



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM/ LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP



A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM AND SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

INTRODUCTION

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) and the Southern University System (SUS) are committed to providing more transfer opportunities to those Louisiana citizens who want to pursue a bachelor's degree after completion of an associate degree. The LCTCS and SUS seek to remove economic obstacles that prevent students who are active Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society members from transferring to a SUS institution upon completion of an associate degree.

PTK exists to: 1) recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and; 2) provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

To become a member of PTK students must:

- Be enrolled in a regionally accredited institution offering an associate degree program
- Have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25

This agreement formally recognizes that through increased transfer opportunities, the LCTCS and SUS are collaboratively providing more ways than ever before for students to pursue their higher education dreams. This agreement will assist the LCTCS in quadrupling transfer students, a goal of Our Louisiana 2020, and will assist the SUS in recruiting exceptional academic students, a goal of A Pathway Forward.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to formally recognize that SUS institutions will provide scholarships to active PTK Honor Society graduates who meet the guidelines outlined below on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are committed. This agreement also outlines the responsibilities of LCTCS colleges in facilitating the scholarship.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Students who are PTK graduates can receive an annual scholarship, contingent on the availability of funds, renewable for up to one (1) year, to Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR) or Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) upon meeting the following criteria:

- Student must have completed an associate's degree no earlier than Fall 2015,
- Student must be active PTK member at the time of graduation,
- Student must have completed a FASFA,
- Student must have applied to SUBR or SUNO,
- Student must enroll full-time at SUBR or SUNO the semester following their completion of an associate's degree,
- Student must maintain full-time enrollment (for scholarship renewal), and
- Student must be in good academic standing while enrolled at SUBR or SUNO (for renewal).

The scholarship shall be named the SUS/LCTCS Pathway Scholarship, and SUS will provide annual reports on the academic performance of recipients to the LCTCS.

GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS

Students who meet the SUS/LCTCS Pathway Scholarship guidelines will be guaranteed admission to SUBR or SUNO after completing an application to the college. Admission to specific programs of study cannot be guaranteed.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The SUS/LCTCS Pathway Scholarship will be a last dollar scholarship to fill the gap between tuition and mandatory fees and awarded financial aid, with an amount not to exceed \$750 per semester annually.

LCTCS RESPONSIBILITIES

LCTCS colleges with active PTK chapters will notify active PTK members that they are guaranteed admission to SUBR or SUNO and qualify for the SUS/LCTCS Pathway Scholarship upon completion of an associate's degree. Additionally, LCTCS colleges will biannually forward the directory information of all active PTK members to SUBR and SUNO.

The LCTCS will host an annual luncheon where PTK graduates from around the state will be invited to attend and representatives from SUS will be given the opportunity to address the graduates.

LCTCS colleges will review annual reports provided by SUS on the academic performance of recipients of the SUS/LCTCS Pathway Scholarship, and will make academic improvements, if necessary, to ensure future PTK graduates are fully prepared to excel at SUBR or SUNO.

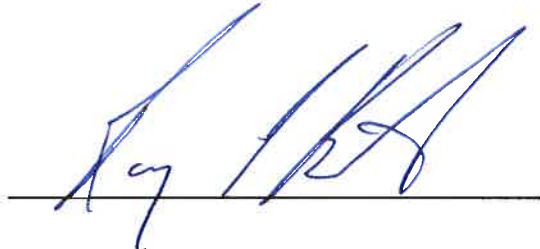
LCTCS will annually provide SUS with a forecast of how many transfer students SUBR and SUNO can anticipate. This forecast will represent all transfer students, not just those who are PTK members.

RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

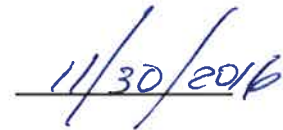
This agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of both parties at any time. This agreement will remain in effect for four (4) years following signing and is renewable based on the consent of the signatory parties. LCTCS and SUS reserve the right to terminate the agreement upon service of written notice to the other party 90 days prior to the date of termination. No existing scholarships, offered or awarded, or opportunities for renewal shall be impacted by any amendment or termination.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT

In witness thereof, the undersigned signifies their intent to execute this agreement and agrees to comply with the stated terms and conditions.



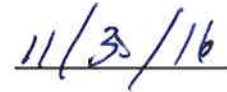
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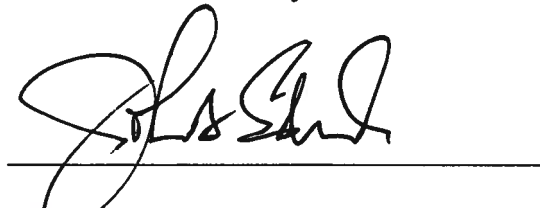
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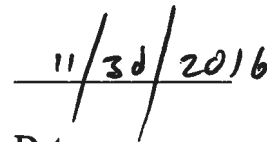
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