

**TUITION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT**

**ASHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
BIG SANDY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
AND  
SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND  
MOUNTWEST COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
2023-2025**

**I. Parties**

Under the provisions of Section 18-B-4-3 of the West Virginia Code, Section 164.020 (11) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and in compliance with rules and procedures of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Ashland Community and Technical College, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Mountwest Community and Technical College, and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, the following agreement is entered into between the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, and between Ashland Community and Technical College and Big Sandy Community and Technical College of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Mountwest Community and Technical College and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

**II. Purpose**

The purposes of this tuition reciprocity agreement are to (1) improve the lower division post high school educational advantages to residents of Boyd, Lawrence, Martin, and Pike Counties in Kentucky and Cabell, McDowell, Mingo, and Wayne Counties in West Virginia; (2) minimize the cost of such improvements for the taxpayers and legislative bodies of both states by cooperative planning and joint education efforts; and (3) promote the maximum use of existing educational facilities and address the problems of enrollment fluctuations and fiscal constraints at both institutions.

**III. Period Covered By Agreement**

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025

#### **IV. Terms**

The provisions of this agreement shall be effective beginning July 1, 2023, and expire on June 30, 2025, and will commence with any registration after the effective date. Students who are enrolled under the provisions of the agreement may continue to attend the selected colleges at the reciprocity rates for a period of two years subsequent to termination of the agreement. The agreement shall be subject to review and revision on an annual basis.

#### **V. Eligible Students**

Ashland Community and Technical College and Big Sandy Community and Technical College agree to accept at the resident rate any resident of Cabell, McDowell, Mingo, or Wayne Counties of West Virginia wishing to enroll for whom space is available and who satisfies all regular in-state admission requirements of Ashland Community and Technical College and Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Mountwest Community and Technical College and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College agree to accept at the resident rate any resident of Boyd, Lawrence, Martin, or Pike Counties of Kentucky wishing to enroll for whom space is available and who satisfies all regular in-state admissions requirements of Mountwest Community and Technical College and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Eligible students for whom space is available may enroll in fully online classes at eligible KCTCS institutions at the resident rate. This agreement does not preclude KCTCS from charging fully online West Virginia resident students attending any KCTCS institution the Kentucky resident rate.

#### **VI. Termination or Renewal of Agreement**

This agreement shall be reviewed annually and may be considered for termination or modification for cause at the request of either participating institution, the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, or the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

Ashland Community and Technical College, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Mountwest Community and Technical College, and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College agree to provide on an annual basis to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education reports on the enrollment and program implications of the agreement on forms prescribed for the purpose by these state agencies.

**VII. Signatures**

 _____ Dr. Aaron Thompson President, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education	6/14/2023 Date	 _____ Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker Chancellor, West Virginia Community & Technical System	6/22/23 Date
 _____ Dr. Larry Ferguson Acting President, Kentucky Community & Technical College System	6/13/2023 Date	 _____ Dr. Joshua Baker President, Mountwest Community & Technical College	06/20/2023 Date
 _____ Dr. Larry Ferguson President, Ashland Community & Technical College	6/13/2023 Date	 _____ Dr. Pamela Alderman President, Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College	06/21/2023 Date
 _____ Dr. Telly Sellars Interim President, Big Sandy Community & Technical College	6/14/2023 Date		