavit documenting such a refusal cannot be accepted in lieu of the required information. Unless the parents are deceased, a student who does not provide parental income information will not be considered for HPSL, SDS or LDS funds.

Additional information regarding the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS), the Loan for Disadvantaged students (LDS) and the Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) may be found online at <http://atlanta.merceraid.com/types.htm>.

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NAME																					
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	MAIDEN																		
PERSONAL INFORMATION																					
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		Mercer ID	E-mail Address																		
PROGRAM TYPE (SELECT ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> P1 <input type="checkbox"/> P2 <input type="checkbox"/> P3 <input type="checkbox"/> P4 <input type="checkbox"/> BSN		Do/Did you receive a Pell grant as an undergraduate student? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REPORTING PURPOSES ONLY																					
ETHNICITY (SELECT ONE): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino		RACE (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____																			
ECONOMICALLY DISVANTAGED (This section must be completed for LDS and SDS.)																					
<p>Economically disadvantaged criteria are based on YOUR PARENTS' immediate family size and YOUR PARENTS' annual income for 2010. Please check the one line below that indicates this data.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Size of Parent's Family *</td> <td style="width: 70%;">Income Level NOT Greater Than**</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 1.....</td> <td>\$21,780</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 2.....</td> <td>\$29,420</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 3.....</td> <td>\$37,060</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 4.....</td> <td>\$44,700</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 5.....</td> <td>\$52,340</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 6.....</td> <td>\$59,980</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 7.....</td> <td>\$67,620</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> 8.....</td> <td>\$75,260 (add \$7,640 for each additional person)</td> </tr> </table> <p>*Number of exemptions listed on parents' federal income tax return (e.g. family size of 4 might include two parents and two dependents).</p> <p>** YOUR PARENTS' adjusted gross income for calendar year 2010, rounded to nearest \$100.</p>		Size of Parent's Family *	Income Level NOT Greater Than**	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.....	\$21,780	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.....	\$29,420	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.....	\$37,060	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.....	\$44,700	<input type="checkbox"/> 5.....	\$52,340	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.....	\$59,980	<input type="checkbox"/> 7.....	\$67,620	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.....	\$75,260 (add \$7,640 for each additional person)	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"><input type="checkbox"/></div> <p>I do not characterize my financial situation as economically disadvantaged.</p>	
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<p>Even if you qualify based on information provided above and on the FAFSA, your eligibility to receive HPSL, LDS or SDS funds must be verified. Therefore, <u>supporting documentation must be submitted with this application.</u> A checklist has been provided on the reverse side of this form to assist you with submitting the necessary information to process your application.</p>																					

NAME			
LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	MAIDEN
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST:			
ALL STUDENTS -- INDEPENDENT AND DEPENDENT STUDENTS			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have submitted a 2011-2012 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Federal Processor with all of my parents' information. All students must complete all questions in the parental section of the FAFSA (Step Four). Although the Department of Education does not require parental information for independent students, the Department of Health and Human Services does. The parental information for independent students will not be used by the Department of Education to determine an independent student's Title IV aid eligibility. However, failure to fully complete the parental section will result in ineligibility for LDS and SDS. Approximate date FAFSA was submitted: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a signed copy of my parents' 2010 Federal Income Tax Return and copies of my parent's W-2s with this application. <i>If your parents are deceased, please submit copies of their death certificates.</i>			
SINGLE STUDENTS ONLY			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a signed copy of my 2010 Federal Income Tax Return and copies of my W-2s with this application.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I will not file and I am not required to file 2010 Federal Income Tax Return. I understand I must submit a Verification of Non-filing of Returns from the IRS by May 1, 2011 or within 30 days of submitting this application, whichever is later.			
MARRIED STUDENTS ONLY			
<input type="checkbox"/> Married and filed jointly:	<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a signed copy of my and my spouse's joint 2010 Federal Income Tax Return and copies of my and my spouse's W-2s with this application.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Married filed separately:	<input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a signed copy of my 2010 Federal Income Tax Return and copies of my W-2s with this application <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a signed copy of my spouse's 2010 Federal Income Tax Return and copies of my spouse's W-2s with this application <input type="checkbox"/> I will not file and I am not required to file a 2010 Federal Income Tax Return. I understand I must submit a Verification of Non-filing of Returns from the IRS by May 1, 2011 or within 30 days of submitting this application, whichever is later. <input type="checkbox"/> My spouse will not file and is not required to file a 2010 Federal Income Tax Return. I understand I must submit a Verification of Non-filing of Returns from the IRS by May 1, 2011 or within 30 days of submitting this application, whichever is later.		
The Office of Student Financial Planning reserves the right to request additional documentation after initial review of this application.			

To receive full consideration for the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS), the Loan for Disadvantaged students (LDS) or the Health Professions Student Loan, applications should be received in the Office of Student Financial Planning by May 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 academic year. Please note that due to the limited funds, all awarding is on a first-come, first-served basis. **SUBMISSION OF THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE AN AWARD.**

Priority Deadline: May 1, 2011

I have reviewed the online information regarding the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students (SDS), the Loan for Disadvantaged students (LDS) and the Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL).

I certify that all the information supplied on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's signature

Date

RETURN TO:

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