

# THE NEED FOR DEGREES

There is a production shortfall of college credentials of value.



# 47.6%

current postsecondary attainment rate  
*(Lumina Foundation, January 2024)*



# 63%

of all jobs in Mississippi will require some training beyond high school  
*(Georgetown University National Report, March 2024)*



# 87%

of current MS employers indicate the workforce needs additional education and training  
*(Accelerate MS Horizons Conference, August 2024)*

**There are not enough Mississippians educated for the workforce.**



## PRISON EDUCATION

Filling labor shortages with skilled reentry workers.



MISSISSIPPI  
CONSORTIUM FOR  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
IN PRISON



NORTHEAST  
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Providing educational opportunities for  
more skilled Mississippians.

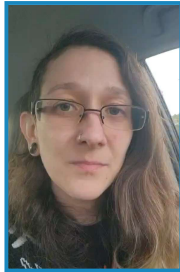
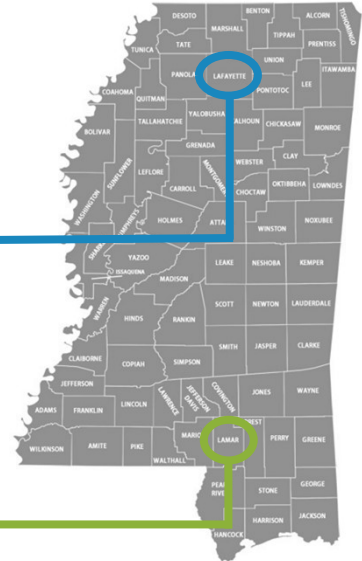


# MTAG WORKS IS A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

There are in-need students to be trained who do not qualify for state aid.



**JENNIFER A.**  
LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
PRE-MED  
OLE MISS  
**MAX PELL**  
Does not qualify for MTAG.



**SARAH P.**  
LAMAR COUNTY  
IT SECURITY / ACCOUNTANT  
PRCC / MS STATE  
**MAX PELL**  
Did not qualify for MTAG.

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**AMIYAH S.**  
MARSHALL COUNTY  
BIOLOGY  
RUST COLLEGE  
**MAX PELL**  
Does not qualify for MTAG.



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## \$7,395

Max Pell Grant amount in 2024.

## \$14,774

Average cost of attendance at a MS community college in 2024.

## \$26,547

Average cost of attendance at a public MS university in 2024.

# 34%

of all state aid applicants  
qualified for max Pell Grant.

**None** of these students qualify for MTAG.

**Current MTAG exclusions are limiting student options.**  
*(Office of Student Financial Aid, 2024)*



# MTAG WORKS IS A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

There are part-time students to be trained who do not qualify for state aid.



**JENNY H.**

NEWTON COUNTY  
ALUMNI, MERIDIAN CC  
PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT  
**PART-TIME**  
Did not qualify for MTAG.

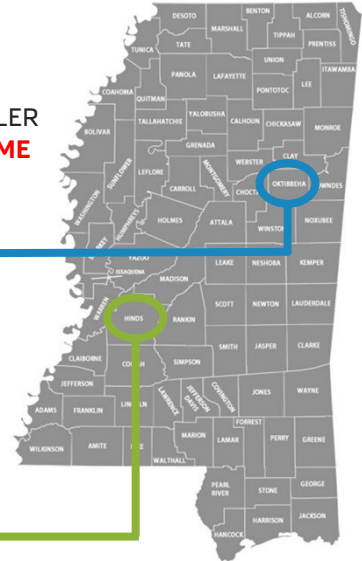


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**JAMIE S. & MADDY S.**  
**PART TIME**, MS STATE  
Did not qualify for MTAG.  
PARENT OF HIGH SCHOOLER  
**DUAL CREDIT = PART-TIME**  
Will not qualify for MTAG.



**REBEKAH W.**  
HINDS COUNTY  
ICU NURSE  
ALUMNI, UMMC  
NURSING, BSN  
**PART-TIME**  
Did not qualify for MTAG.

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There are part-time students to be trained who do not qualify for state aid.

**22,042**

Fall 2022 | Number of Part Time CC Students

**13,622**

Fall 2023 | Number of Part Time IHL Students

**0**

Number of part time students eligible for state aid.

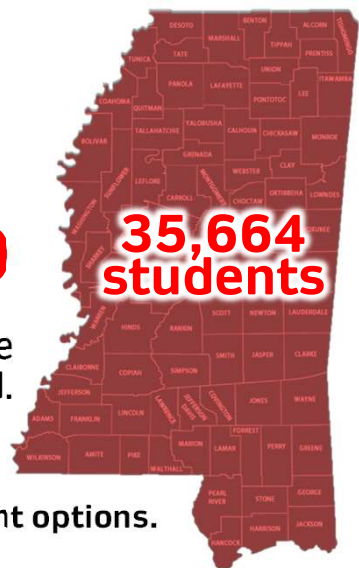
**100%**

of part-time students are currently ineligible for state aid.

**None of these students qualify for MTAG.**

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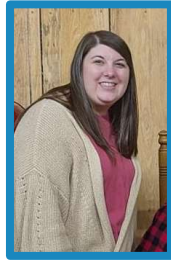
*(Office of Student Financial Aid, 2024)*



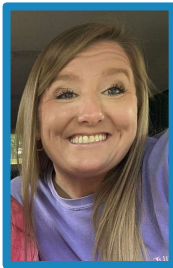
**35,664 students**

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There are working age adults to be trained who do not qualify for state aid.



**ASHLEY P**  
BOLIVAR COUNTY  
BUSINESS  
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
**ADULT LEARNER**  
Does not qualify for MTAG.



