

- **Thank you Governor. Fastforward Mississippi's web site will offer a vast amount of resources to students, parents and industries in our state. We researched other states' School-to-Career web sites and Fast Forward Mississippi is the most comprehensive career-choice web site available on the net.**

Fast Forward Mississippi is designed to provide students of all ages with career choice information.

After choosing a career path, Fast Forward Mississippi continues to assist students and parents by providing information on apprenticeships, post-secondary education and training opportunities, as well as information on

financial assistance available for obtaining that post-secondary education.

- **Our welcome page offers users a variety of options as to information available. I'd like to highlight a few of these options for you.**
- **“About You” provides information for students, parents and industry and identifies ways for all three parties to assist a young person in selecting or becoming more knowledgeable of a career.**
- **The “student” information is browsable by age group. For example, our page for 4-9 year olds provides educational activities for children to discover different careers.**

- **Information available on our page for 15-18 year olds includes links to colleges, career journals and questionnaires.**
- **Fast Forward Mississippi offers links to 15 career sites that will assist these students in exploring different careers and the training and education needed for different careers. This page also highlights Mississippi careers.**
- **Fast Forward Mississippi offers students career questionnaires to assist them in identifying a career compatible with their skills and interests.**
- **After identifying a career in which they are interested, students can identify apprenticeships available for different careers, especially those available within Mississippi.**

- **Fast Forward Mississippi recognizes that business, education and communities must work together to produce students who will be able to succeed in a global marketplace. Fast Forward Mississippi identifies opportunities for businesses to become involved in Mississippi's School-to-Careers initiative.**
- **It also includes a company business survey for businesses that host student job shadowing partners. These surveys provide additional insight for the students into different aspects of the business leader's company.**
- **For those students who decide to obtain a post-secondary education, Fast Forward Mississippi**

provides study guides, tutorials and practice tests for college and graduate school entrance exams.

- **For students who wish to investigate post-secondary vocational-technical education opportunities in our state, Fast Forward Mississippi offers links to each of our state's 15 community and junior colleges. These institutions also offer academic courses and degrees for transfer to universities and senior colleges.**
- **Fast Forward Mississippi provides links to Mississippi's public and private universities and colleges, as well as a link to all other US universities and colleges.**
- **Paying for a student's postsecondary education is of interest to students and parents. Fast Forward**

Mississippi offers a calculator for determining how much college will cost when a student is ready to pursue further education.

- And our Financial aid page provides parents and students with opportunities for financial assistance, as well as technical assistance on applying for financial aid.**
- Our website also provides contact information for each of Mississippi's 50 local School-to-Career partnerships throughout the state. Students, parents and businesses may contact any of these partnerships to participate in activities designed to provide students with critical knowledge and skills at key points in their education to make informed decisions about developing a successful career**

strategy. Activities include job shadowing and mentorships for students, as well as summer internships for teachers.

Again, Fast Forward Mississippi is the most comprehensive career-choice web site available on the net. I urge you to visit it at www.fastforwardms.com.

Thank you.