

REQUEST FOR COA INCREASE FOR COMPUTER PURCHASE 2011-2012

The U.S. Department of Education permits institutions of higher education to include in a student's Cost of Attendance (COA) the purchase of a computer for educational use. The Financial Aid Office will include this expense for students upon request and according to our policy.

- The additional cost can be paid for through Federal or Alternative Loan programs.
- There are not computer grants, scholarships, or "computer loan" funds available for this purchase.
- A student may receive this increase **ONLY** once as an undergraduate and once as a graduate/professional student.

Although we may increase your cost of attendance for the computer cost, this does not guarantee additional funds. Loan programs have requirements that may limit loan eligibility. These include: loan limits – annual and aggregate, dependency status, classification for Federal Direct Loans; dependency status and credit approval for Direct PLUS Loans; and in some instances, credit worthiness and an approved co-signor for Alternative Loans. You can never borrow more than the cost of education, less other financial aid received.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. File your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov . Use UMMC school code of 004688.
2. You will be notified via your UMMC Email account if additional documents are required.
3. The maximum COA increase for the purchase of the computer is \$2,000.
4. The payment receipt must be dated no earlier than 45 days before the start of the 2012 academic year.
5. If you need funding beyond the estimated cost of attendance, with proper documentation we can include costs for a computer purchase. Complete this form and attach required documents.
6. If you decide to accept the Federal Loan Awards you must complete loan counseling and sign Loan Promissory Notes.
7. Student loans MUST be repaid. Interest begins accruing on Federal Unsubsidized, Federal GradPLUS and Alternative loans at disbursement. Payment can be delayed while you are enrolled, however interest will accrue. It is to your benefit to make interest payments if you can, as interest is added to your principal balance at repayment. Monthly interest on \$10,000 will be approximately \$70.

DOCUMENTATION TO ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

- Applicants are required to submit:
 1. Completed form.
 2. Original dated '**paid in full**' receipt/proof of purchased OR
 3. Invoice/itemized statement in your name from the place of purchase listing estimate of the cost of the proposed purchase.

APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

The University of Mississippi Medical Center
Financial Aid Office
2500 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39216

**APPLICATION –
COMPUTER PURCHASE 2011-2012**

SECTION 1. TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

LName:				FName:		
Student Number:				COA Increase Request: \$		
Enrollment Term:	Summer	Fall	Spring	Year:		

SECTION 2. COMPUTER PURCHASE INFORMATION

Place of Purchase:			Cost:		
Date of Purchase:					

If approved, you will be awarded Federal Direct Loans up to your maximum Federal Direct Loan eligibility. If you are at your Federal Direct Loan max and want to use a Direct PLUS Loan (parent loan) or an alternative loan, you must indicate so by checking here.

If you are a Barksdale or Purks scholarship recipient, please check here. These scholarships will cover the purchase cost of a computer.

SECTION 3. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS (TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT AND PARENT)

I request that my Cost of Attendance be increased to cover the purchase of a computer. I understand that increasing my COA to include the attached costs for purchasing a computer **does not guarantee** that UMMC Financial Aid Office will have funds available to increase the amount of financial aid offered to me for the academic year.

I certify that the information submitted to support this request is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I must adhere to the conditions articulated in the terms and conditions above and will not again be eligible to receive a budget increase for the purchase of computer during my current enrollment status (undergraduate or graduate/professional).

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Return application and documents to:

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Jackson, MS 39216**

Office Use Only: Certification Date _____ Certified by _____

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ | Reason: _____