

\$\$\$ Scholarship and Financial Aid Opportunities \$\$\$

2008-2009

*Check this website often for new opportunities.
Details/information available in counseling office.*

Mississippi Concrete Industries Association Scholarship

First place winner in state will receive \$1,000 scholarship; National winner receives \$2,000 - \$5,000 scholarship. Essay required on a topic that is concrete related. Essays should be fun, creative, and include the personal view of the author.

Deadline is Nov. 14. Open to juniors and seniors.

John Montgomery Belk Scholarship – Davidson College

For students of demonstrated intellectual and personal achievement and significant leadership ability. Ten Belk Scholars will each receive scholarships valued at \$42,950/year, renewable for 4 years. Only one nomination per school can be submitted.

If you are interested, see Mrs. Blakey. Information online at www3.davidson.edu

Nominations must be submitted by Nov. 15.

AXA Achievement Scholarship

\$670,000 in scholarships awarded; \$10,000 to 42 state winners plus \$25,000 to 10 national winners. **Deadline is Dec. 15.** Recipients are students who set and reach ambitious goals, demonstrate drive, determination and ability to succeed in college and who have respect for self, family, and community. More info available on website www.axa-achievement.com and in the counseling office.

The Burger King Scholarship

Open to seniors who work an average of at least 15 hours per week for 40 weeks per year (employment at Burger King is NOT required), have a 2.5 GPA, participate in school and community activities, and demonstrate financial need. Applications are available online from **Sept. 15, '08 – Feb. 2, '09** at www.bk.com/scholars.

Champions for Children Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to Mississippi seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of young people through mentoring. Awards range from \$1,000 - \$5,000. Students who have 100 service hours of mentoring, beginning June 1, 2008, are eligible to apply. Essay and 4 letters of recommendation are required. **Deadline is**

April 1. Get application & information online at www.msmentoring.org

Luckyday Scholarships at the University of Mississippi

are available to students based on academic performance and remaining financial need after grants and scholarships have been calculated. Renewable scholarships range from \$2,000-\$7,000/yr. Students must score 20+ on the ACT, have a 3.2 GPA, and complete the FAFSA. More info is available in the counseling office. Go to http://www.olemiss.edu/student_life/luckyday/apply.html

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

Byrd Scholars must complete an application (see Mrs. Blakey) which includes a one-page essay. Awards range from \$1,100 to \$1,500 each year. <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/scholarship/byrdflyer.html>. **Deadline: March 31, 2009.**

Ron Brown Scholarship

seeks applicants who are African American and demonstrate academic achievement, show leadership, participate in community service and demonstrate financial need. **Two deadlines for applying: November 1st and January 9th.** More details in counseling office.

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship

Only one senior from each high school may be nominated. Nominee must demonstrate a strong commitment to community service, display leadership abilities in school activities or through work experience and have a GPA of 2.8 or higher. **All materials must be received by December 12, 2008.**

SAE Engineering Scholarships

Seniors interested in engineering or a related science may be eligible. For full details and applications, visit www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm. **Deadline is December 1.**

The Emory Scholars Program

One of the most prestigious merit based scholarships in the nation, this program recognizes outstanding academic achievement, extra-ordinary personal quality, and significant contributions to class, school, and community.

John C. Stennis Scholarships in Political Science

MSU offers a \$2,000 a year scholarship (for four years) to graduating seniors who have a high school average of B or better and are of good character. Students must major in political science and maintain a B average with a course load of 15 hours. Interested students need to complete an application along with two letters of reference and a seven semester transcript by **February 1, 2009**. Please see Mrs. Blakey or call 325-2224 for more information.

Scholastic Scholarship Contest

Entrants must be high school juniors or seniors. You must compose a 500-word essay that describes an event or experience that had a positive influence on the way that you approach financial management. Outline the most helpful thing you learned and describe how it led to the development of specific skills. Two grand prize winners will each receive \$15,000, five second-prize winners will each receive \$1,500, and ten third-prize winners will each receive \$200. Go to www.scholastic.com/collegesuccess.

