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Application Abstract:

Shasta College is the only public post-secondary institution in a 10,132 square mile radius in the vast, rural region of far Northern California. The counties included in the college district – Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity - each reflect high poverty, high unemployment, and low post-secondary attainment rates. Shasta College serves a region much different from the more affluent areas of California.

Since January 2014, Shasta College and its community partners have created the ideal conditions for every district high school student – at any achievement level– to accelerate progress toward a bachelor’s degree. By combining fee waivers, enrollment policy changes, on campus programs, concurrent enrollment and, most dramatically, dual enrollment, the college supports interested high school students in earning transferrable units toward degrees at **minimal or no cost to students and often without having to leave a high school classroom.**

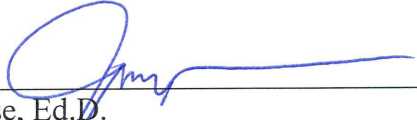
Through PACT (Promise for Access, Completion and Transfer), a dual and concurrent enrollment program that meets the needs of three distinct high school student populations (at-risk, on-track, advanced), Shasta College is removing financial, academic and cultural barriers to higher education for high school students while enhancing the opportunities to accelerate through to bachelor’s degrees through rigorous and aligned coursework.

PACT is evidenced based, cost effective and scalable statewide, with specific merit for California’s more rural, isolated environments. This innovation meets the criteria established through the California Legislature by increasing the amount of BAs that will be awarded, shortening time to degree, and building on the strengths of each academic segment.

Assurance and Signature:

I assure that I have read and support this application for an award. I understand that if this application is chosen for an award, my institution will be required to submit, for approval by the Committee on Awards for Innovation in Higher Education, a report indicating proposed uses of the award funds and, as the fiscal agent, will be responsible for distributing funds to any other

participating entities. I also understand that, if this application is selected for an award, my institution will be required to submit reports to the Director of Finance by January 1, 2018, and by January 1, 2020, evaluating the effectiveness of the changes described in this application.



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Superintendent/President
Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District

1/7/15
Date