

# **High School Participation Agreement and Request for Personal Identification Number (PIN)**

The mission of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid is to provide all qualified college and college-bound students with state-funded financial assistance, with a focus on Mississippi residents. In keeping with this mission, we have created one, easy to complete, application to enable student to apply for all state-funded scholarships, grants or loans.

Under the governance of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid is responsible for the administration of all state-funded financial aid programs, including grants, scholarships and loans. These funds provide assistance to Mississippi residents in pursuit of their educational and professional goals.

We cannot accomplish this mission without your assistance. We have heard your concerns and have made every effort to simplify the process of high school grade information submission to our office. In addition, you have requested the ability to review the status of your student's on-line Web Application status. This was made available beginning with the 2005-2006 academic year, but requires that a Personal Identification Number (PIN) code be assigned to prevent unauthorized access. We are restricting this authorized access to one individual at each high school.

Our office strictly adheres to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as it deals with the release information from applicants for Mississippi Student Financial Aid. In order to be allowed access to the information on our secure web site you must sign this agreement certifying that you will adhere the FERPA guidelines and will access the web information only in my official capacity as the designated high school official. You must notify our office immediately at (800) 327-2980 if your PIN code is compromised, lost or stolen.

Designated Official's Signature

Principal's Signature

Print or type name of designated official

Print High School Name

Address

High School ACT Code

City, State Zip Code

High School Seal