**HEATHER M**  
LAUDERDALE COUNTY  
PRE-NURSING  
EAST CENTRAL CC  
**ADULT LEARNER**  
Does not qualify for MTAG.



# MTAG WORKS IS A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

There are adult students to be trained who do not qualify for state aid.

# 11,710

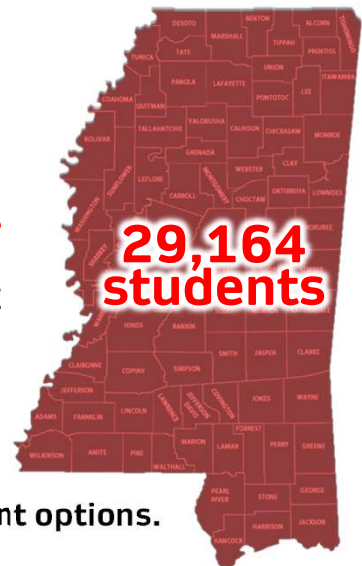
Fall 2023 | Number of Adult Learners at CCs

# 17,454

Fall 2023 | Number of Adult IHL Students

# Most

adult students are not eligible for state aid due to initial test score requirements.



# 29,164 students

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*(Office of Student Financial Aid, 2024)*

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FRESHMAN  
PRACTICAL NURSING MAJOR  
3.0 GPA  
18 ACT®  
**MAX PELL GRANT**

# 34%

of all state aid applicants  
qualified for max Pell Grant.

**None of these students  
qualify for MTAG.**



SENIOR  
CYBERSECURITY MAJOR  
3.7 GPA  
23 ACT®  
**PART-TIME**

# 36%

of all community college students, and 21% of  
IHL students, are enrolled part time.

**None of these students  
qualify for MTAG.**



STOP OUT SOPHOMORE  
EDUCATION MAJOR  
2.8 GPA  
No ACT Score  
**ADULT LEARNER**

# 23%

of all IHL students, and 18% of community  
college students, are adult learners.

**Most of these students  
do not qualify for MTAG.**

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*(Office of Student Financial Aid, 2024)*



**MTAG has lost buying power.**

**The junior award amount in 1996 covered  
14% of the average IHL university cost of  
attendance.**

**In 2024, the same award covers less than 4%.**



# THE NEED FOR MTAG WORKS

There are students to be trained who can gain a college credential of value with state aid.



## GRAD RATE: +14%

Current Grad Rate: 49%  
Estimated Grad Rate with MTAG Works: 63%

**Make MTAG work for more Mississippians.**  
*(MTAG Works ROI Analysis and Calculation, 2024)*

# THE NEED FOR MTAG WORKS

Providing educational opportunities for more skilled Mississippians.



## KEY UPDATES

- ✓ INCLUDE MAX PELL STUDENTS
- ✓ INCLUDE PART-TIME AND ADULT STUDENTS
- ✓ REMOVE INITIAL HIGH SCHOOL GPA / ACT
- ✓ INTRODUCE THREE INCOME-BASED AWARD LEVELS
- ✓ MAINTAIN NO INCOME CAP
- ✓ NO INSTITUTION OR STUDENT GETS LESS THAN CURRENT AWARD

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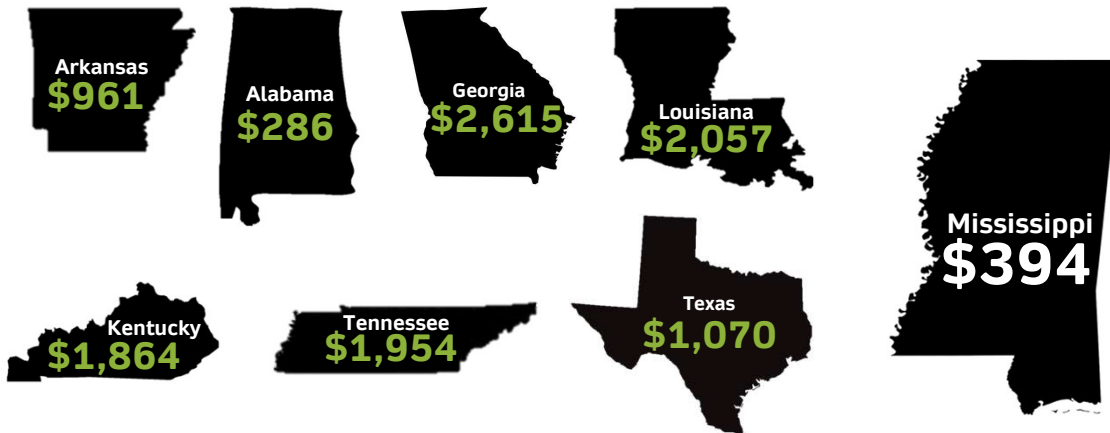


AID LEVELS BY INCOME & ENROLLMENT					
	Number of New Recipients	Freshman/Sophomore Years	Junior/Senior Years	Aid over 4 Years (full-time)	Aid over 4 Years (part-time)
0 - 50% Median Income	19,000 MAX PELL STUDENTS	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000 PART-TIME STUDENTS
51-100% Median Income	8,000	\$750	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,250
101%+ Median Income	11,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500

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*(MTAG Works ROI Analysis and Calculations, 2024)*

# THE NEED FOR STATE AID.

There is a shortfall in state aid by FTE with our competitors.



**Mississippi is not keeping up in providing state aid to our students.**

*(NASSGAP (National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs) Annual Survey, 2022; State Higher Education Officers Association, 2024)*

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# 2:1 ROI

Estimated Cost: \$31.5M  
Estimated ROI: \$63M  
*(Example Cohort: Class of 2017)*

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