Deadline is April 18 2009.

Discover Scholarship Program

The Discover Scholarship Program awards diverse high school **juniors** on their exemplary achievements in leadership, community service while overcoming an obstacle. Scholarships may be applied towards costs for college, university, specialized training or education beyond high school in any career path the winner chooses. Applications are available now at www.discoverfinancial.com/community.

Deadline to apply in January 31, 2009

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation (YEF) Award

Seniors, do you have a desire to start your own business one day, and are interested in being an entrepreneur? You might be eligible for the YEF Award if you: *will enter a two-or four year college, university, or vocational institute in the fall of 2009, *participate in organizations such as DECA, Junior Achievement, FBLA, Future Farmers of America, National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, or currently work or do some type of community service, *meet or exceed recommended academic standards, using ACT/SAT, class rank and GPA as indicators provided in high school records/transcripts. Scholarships are merit-based, not based on financial need.

Additional information is available at www.NFIB.com/YEA **Deadline to apply is December 15, 2009**

Gates Millinium Scholarship

Criteria for the GMS are: Student is African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American, or Hispanic American. Student is a citizen/legal permanent resident or national of the United States. Student has attained a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale or earned a GED. Student will be enrolling for the first time at a U.S. accredited college or university as a full time degree seeking first year student in the fall of 2009. Student has demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities. Student meets the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (must submit FAFSA Form). **Materials must be submitted online www.gmsp.org before Monday, January 12, 2009 EST or paper applications must be postmarked by January 12, 2009.** It is highly recommended that nomination forms are submitted online. Important websites are: www.fafsa.ed.gov, www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov and www.gmps.org.

Wal-Mart Foundation Scholarships

Walmart is proud to be one of the largest corporate supporters of scholarships. In 2008, Walmart provided close to \$8 million in scholarships. Applications for scholarships are available on this page, <http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8736.aspx>,
November 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

University of Southern Mississippi's Luckyday Foundation Citizenship Scholars Program

Open to high school seniors only. The Luckyday Foundation Citizenship Scholars Program at Southern Miss. will be providing \$15,000 over a four year period. Additionally, a one-time \$4,000 study abroad scholarship offered to at least 20 students each year provides a life changing opportunity to experience cultures different from their own. The Luckyday program requires scholars to enroll in a Luckyday citizenship Seminar and University 101 course during the fall of their college freshman year. The Luckyday Citizenship Program requires scholars to live in a specified university housing with fellow Luckyday peers. Visit the website at www.usm.edu/luckyday and print out an application to learn more about the Luckyday Program. **Deadline to apply is February 5, 2009**

2008-2009 Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. and STAR Scholarships

Open to U.S. high school seniors only. The ACT must be taken before December 31st, and only scores on file in the school counselor's office will be considered in the 2009 STAR Student selection. The top 20 STAR Students will be called ALL-STAR Scholastic Scholars, following the same steps as those used at the local level. **The Kelly Gene Sr. Scholarship** will be awarded to the *state's top ALL-STAR Scholar (a \$24,000 Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. STAR scholarship), *first runner-up (a \$20,000 Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. STAR scholarship), *the second runner-up (a \$16,000 Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. STAR scholarship). The Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. scholarships are awarded in equal payments over four years and are contingent upon student performance. **To be eligible for the STAR Student honor**, a student may be a regularly enrolled senior, the student must be completing their last year of work and must be eligible to receive a diploma in the current school year, and the student must have an ACT score of at least 25 and an overall average of 93 or above in selected subjects in 9th, 10th or 11th, and the first semester in 12th grade.

For more information, see Mrs. Blakey.

