

EDUCATION PAYS

A Partnership between Hinds Community College and
The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation

Ray Neilsen, the Co-Trustee of The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation and the innovator of the “Education Pays” concept “wants to change lives.” Mr. Neilsen is very proud of this program and the opportunities that it can offer to people who did not finish high school or obtain a GED.

A one-time award of \$500 will be provided to eligible individuals who:

- a. Participate in a certified GED course at a site certified by Hinds Community College;
- b. Successfully pass all components of the General Education Development (GED) test; and
- c. Receive a certificate of high school equivalency from the Mississippi State Board of Community and Junior Colleges.

The eligibility requirements for the \$500 award are:

- a. A GED student must be a resident of Warren County, Mississippi for at least 90 days before participating in Education Pays.
- b. A student must also be 21 or older to participate in the program.

Students who wish to participate in the Education Pays program will need to sign an agreement when they register for the GED program.

In addition, a student must agree to:

- a. Complete registration process and pre-testing;
- b. Participate in a minimum of 12 class hours;
- c. Attend classes on a regular basis. No more than 3 absences per term are allowed since class meets only once per week. (Make up work is permitted.);
- d. Remain an active member in the program until the GED is attained (returning each consecutive semester.);
- e. Take the initial GED Exam within the first two months after registration in the program;
- f. Participate in the GED program in the classroom without significant classroom disruption;
- g. Provide the original State of Mississippi GED score sheet and GED diploma documentation to the instructor for verification within two weeks of the document date.

Take the completed agreement to your ABE/GED Instructor for more information.