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## **CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT INFORMATION**

A Consortium Agreement is a written agreement between two Title IV eligible schools. Under the agreement, students may take an additional course(s) at a school other than the "home" institution and have the course(s) count toward the degree at the home school. GovState is the degree-granting school (the "home" school), and the other school where additional classes are taken is called the "host" school.

The "home" school (GovState) may award additional financial aid based on this enrollment.

## To qualify for financial aid through a Consortium Agreement the student must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Meet the minimum enrollment requirements at GovState for the term the consortium is to be processed for. For fall or spring terms, students must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at GovState; for the summer term, students must be enrolled in at least 3 credit hours at GovState.
- Fill out a Consortium Agreement Form, including your Academic Advisor's signature, authorizing that the courses taken at the "host" school are applicable to your degree and will transfer to GovState.
- Submit the form along with documentation from the host school with the name of the class(es) you are taking, the credit hours to be earned, and the cost of the class(es).

## PLEASE NOTE:

- You can only receive federal or state aid at one institution per term.
- The maximum award for Pell is 12 credit hours. The maximum award for MAP is 15 credit hours.
- Consortium Agreements will be processed after registration is finalized (1-2 weeks after classes begin). Processing time may take up to 4 weeks.
- Students must adhere to payment policies at the "Host" school.
- GovState does not send a check to the "Host" School. Qualified students will be awarded additional aid at GovState.