Deadline: February 6, 2009

KFC Colonel's Scholarship

The KFC Colonel's Scholarship (\$5,000 per year) is dedicated to assisting students with financial need. To qualify, a student must be: graduating from high school in spring of 2009; minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher; enrolling in a public, in-state college/university no later than 9/30/09; pursuing a bachelor's degree (4 year degree); a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Apply online at www.kfcscholars.org Applications will be available on-line from **December 2, 2008 through February 10, 2009.**

Best Buy Scholarship

The Best Buy Scholarship Program rewards students with good grades who give back to their communities. To learn more, visit www.bestbuy.com

Deadline for applications is February 15, 2008

Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG). In 1995 the Mississippi Legislature established the Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) which offers financial aid assistance to Mississippi residents attending state approved public and nonprofit two-year and four-year eligible colleges and universities. The primary objective of the MTAG is to provide educational opportunities for students who wish to pursue post secondary education in the state.

Application Deadline: September 15, 2009

MTAG: www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid/mtag.html

Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG).

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Application Deadline: September 15, 2009

MESG: www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid/mesg.html

Mississippi Financial Aid (State Grants/Scholarships)

<http://www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid/default.asp>

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH WEBSITES

www.fastweb.com	1 out of 3 college students use FastWeb 2 out of 3 colleges recommend it for scholarship searches
www.scholarships.com	Compares students' talents, abilities and interests to relevant scholarship opportunities
www.AnyCollegeNet.com	This site contains a constantly updated college search engine that provides the most accurate data available regarding colleges & admissions
www.esfweb.com	Mississippi's non-profit resource for free college planning, scholarships, ZERO Fee Stafford Loans for student, low cost Parent Plus Loans, and student loan consolidation
www.ihl.state.ms.us	Mississippi financial aid including <i>MTAG & MESG</i> (applications available on-line in January) Up to \$3000 total in award for MTAG over 8 semesters of consecutive enrollment
www.educaid.com	This is an online resource for college financing
www.mississippiuniversities.com	The MS Office of Student Financial Aid now offers online applications Phone Numbers: 1-800-327-2980 or 601-432-6997
www.wiredscholar.com	Databases for thousands of scholarship opportunities

Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)

Links to all MS student financial aid, including MTAG (Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant), MESG (Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant), HELP (Higher Education Legislation Plan), and more.

YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE MTAG if you have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and ACT of 15.

www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid/

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

You must complete this to qualify for all federal grants and loans. You can submit as early as January 1, 2009 . <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

FAFSA

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) High School seniors may begin applying for FAFSA starting January 1. You can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

William Carey University “Free Throw” Scholarship

Open to first-time, entering college freshmen students with an ACT score between 15-19. Students may enroll in 12 hours of courses tuition-free. Upon completion of the 12 hours, students may apply for scholarships based on the GPA for those 12 hours. Students participating in “Free Throw” must obtain their degree from WCU in order to receive the 12 hours credit tuition-free. Students wishing to transfer this credit to another institution may do so at the current rate of tuition. Additionally, students with a 20 ACT may also participate for an upgrade scholarship award.

The University of Mississippi Robert M. Carrier and W.R. Newman Scholarships

If you have received an admittance letter from The University of Mississippi, and have an exceptional record of academic achievement and remarkable examples of leadership and service to your school and community, please see Mrs. Blakey for an application. You may also go to <http://www.olemiss.edu> to apply to the University of Mississippi. Once you have completed the online application for admission, you will be prompted to complete an online scholarship application which will open up other scholarship opportunities to you. **Deadline to apply is February 1st.**

The North Mississippi Health Services System Medical Career Scholarships

This scholarship is available to graduating seniors who plan to major in a medical career and live in Tupelo, Saltillo, Shannon and Mooreville. The scholarship amount is \$2,000. The recipient will complete the semester at an accredited institution of higher learning in a medical major field of study.

The official grades for that semester will be sent to NMHS Employment Services Department and the recipient will be sent a check in the amount of \$500. This will be repeated for four semesters for a total of \$2,000. The student signs an agreement to remain in a medical major and in the accredited institution maintaining a status of good standing and a 2.5 GPA. The recipient is not required to apply for NMHS employment as a condition

of the scholarship. If you have questions please contact Rosalyn Campbell via email at rcampbel@nmhs.net. Applications are available in Mrs. Blakey's office.

Deadline for submitting an application to Mrs. Blakey is February 20.

