

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO  
MILLSAPS COLLEGE



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CONSIDER YOUR CHILD SPENDING FOUR YEARS  
AT AN INSTITUTION THAT *is* ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING  
YET INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE.



Millsaps College provides the perfect atmosphere for learning, with one teacher for every 12 students and an average class size of 15. Associated with the United Methodist Church, Millsaps is home to 1,200 undergraduate students from 32 states and 16 countries. Students have intellectual firepower and know they will be taught by faculty who are as serious about teaching as they are about learning. Professors come to Millsaps for the same reason students do – to learn in a meaningful and personal way. They know their academic disciplines inside and out, and on our campus they're able to get to know their students just as well. Classroom discussions are inviting and insightful, and complex topics are often hashed out over coffee during informal sessions in professors' offices. Millsaps students regularly conduct research projects and publish papers with their professors – academic privileges reserved for graduate students at most schools. But at Millsaps, the faculty is focused on *your* student.

Millsaps students excel in collegiate sports, Greek organizations, community service, student government, church-related organizations, and performing arts. And for 17 out of 21 years, the College has won recognition as the Mississippi college or university with the highest graduation rate for student-athletes.

The Millsaps College Writing Program is recognized as one of the premier writing programs in the country. Our "Writing Across the Curriculum" initiative ensures that every student develops excellent writing skills – a prized commodity in any profession. Students can take advantage of interdisciplinary majors or work with faculty advisers to design a major around their particular interests. Specialized tracks include medicine, law, engineering, social work, education, and ministry. But no matter the career choice, students' studies will be modeled to perfect their talents, stoke their passions, and achieve their goals.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BRIGHT *and* DETERMINED,  
FINANCING *a* MILLSAPS EDUCATION  
IS WITHIN REACH.



A Millsaps education is worth more, and can cost more, than some other institutions. But don't let that scare you away. We tend to reward our truly gifted and hardest-working students. More than 90 percent of our students receive some sort of financial assistance, including academic merit-based awards, leadership and service scholarships, institutional need-based grants, and state and federal financial aid. For academic, leadership, service, and performing arts merit-based aid, students need not submit any applications or forms other than those required for admission. A list of specific Millsaps scholarships is available online at [www.millsaps.edu/admiss/scholarships.shtml](http://www.millsaps.edu/admiss/scholarships.shtml). Families are also encouraged to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by visiting the government website at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) in order to determine eligibility for need-based grants and students loans.

Questions along the way? Just call our Office of Admissions at 800-352-1050 or email [admissions@millsaps.edu](mailto:admissions@millsaps.edu). Our financial aid staff is also ready to assist you, and can be reached at 601-974-1220, or by email at [financialaid@millsaps.edu](mailto:financialaid@millsaps.edu).


# THE MILLSAPS EXPERIENCE: THE PARENT PERSPECTIVE.



The name of Millsaps has always buzzed in our ears as residents of Jackson. The compliments surrounding the name have not only been consistent while living in this community, but have proven true in our lives and our children's. Taylor started his college career at a state school where he enjoyed the social aspect rather than the balancing act of academia. At Millsaps, he was involved with student government and actually enjoyed going to class. We were no longer the outsiders experiencing Millsaps; we were now a part of the family. Taylor graduated with an education major and an English minor and now teaches at a public school in Jackson.

Our second child, Emily, never wanted to go away to college. Her first choice was Millsaps because of its reputation and proximity. On Move-In-Day, while we hung pictures and made beds, a surprise visitor arrived in the room calling Emily and her roommates' names. The visitor was not a family member or a neighbor but the president of Millsaps, Dr. Frances Lucas. She sat on the bed and welcomed us to Millsaps College. Emily received her major in studio art and in the process had her own art show and a gallery talk that were experiences of a lifetime. Though she was in her hometown, Emily did leave home and became the person we and Millsaps knew she could be. Our children got the best education possible and became thinkers and leaders for their generation. We have had the opportunity to meet wonderful parents, students, and staff members who have always embraced us with open arms. We are a Millsaps family.

—Jane and Price Hildebrand



THE MILLSAPS

# FAITH & WORK INITIATIVE:

CONNECTING PASSION *and* COMPASSION

The Millsaps Faith & Work Initiative cultivates passionate and compassionate leaders for the future. We challenge students to ask big questions, like “Who am I?” and “What do I have to offer the world?” Through academic courses, hands-on experiences, and leadership development and spiritual exploration programs, we help students prepare themselves for a life of meaning, service, ethics, and faith. We don’t focus on just one dimension of our students’ development. Instead, we help them connect it all: heart, head, and hands.

## PROFESSING THE PROFESSIONS

Is it possible to be a successful professional and serve the common good? Role models from every field show our students the way.

## IMMERSED IN MEANING

Digging deep into another world of meaning can be a transformative experience. Students are invited to join us on immersion trips to places near and far. Explore, serve, be transformed.

## THE MEANING OF WORK

We spend most of our waking hours at work, but we rarely think about what it all means. This course engages students in a vital discussion of work and meaning.

## ETHICS


In a fast-paced, complex world, young people need to prepare themselves to uphold the highest standards. A range of exciting ethics courses meets this crucial need.

## LILLY INTERNSHIPS

Not your typical internship, our Lilly Interns work side by side with top professionals in students’ fields of interest.

## FROM CLASSROOM TO COMMUNITY

We take our learning to the streets by applying it in ways that enhance academic growth as well as civic engagement and moral responsibility.



WE KNOW *your* STUDENT  
WANTS A CAREER.

We want our students to leave our halls with much more than a stellar GPA. As a college, it is our goal to give them both the knowledge and the experience to excel in the real world, so we encourage students to undertake internships in their fields of interest. Through Millsaps' connections, opportunities abound in the capital city of Jackson and on a national level. Our students have interned at places like NASA, Nike®, the FBI, and Sotheby's. Graduate school is also a prerequisite for many careers, so students and parents alike sleep a little better knowing that Millsaps graduates are accepted to medical school, law school, and graduate school at a rate well above the national average. As a matter of fact, more than 70 percent of our graduates go on to pursue advanced degrees at the nation's top graduate schools.



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Ranked by The Princeton Review as a Best Value College

Listed in the Templeton Foundation's  
*Colleges That Encourage Character Development*