Program Requirements

Each student participant must be in good academic standing to be eligible to receive direct financial benefits offered through the Midstate Student Support office. Upon acceptance into Project MSS, the student is required to meet all program requirements from semester-to-semester. These requirements are:

- Must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester as advised: 8 hours of these must bear courses toward teacher certification.
- Must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50.
- Must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all Teacher Education courses.
- Must perform 10 hours of community service each semester.
- Must attend all regularly scheduled MSS meetings and activities.
- Must submit this contract, signed below, agreeing to teach two (2) years in the Project MSS contract region (Springfield, Decatur) after graduation from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Probation:

Notification
If the above Program requirements are not met by the end of each semester, the student participant will receive a written letter of Notification of Probation by the Director within 15 days of the semester’s end confirming that he/she has been placed on academic probation.

Consequences of Academic Probation
Students on academic probation are not eligible to receive the MSS tuition waiver or stipend.

Student Response
Upon receipt of the Notification of Probation, the student participant can request a meeting with the Director and respective community college advisor/counselor to discuss specific areas needing improvement. Appropriate help and/or counseling for improvement will be made available and the student will be given one year to eliminate academic probation status.

Resolution
At the end of the probationary period, MSS Program staff, community college advisor/counselor and student will review the student’s academic standing to determine if academic status has met Program requirements. Upon confirmation of satisfactory academic status, the student will be removed from probationary status and reinstated to good standing. The Project Director will notify the student by written correspondence that good standing has been restored and that student has been reinstated in the Program.

Failure to Resolve Probationary Status
If the student does not make the academic improvements necessary for minimum Program requirements during the Probationary period, the Project Director will determine whether all or part of the direct financial benefits previously awarded to the student must be returned. If the student is found to be in default, stipends from the most recent school semester will have to be reimbursed to the MSS Program. In such cases, written notification will be forwarded to the student stating the specific amount owed to MSS and the terms for repayment. The repayment agreement will comply with existing community college or University of Illinois Springfield regulations.
Failure to Repay Monies Due
In the event that reimbursements are not made as scheduled, the student will be placed on academic hold until such debt has been satisfied as required under existing regulations identified in the previous paragraph of this Program Contract.

Signature
By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the terms and conditions necessary for participation in the Midstate Student Support Program as given in this contract. I agree to such terms and conditions and understand all Program requirements as given above, including how to resolve probationary status and/or failure to that status. Upon successful completion of the Program and graduation from the University of Illinois Springfield, I agree to teach in the Program contract region for two consecutive years following graduation.

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Student Participant      Date