

**2017-2018 BENTON COUNTY
TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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APPLICATION

**Application Deadline is September 1, 2017
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 Benton County (proof of parent's/legal guardian's residence in Benton County **must be attached**)
- Apply for Northwest Institutional scholarships **by April 1, 2017.**
- Graduate with a high school diploma from a Benton County high school in **December 2016 or May/June 2017.**
- Take the American College Test (ACT) **by June 30, 2017.**
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov **by July 1, 2017.**
- Apply for and submit all requested documentation to the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) at www.riseupms.com/state-aid/ **by July 1, 2017.**
- Enroll as a **full-time student** (at least 15 academic hours) at Northwest Mississippi Community College for the Fall 2017 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 2016 graduates must enroll full-time in January 2017 or May/June 2017 graduates must enroll full-time in August 2017). 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 Benton 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, 2017.