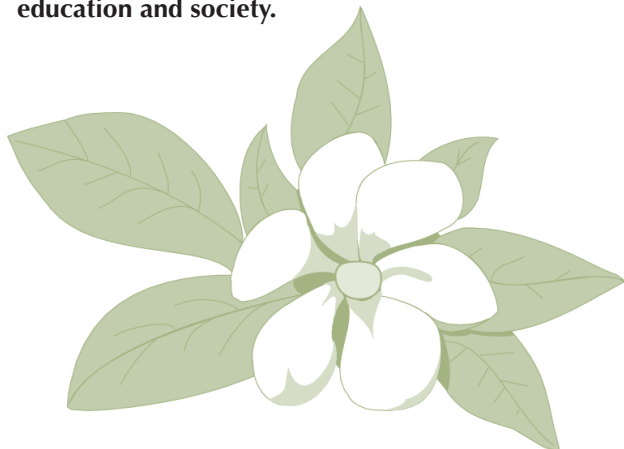


Our Mission Statement

To provide a statewide communication network that offers support and development opportunities to post-secondary disability service providers in the state of Mississippi, and to promote activities that strengthen the professionalism, expertise, and competency of personnel working with students with disabilities at two- and four-year, public and private institutions of higher education. Mississippi AHEAD is committed to the principles of equal access, inclusion, and opportunity for all qualified students with disabilities to fully participate in higher education and society.



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WHO ARE WE?

Formally established in January 2007, the Mississippi Association on Higher Education and Disability (Mississippi AHEAD) is a state-wide association dedicated to the issue of access and equal opportunity for students with disabilities in post-secondary education. We are affiliated with the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD), which is an international, multi-cultural organization of professionals committed to full participation in higher education for people with disabilities.

PURPOSE

- Develop a professional network that will improve the communication between and support of disability service providers
- Offer professional development opportunities which will help strengthen the expertise and competency of personnel working with students with disabilities
- Sponsor regional workshops and a yearly conference on issues related to disability access in higher education
- Foster coordination among agencies working with post-secondary students with disabilities
- Promote transitional strategies from high school to colleges/universities
- Advance the equal rights and opportunities available to all qualified post-secondary and graduate students with disabilities

- Encourage and support legislation for the benefit of post-secondary students with disabilities

WHO SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER?

- ADA Coordinators, Disability Service Providers and others at 4-year, 2-year and private colleges and universities who work with or provide services to students with disabilities
- Students with disabilities in higher education
- K – 12 personnel
- Professionals working at disability-related, non-educational agencies or organizations
- Anyone interested in enhancing the educational opportunities available to post-secondary students with disabilities

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND DUES

Institutional Membership – Granted to any post-secondary institution (4-year, 2-year or private). Allows up to five individuals from an institution to be members. Additional members from that institution may be added at an additional cost. Each member through an Institutional membership is entitled to one vote and is eligible to hold office. Annual Dues: \$100.00 (+\$10.00 per person over five)

Professional Individual I Membership – Shall be any person actively working at a Mississippi post-secondary institution, whose institution chooses

not to become an institutional member. Entitled to one vote and eligible to hold office. Annual Dues: \$25.00

Professional Individual II Membership – Shall be any individual working in a setting other than a post-secondary educational institution to enhance educational opportunities for people with disabilities. Entitled to one vote and not eligible to hold office. Annual Dues: \$30.00

Student Membership – Shall be any student interested in the field of disability services in higher education and/or participating in those services. Entitled to one vote and not eligible to hold office. Annual Dues: \$10.00

Advocate Membership – Shall be any person, not employed by a post-secondary institution or other disability-related agency, who has a sincere interest in supporting and advancing educational opportunities for people with disabilities. Entitled to one vote and not eligible to hold office. Annual Dues: \$10.00

Retired Membership – Shall be any individual who is retired from the profession of working to enhance educational opportunities for people with disabilities. Entitled to one vote and not eligible to hold office. Annual Dues: \$10.00

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