

## **Speech-Language Pathologist Forgivable Loan (SLPL)**

The Mississippi office of student financial aid will award approximately 8 SLPL recipients per year. Candidates must be working toward obtaining a first-time master's degree in communication sciences and disorders. The loan is offered for full-time and part-time students and will be "forgiven" after 1 year of service as a licensed SLP in MS public or charter schools per year funding was received by the recipient. The application dates are October 1 through March 31, and the documented deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup> (June 30<sup>th</sup> for the letter of acceptance). Eligibility requirements: MS resident for 1 year prior to the application process, admitted and enrolled in a program of study, and maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA. To apply, go to <https://msfadev.wpengine.com/slpl/> to complete the online application and to submit a letter of acceptance and residency documents.

### Highlights:

- About 8 awards per year
- Must be working towards 1<sup>st</sup> master's degree in Speech-Language pathology
  - o Full-time: pays for tuition and fees, 2 annual awards maximum
  - o Part-time: pays for hours enrolled, 3 annual awards maximum
- The awardee must serve as a licensed SLP in MS public or charter schools for 1 year per year of funding
  - o If this time is not served the loan must be repaid in full with 5% interest.
- Application dates are from October 1 through March 31.
  - o Document deadline is April 30 except for Letter of Acceptance which is due by June 30
- Priority is given to eligible loan renewal applicants and then awarded on a first-come first-serve basis.
- Eligibility:
  - o Must be a resident of MS for 1 year prior.
  - o Must be admitted to a program of study
  - o Must be enrolled in a program of study
  - o Maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA
  - o Copy of an MS driver License
  - o Copy of most recent FAFSA
- The awardee cannot receive another state financial aid but can receive federal and institutional financial aid.
- To Apply:
  - o Complete the online application.
  - o Mail a letter of acceptance.
  - o Prove residency:
    - FAFSA doc
    - Driver's license
- Website: <https://msfadev.wpengine.com/slpl/>