

LAFAYETTE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Lafayette County Community College Tuition Assistance Program (CCTAP)?**
The CCTAP is coordinated with federal aid, state aid, and scholarship funds to assure that Lafayette County residents' tuition will be paid at Northwest Mississippi Community College for four consecutive regular semesters. Your participation in this program is contingent upon your compliance with a few requirements and availability of program funds.
- 2. Do I have to be a current resident of Lafayette County? Yes (proof required)**
- 3. If I live in another county but graduated from a Lafayette County school, do I qualify? No**
- 4. What if I graduated from another school but currently live in Lafayette County?**
Proof of your residence will be required.
- 5. If I meet the resident requirements and graduate, how do I apply?**
You may pick up an application at the NWCC Financial Aid Office, NWCC Recruiting Office, or at any Lafayette County high school. The application may be printed from the NWCC Web site at www.northwestms.edu
- 6. Before the CCTAP will be considered, what should I do to apply?**

 - a. Graduate from high school by May 31, 2009.
 - b. Take the American College Test (ACT) by June 30, 2009.
 - c. Complete the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) application at www.mississippi.edu by September 15, 2009.
 - d. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by July 1, 2009.
 - e. Apply for NWCC institutional scholarship by April 1, 2009.
 - f. Enroll at Northwest Mississippi Community College as a full-time student (12 hours or more).
 - g. Complete the Lafayette County Community College Tuition Assistance Program (CCTAP) Application by July 1, 2009.
- 7. Will I be able to get the CCTAP as well as state grants, federal grants and scholarship?**
Possibly. Federal grants, State grants, and scholarships will be applied first toward tuition. In the event these awards do not cover tuition, the CCTAP would be applied. If these awards cover tuition, the CCTAP would not be applicable. Work study awards and student loans will be excluded from the calculation.
- 8. Is it possible to not qualify for the CCTAP my first year but qualify the second year?**
Yes. If your awards change from your freshman year to your sophomore year and no longer cover tuition, you would need to reapply for the CCTAP.
- 9. What must I do to continue to receive the CCTAP for four semesters?**
Pass a minimum of 12 hours each semester of your freshman year with a 2.0 GPA, and reapply for your sophomore year.
- 10. Do I have to start at NWCC the first regular semester following graduation, or can I wait and start later? May I take off a semester and then receive the CCTAP when I start back?**
You have to start at NWCC the first fall semester following your graduation and continue for four consecutive regular semesters to receive CCTAP funds.
- 11. If I qualify as a freshman but fail to pass 12 hours, can I reapply for the next fall provided I passed 12 hours during the spring semester with a 2.0 GPA?**
No. Once you lose your scholarship, you cannot be awarded again.
- 12. How much is awarded per semester if I qualify for the full CCTAP?**
It depends on the tuition per semester set by NWCC. A full CCTAP will cover the full tuition charged by NWCC.
- 13. Is it possible to receive a refund from the CCTAP? No**
- 14. If I am offered an institutional (NWCC) scholarship and refuse it, will I be eligible for the CCTAP?**
If you refuse a NWCC scholarship, it will still be included in the CCTAP calculation.
- 15. What if I enter the military immediately following graduation from high school?**
You will be eligible to apply for CCTAP after completing your military obligation.

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE
APPLICATION**

The CCTAP program is coordinated with federal and state aid and scholarship funds to assure that your tuition will be paid for four consecutive regular academic semesters. Your participation in this program is contingent upon your compliance with a few requirements and the availability of program funds.

To take advantage of the CCTAP, you must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a resident of Lafayette County (proof required)
- Graduate from high school before May 31, 2009.
- Take the American College Test (ACT) by June 30, 2009.
- Apply for the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) at www.mississippi.edu by September 15, 2009.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by July 1, 2009.
- Apply for NWCC Institutional scholarships by April 1, 2009.
- Enroll as a full-time student (at least 12 academic hours) at Northwest Mississippi Community College for the fall semester following your high school graduation or after completing your military obligation if you enter the military immediately following high school graduation.

CCTAP assistance will be used **ONLY** after all applicable federal grants, state grants, and scholarship funds have been awarded and applied toward your tuition. If you refuse a NWCC scholarship, it will still be included in the CCTAP calculation as if you had accepted the scholarship. Work study awards and student loans will be excluded from the calculation.

The CCTAP is available to you for four consecutive regular semesters (**summer school is not included in the program**) beginning with the fall semester of your freshman year following your high school graduation. This application will cover your two freshman semesters. **You must apply again for assistance during your sophomore year.**

To continue to receive assistance under the CCTAP, you must:

- Pass a minimum of 12 hours each semester with a 2.0 grade point average.

If either one of the above requirements is not met in any semester, you will be removed from the program and will not ever be eligible for CCTAP assistance.

By entering the CCTAP, you are granting Northwest Mississippi Community College permission to release grades, attendance, and/or financial aid information to your parents/guardians and the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors.

Student's Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ County You Live In _____

Social Security No. _____ Telephone No. _____

ACT Score (required) _____ High School _____

Graduation _____ E-Mail Address _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Submit this signed agreement to the NWCC Financial Aid Office by July 1, 2009.

*Mail to:
NWCC Financial Aid Office
4975 HWY 51 N.
Senatobia, MS 38668*

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCTAP)
CHECKLIST**

Before you can be awarded the CCTAP at Northwest Mississippi Community College, the following must be completed:

_____ Graduate from high school before **May 31, 2009.**

_____ Take the American College Test (ACT) by **June 30, 2009.**

_____ Complete the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) Application at www.mississippi.edu by **September 15, 2009.**

_____ Complete application for the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by **July 1, 2009.**

_____ Apply for NWCC institutional scholarships by **April 1, 2009.**

_____ Complete the Lafayette County Guaranteed Tuition program (CCTAP) Application by **July 1, 2009.**

Note: CCTAP assistance will be used only after all applicable federal grants, state grants, and scholarship funds have been awarded and applied toward your tuition. If you refuse an NWCC scholarship, it will still be included in the CCTAP calculation as if you have accepted the scholarship. Work study awards and student loans will be excluded from the calculation.

You must be a resident of Lafayette County.