

This document contains vital dates and information regarding graduation. Keep it in a safe place for reference.

FALL 2020 VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT DATE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020

Due to COVID-19, the fall 2020 commencement ceremony will be virtual. Given the size of our graduating class, the limitations on size of gatherings, and the health risks associated with gatherings, we felt this was the only choice to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff and student's families during the ceremony.

FINAL FALL 2020 APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1. Contact the Registrar's Office if you missed the deadline.

GRADUATION FEE:

A graduation fee of **\$50** will be posted to your student account by **November 9**. All fees are payable to Delta State University, Student Business Services, Kent Wyatt Hall #131, Cleveland, MS 38733. Please include your student ID# with payments, or you can make payment through MyDSU Portal. **Fees must be paid by you to receive your diploma and for transcripts to be delivered.**

CHANGES TO APPLICATION:

To make any changes to your application you must call the Registrar's Office at 846-4040.

If graduation requirements will not be completed by the end of the Fall 2020 semester, it is imperative that you contact the Registrar's Office to inactivate your application by Thursday, November 5.

If your name is not removed from the graduation list by the deadline and if you do not meet graduation requirements, you will be responsible for re-applying for graduation and paying the \$50 fee for that application as well.

DIPLOMAS:

Diplomas will not be given out or mailed prior to **January 25**. All fees must be paid and all holds must be cleared in order for your diploma to be released. **All diplomas will be mailed to the address you provided on your graduation application. If this address changes, notify the Registrar's Office soon as possible.**

FINANCIAL AID EXIT INTERVIEWS

Financial Aid exit interviews are required for all students who have received Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized loans. Exit Counseling can be completed online at www.studentloans.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid office at 662-846-4670. All undergraduate students who graduate and who will be fully admitted in a graduate program for the Spring semester, must contact the Financial Aid office at 662-846-4670 or finaid@deltastate.edu.

Perkins Loans exit interviews will be held for all students who have received a Perkins Loan. Please contact Student Business Services at 662-846-4698 for times and location.

GRADUATION EXIT SURVEY:

The Graduation Exit Survey will be administered on **November 2**. The survey link will be sent to your Okramail account and will be available in the lower left corner on the main page on our website. If you encounter any issues with retrieving the link, please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 662-846-4053.

REGALIA (CAP AND GOWN) PURCHASE:

If you wish to purchase regalia for your picture for the ceremony or to keep, regalia orders and payments can only be made directly to the Jimmy R. Williams bookstore. Commencement fee of \$50 paid online DOES NOT include regalia fees. Regalia will not be ordered until payment has been received.

You can purchase your regalia by clicking on the following link: <https://gradsupply.com/dsu/>, or by contacting the **Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore** by phone at [662-846-4640](tel:662-846-4640) or by email at SM8031@bncollege.com.

If you want to receive your regalia in time to wear it in the photo you will be asked to submit for the virtual ceremony, you will need to purchase your regalia ASAP in order to receive it in time.

Cost of regalia will be as follows:

- **BACHELOR PACKAGE – \$49.20 incl. tax** (Purchase – includes cap, gown, and tassel)
- **MASTER/SPECIALIST PACKAGE – \$95.21 incl. tax** (Purchase – includes cap, gown, tassel, and hood)
- **DOCTOR PACKAGE – \$99.49 incl. tax** (Purchase – includes cap, gown, tassel, and hood)

All student regalia orders are non-refundable purchases after the October 28th refund request deadline. Prices below do not reflect the additional \$20 late fee that will be added to **ALL** orders placed after the October 25th deadline or the \$8.50 fee that will be added to SHIP-TO-HOME orders.

Your regalia order will be shipped to you for arrival the week of November 9th. Regalia pick up at the bookstore will also be available in lieu of shipping starting Monday, November 9th.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Graduation announcements may be ordered through the Jimmy R. Williams Bookstore.

GRADES:

Correspondence grades, incomplete grade removals and grades from other institutions **MUST** be in the Registrar's Office by **November 30**. Make sure you request an official transcript from that institution be mailed to: Rhonda Loper, Registrar's Office, KWH 152, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS 38733 after completing your course(s).

TEACHER CERTIFICATION:

Students eligible for certification through the State Department of Education in Jackson must have National Teachers' Exam Scores and an application for certification on file in the Office of Field Experiences, Ewing 370. Electronic applications for certification are completed on the MDE website: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/>

******Please remember, all university student account holds must be cleared BEFORE diplomas and transcripts will be mailed out.**