

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This document constitutes a MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) made and entered into with Pearl River Community College, herein referred to as PRCC, the City of Diamondhead and Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc., herein referred to as SMPDD.

The MOU promotes higher education opportunities at Pearl River Community College, for eligible participants who reside in the City of Diamondhead. The Fiscal Year 2023 allocation shall not exceed a total of \$5,000.00 which will be sent from the City of Diamondhead to SMPDD and then to PRCC to be used for specified economic development program, i.e. tuition assistance to eligible participants who reside in The City of Diamondhead, in accordance with authorizing statutes, including but not limited to Mississippi Code 17-19-1. See also Mississippi Attorney General's opinion 2011-00078. The City of Diamondhead can provide funds to the SMPDD through Miss. Code Section 19-9-111.

The PRCC County Tuition Assistance Program (CTAP) will provide tuition for four consecutive semesters of higher education at PRCC. Students must enroll full-time (15 hours) at Pearl River Community College for the fall semester immediately after graduating from high school or earning their high school equivalency certificate. Through the CTAP program, applicants may pursue any degree or certificate offered at PRCC. There will be no income requirements on the grant being offered. Non-tuition related expenses such as supplies, books, fees and room and board are not included in the tuition assistance program. SMPDD shall serve as a fiscal agent for the CTAP program, with no other programmatic or administrative duties.

High School Equivalency (HSE) certificate recipients that are residents of The City of Diamondhead are also eligible. These students must matriculate into the credit bearing classes during the semester immediately following the completion of the HSE certificate of the very next semester when the desired program is scheduled to begin. Proof of residency may be required. Participation in this program is contingent upon the availability of program funding. Award amounts are subject to change. The CTAP amount is a possible maximum of the current costs of tuition.

All students must complete the CTAP application prior to receiving any tuition assistance. All CTAP awards will be based on other aid received and are subject to CTAP program guidelines.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon the signatures of all parties.

Adam Breerwood, President
Pearl River Community College

Date

Leonard Bentz, Executive Director
Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District, Inc.

Date

Jon McCraw, City Manager
City of Diamondhead

Date