

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 3, 2021

The Honorable Miguel Cardona
Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Cardona,

I write today to request that the Department of Education accept Morris Brown College's application to be allowed to participate in Federal financial aid programs under their pre-accreditation candidacy status. Morris Brown College was founded in 1881 by the African Methodist Episcopal Church and is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in Atlanta, Georgia.

Last November, Morris Brown College announced their accreditation application with the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) had been approved. Morris Brown College is the first Historically Black College and University to earn its accreditation back twenty years later.

On April 13, 2021, Morris Brown College entered into the pre-accreditation candidacy status, which indicated demonstrated compliance with the Institutional Eligibility Requirements via the Self-Study process. In this new status, Morris Brown College submitted an application in May to the Department of Education for it to be allowed to participate in Federal financial aid programs. These financial aid programs, like the Federal Pell Grant, are vital to ensuring more students will be able to attend and complete a degree at Morris Brown College.

I urge you to accept Morris Brown College's application for participation in Federal financial aid programs. Additionally, I continue to urge you to reconsider the prior disbursed allocations from the American Rescue Plan and include Morris Brown College in updated allocation tables for which they would have otherwise qualified for had they not miss the cut off by a week.

Thank you for your swift attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jon Ossoff
U.S. Senator

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