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**Delta State University launches free tuition program for Mississippi students**

**CLEVELAND, Miss. —** Delta State University is proud to announce a new initiative aimed at expanding college access and reducing financial barriers for Mississippi families. Beginning in Fall 2025, the Delta State Free Tuition Scholarship will cover 100% of tuition for Pell Grant-eligible, first-time freshmen. This transformative program reflects Delta State’s deep commitment to student success, affordability, and educational opportunity for all.

“We believe that a student’s financial situation should never be a barrier to earning a college degree,” said DSU President Dr. Daniel J. Ennis. “This scholarship reinforces our mission to empower students and invest in the future of our communities.”

The Free Tuition Scholarship ensures that all tuition costs are fully covered by combining a student’s federal Pell Grant with any other earned scholarships. If there is any remaining balance, Delta State covers it—eliminating out-of-pocket tuition costs for qualifying students. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years (eight semesters), as long as the student remains Pell Grant-eligible and maintains academic progress toward a degree.

“With this program, we’re sending a clear message: If you want to go to college, let’s go,” said Ennis. “Delta State is all in on making higher education more accessible and affordable.”

Students and families interested in learning more about the Free Tuition Scholarship and how to apply can visit [www.deltastate.edu/admissions/free-tuition/](http://www.deltastate.edu/admissions/free-tuition/) or contact the Office of Admissions at [admissions@deltastate.edu](mailto:admissions@deltastate.edu).

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**About Delta State University:**Delta State University is a four-year public institution whose nearly 2,700 students come from most U.S. states and more than 45 countries. Acknowledging its beginning as a teacher’s college, the University sustains excellence in teacher education while continuing to expand offerings in traditional as well as unique fields of study. Programs such as those available through the Delta Music Institute, the Commercial Aviation Department, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Geospatial Information highlight the University’s commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the students it serves with world-leading, industry-acclaimed programs. Situated in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, Delta State offers top-notch academic programs in business, arts, sciences, nursing, education, and more. DSU Athletics has won 14 national championships, 70 conference championships, and 37 regional titles.