



Pathways for Paraprofessionals Checklist

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO SUCCESSFULLY PARTICIPATE IN PATHS FOR PARAS PROGRAM

Become a Special Education teacher through the Pathways for Paras registered apprenticeship program at Missouri State University! It is highly important that you complete each of these tasks.



Complete the Interest Form

This will let us know that you would like to be in this apprenticeship program. [Pathways for Paraprofessionals Interest Form.](#)

Apply to MSU

For undergraduates, select the Special Education/Cross-Categorical BSED program. It is free for undergraduates to apply. For graduate students, select Special Education, Alternative Certification Track, MSED. There is a \$60 application fee for graduate students. [View this page for more information on applying.](#)

Fill out the FAFSA

Go to the [FAFSA website found here](#) and complete the steps to fill out the FAFSA.

Apply for Financial Aid

[TEACH Grant](#)
[FastTrack Grant](#)
[MSU Foundation scholarships](#)
[Outside scholarships](#)

For Questions: [Make an appointment with Financial Aid advisor.](#)

Accept Financial Aid Offers

Go to [My.MissouriState.edu](#). Find the **Student** tab, under the "My Financial Aid" box select **Financial Aid Home Page**. Under the **Award Offer** tab, you must find your offers and accept them.

Schedule Appointment with your Advisor

For undergraduates, [view the education advisement page](#). For graduate students, [contact Lisa Monkres.](#)

Register through MO Jobs

[Please use this link to complete the MO Jobs application.](#)

Workforce Development Grants:

You may be eligible for the ABA Grant, which includes 10 counties in Missouri.

[Please use this link to complete the ABA application.](#)

You may also be eligible for the EDA Grant, which includes 58 counties in Missouri
[Please use this link to complete the EDA application](#)

Register for Classes

After meeting with your advisor, you can register for your classes at your earliest registration date and time. For assistance with registering, you can ask your advisor or [review this webpage.](#)

Complete, Sign, and Submit FERPA Form

[Please use this link to find the FERPA form to complete.](#) This **gives permission for MSU to communicate with your school district.** You will need to sign onto MyMissouriState in order to complete it. It is vitally important that you sign and submit this form.

Note: You should check your university email regularly. All communications, like financial aid and Pathways updates, will come through here and not your personal email.

For questions or concerns, please contact PathsforParas@MissouriState.edu.

For general information about the program, [check out this website.](#)