JT Neely 2009 Scholarship Application

This \$500 scholarship is offered annually to a High School senior girl who has a 2.0 cumulative GPA in their high school career, and who has grown up playing softball in the Tupelo Parks and Recreation program. Applications are available online at www.tupeloparkrec.com, then click on "softball" on the left-hand side menu, then click on the "J.T. Neely Scholarship" link, lastly click on "Application for 2009". You may also pick up a scholarship application in Mrs. Blakey's office.

Deadline: Application must be postmarked by April 24.

KOHL'S Cares for Kids Scholarship

Open to students ages 6-18 that volunteer in their communities and help to make them better places for everyone to live. Volunteer efforts should have made a positive impact on others and occurred in the last 12 months. The activity cannot be performed solely to benefit a family member. Copies of the official rules are available online or at any Kohl's service desk. The website is www.kohlkids.com. Please see Mrs. Blakey if you are interested in being nominated for this scholarship. You will need to provide me with detailed information about your volunteer project, and contact information for the person(s) who can vouch for your volunteer work. More than 2,000 store-level winners are expected to receive \$50 Kohl's Gift Cards. More than 190 regional winners are expected to be awarded \$1,000 scholarships toward their post-secondary education. Ten national winners will receive \$5,000 scholarships and Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on their behalf. **Deadline: March 15th:**

The Project Hope Scholarship

This scholarship is available to seniors in Lee County. Applications are available in Mrs. Blakey's office or via a download from www.projecthopems.com. Project Hope is a group of dedicated volunteers who help raise funds to benefit local patients with heart disease, cancer and diabetes. The scholarship criteria are:

- Complete an application and return it to Project Hope, P.O. Box 4236, Tupelo, MS 38803-4236. **Application deadline is March 13.**
- Submit a personal statement (250-500 words) expressing your interests, strengths/opportunities for improvement, future plans and goals. In addition, answer ONE of these questions: 1) What factors influenced your decision to choose a health career, OR 2) How have heart disease, cancer or diabetes affected you or your family personally?
- Provide two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, etc...
- Include a copy of your high school transcript.
- Include a recent photograph that can be used for publicity purposes for recipients.

Bumpers Discover MS Scholarship Contest

Juniors or seniors pick up a "passport" at any Bumpers Drive-In restaurant. To qualify, participant must get passport stamped at 12 different Bumpers locations in MS by March 31. Once your Passport is fully stamped, you can turn it in and qualify to be entered in random drawings for a \$10,000 college scholarship and quite a few other college scholarships totaling more than \$33,000 and every Bumpers Traveler will receive free meals for a year. So hop in your car hit the road and learn all about Mississippi while participating in the Bumpers 2009 Discover Mississippi Scholarship Contest. Details may be found at www.bumpersdrivein.com

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY)

The SAMMY 2009 Award Program recognizes outstanding scholar athletes in grade 12 from high schools throughout the contiguous United States. An athlete may be one of the 25 winners who will each receive the following: A \$7,500 college scholarship from the Milk Processor Education Program; An invitation for winners, parents and/or guardians to attend a SAMMY 2009 weekend at the Disney World Complex in Orlando, FL scheduled for June 2009; An opportunity to be pictured in a special congratulatory Milk Mustache ad in a June 2009 edition of USA TODAY and other national publications. From now until March 6, 2009 teachers, coaches, principals, guidance counselors, athletic directors, parents and relatives are encouraged to nominate a student athlete for the SAMMY 2009 Award. Additionally, all high school seniors are allowed to and encouraged to nominate themselves for the Sammy 2009 Award. **Applications will only be accepted online until March 6, 2009 at www.bodybymilk.com**

Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians

David G. Hall M.D. Memorial Scholarship awarded to seniors who have an aptitude in sciences and an interest in pursuing a career in medicine. 500 word essay titled "The Family Physician: Providing Your Medical Home". The essay should describe the impact of their personal Family Physician in their life and/or the role of the Family Physician in his or her community. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER SCHOOL MAY BE SUBMITTED.** See Mrs. Blakey for details. **Deadline for submission is March 30, 2009.**