TUITION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT
between
MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA
Modified June 11, 1999

Under the provisions of §18B-4-3 of the West Virginia Code and §16-3-10(a) of the Maryland Code, the following agreement is entered into among the State College System of West Virginia Board of Directors, the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Garrett Community College, West Virginia University, Potomac State College of WVU and Shepherd College.

The purpose of this agreement is to improve access to cost effective public higher education for designated residents of Maryland and West Virginia at minimum expense to these states and to promote the existing higher education resources in the region, thus sustaining high levels of institutional utilization.

WEST VIRGINIA RESIDENTS TO GARRETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

With a maximum submission for Maryland State Aid of 125 FTE students per fiscal year for this agreement, Garrett Community College agrees to accept at in-county resident tuition and fee rates, the following West Virginia residents:

a. Residents from Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, enrolled full/part-time in programs in Adventure Sports, Natural Resources and Wildlife Technology and such other programs as have been identified through consultation between Potomac State College and Garrett Community College and approved by the State College and University Systems of West Virginia Central Office and approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission for funding under this agreement.

b. Residents from any county not identified in subsection “a” who are enrolled full/part-time in an approved certificate or associate degree program approved by the State College and University Systems of West Virginia Central Office and approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission for funding under this agreement.

Garrett Community College agrees to submit a list of programs which meet the criteria established in subsections “a” and “b” to the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the State College and University Systems of West Virginia Central Office by March 1 of each year. In addition, Garrett Community College agrees to provide to these two agencies an annual report by June 30 which identifies the West Virginia residents attending Garrett Community College under this agreement, the declared major at the time the student enrolled, the current major and the county of residence.

MARYLAND RESIDENTS TO SHEPHERD COLLEGE

Shepherd College agrees to enroll as full-time students (12 or more semester hours) at resident tuition and fee rates up to fifty (50) residents of Frederick or Washington Counties, Maryland, in each academic year, who have associate degrees. These students will be admitted with full junior standing based on criteria established by Shepherd College. This standing will be independent of class standing determined by the Office of Financial Aid, as required by Federal Guidelines.

MARYLAND RESIDENTS TO WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (main campus)

West Virginia University agrees to enroll residents of Garrett County, Maryland, as full/part-time students at resident tuition and fee rates based on criteria established by West Virginia University. Students must have an Associate Degree from Garrett Community College. In cases where the student’s time to Baccalaureate Degree completion would be extended unnecessarily by completing the Associate Degree requirements at Garrett Community College, the student may be considered for early transfer to West Virginia University without an Associate Degree from Garrett Community College. Garrett Community College students may be accepted to West Virginia University under this agreement only if the student applies to be enrolled in a program not available at Frostburg State University.
MARYLAND RESIDENTS TO POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE

Potomac State College agrees to accept at in-state resident tuition and fee rates, the following Maryland residents:

Residents of Maryland who are transferring from Garrett Community College, enrolled full/part-time in programs in Computer Information System and other programs as may be identified through consultation between Potomac State College and Garrett Community College and approved by the State College and University Systems of West Virginia Central Office for funding under this agreement.

Potomac State College agrees to submit a list of programs which meet the criteria established above to the State College and University Systems of West Virginia office by March 1 of each year. In addition, Potomac State College agrees to provide to the State College and University Systems of West Virginia Central Office an annual report by June 30 which identifies the Maryland residents attending Potomac State College under this agreement, the declared major at the time the student enrolled, the current major and the county of residence.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

An annual review shall be conducted by the institutional Presidents or their designees and a representative of each State Controlling Board. This agreement may be terminated at the request of any of the parties after notice of at least one academic year.

In the event this agreement is terminated, a student enrolled under this agreement may continue to attend the selected institution at the designated rate as long as continuous satisfactory academic progress is maintained by that student.

This agreement is approved by the designated signatories on the date affixed and is immediately effective.

Stephen J. Herman, President
Garrett Community College

Date

David L. Dunlop, President
Shepherd College

Date

David C. Hardesty, Jr., President
West Virginia University

Date

Mary E. Kittling, Campus President
Potomac State College of WVU

Date

Patricia Florestano, Secretary
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Date

Clifford M. Trump, Chancellor
State College System of West Virginia

Date

Charles W. Manning, Chancellor
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Date