



2018-2019 PONTOTOC COUNTY TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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APPLICATION

Application Deadline is September 1, 2018
PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PAGE CAREFULLY!!
IF ALL CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET, YOUR TAP WILL NOT BE AWARDED.

The TAP program is coordinated with federal aid, state aid, and scholarship funds to assure that your tuition will be paid for four, consecutive academic semesters (excluding summer). 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 TAP, you must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
Must be a resident of Pontotoc County (proof of parent's/legal guardian's residence in Pontotoc County must be attached)
Apply for Northwest Institutional scholarships by April 1, 2018.
Graduate with a high school diploma from a Pontotoc County high school in December 2017 or May/June 2018.
Take the American College Test (ACT) by June 30, 2018.
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov by July 1, 2018.
Apply for and submit all requested documentation to the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) at www.riseupms.com/state-aid/ by July 1, 2018.
Enroll as a full-time student (at least 15 academic hours) at Northwest Mississippi Community College for the Fall 2018 semester following your high school graduation or after completing your military obligation if you enter the military immediately following high school graduation.

TAP assistance will be used ONLY after all applicable federal grants, state grants, and scholarship funds have been awarded and applied toward your tuition (\$1500). If you refuse a Northwest scholarship, it will still be included in the TAP calculation as if you had accepted the scholarship. Work study awards and student loans will be excluded from the calculation.

The TAP is available to you for four, consecutive regular semesters (summer school is not included in the program) beginning with the fall or spring semester immediately following your high school graduation (e.g. December 2017 graduates must enroll full-time in January 2018 or May/June 2018 graduates must enroll full-time in August 2018). 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 TAP, you must:

- Pass a minimum of 15 hours each semester with a 2.0 grade point average. If you drop below 15 hours, you lose your eligibility. If your GPA falls below 2.0, you lose your eligibility.
Do not sit out a semester. If you do not enroll for four, consecutive semesters (excluding summer), you lose your eligibility.

If these requirements are not met in any semester, you will be removed from the program and will no longer be eligible for TAP funds. There is no appeal process if you lose your TAP eligibility.

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

Freshman (initial application) Sophomore (renewal application)

Student's Last Name First Name

Address

City, State, Zip County You Live In (attach proof)

Social Security No. Phone No.

ACT Score (required) High School

Graduation Date E-Mail Address

Student's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Submit this signed agreement to the Northwest Financial Aid Office by September 1, 2018.