

Clemson "Call Me MISTER" Program for African American Males

**Due date:** Not specified

**Amount:** Tuition assistance through loan forgiveness programs

**Organization:** Clemson University

**Website address:** <http://www.clemson.edu/hehd/departments/education/research-service/callmemister/>

**Download application:** <http://www.clemson.edu/hehd/departments/education/research-service/callmemister/application.html>

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**Qualifications:** The mission of the Call Me MISTER (acronym for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) Initiative is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background particularly among the State's lowest performing elementary schools. Student participants are largely selected from among under-served, socio-economically disadvantaged and educationally at-risk communities.

The Call Me MISTER program combines the special strengths and resources of Clemson University with the individualized instructional programs offered by four historically black colleges in South Carolina: Benedict College, Claflin University, Morris College and South Carolina State University. To provide even greater opportunity and access, students have the option of first attending one of our two-year partner colleges before transferring to one of the four-year institutions to complete their baccalaureate degree. In addition, the project has limited enrollment in the middle school Master of Art in Teaching program.

**Other Documents Needed:** *Procedures for admission to the "Call Me MISTER" program must be completed in the following order:*

1. **Apply for and be accepted into one of the participating colleges or universities from which the degree and teaching certificate will be earned.**
2. Complete the Call Me MISTER online referral application.

3. Submit the following items:
  1. High School diploma and final transcript or General Education Development (GED) certificate.
  2. Two letters of recommendation:
    1. One (1) from a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal at the high school form which the diploma is earned.
    2. One (1) from a person of the student's choice who can express the student's involvement in the community and/or potential for entering the teaching profession.
  3. An essay entitled, "Why I Want to Teach," which will address the student's motivation for entering the teaching profession and the contributions he hopes to make to the profession and to the community as a teacher.
  4. An essay entitled "How do you believe the Call Me MISTER program will benefit you as a student?"
  5. A signed statement certifying that student is from an underserved, underprivileged or economically disadvantaged background or area.

Following the submission of the items above, an interview will be scheduled with the prospective program participants to ascertain their potential for teaching and their motivations for participation in the program, as well as to provide an opportunity for clarification of any information submitted through the application process.

**GPA:** Not specified

**Gender:** Male

**Ethnicity:** African American

**School:** Any

**Requires School Committee/Nomination:** No