

# Senior Scholarship Newsletter

## February 2023

This newsletter is updated the first week of each month and posted on the GHS website under the "For Students" tab.

### **IMPORTANT!!! Time to do your FAFSA and Mississippi Financial aid application!**

If you have not created your FSA ID for the FAFSA, email your counselor **as soon as possible!!!** This ID is needed for you and your family to complete the FAFSA.

Then you can file the FAFSA! Call the guidance office at 228-897-6040 to make an appointment if you need help completing it. FAFSA days are Feb. 20, March 1, and March 7.

All students should also complete the online Mississippi Financial Aid application for the 24-25 school year. See more information below!

### **Mississippi Financial Aid (HELP Grant, MESG, MTAG)**

<https://www.msfinancialaid.org>

**apply for the 24-25 aid year**

**Many students can get money from the state of Mississippi for attending college in Mississippi. Here are 3 grants you could qualify for... students could be awarded ONE of these 3 grants if they qualify...**

**MTAG:** 15 on the ACT and a C overall GPA (no income requirement)  
\$3,000 grant given as \$500 first two years and \$1,000 junior and senior year

**MESG:** 29 on the ACT and a 3.5 GPA (no income requirement) \$10,000 grant given as \$2,500 per year

**HELP Grant:** FULL TUITION (see requirements on next page)

HELP Grant:

Students who have a 20 or higher on the ACT, a minimum C average, and who have taken the classes they need to get into a 4-year college might be eligible for the **HELP scholarship**. This scholarship gives **full tuition** to students who go to an **in-state college**. You have to meet the family income requirements, which are subject to change from year to year. Here are the income levels for last year to give you an idea if you qualify...

If you make this amount or less (for the past 2 years) you could qualify!!!

Students who are the only child.....	\$39,500
Students with one sibling under 21.....	\$44,500
Students with two siblings under 21.....	\$49,500
Students with three siblings under 21.....	\$54,500
Students with four siblings under 21.....	\$59,500
Students with five siblings under 21.....	\$64,500

Visit [www.ihl.state.ms.us](http://www.ihl.state.ms.us) for more info or talk with your student's guidance counselor.

**The ACT determines admissions, scholarship money, and class placement. Take it again on April 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**[www.myact.org](http://www.myact.org)**

Registration deadlines are usually about a month prior to the test date. Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

**Free ACT Prep offered by the Get2College Center!!**

Virtual workshops are available as well as pre-recorded sessions for your convenience! Register through [www.get2college.org](http://www.get2college.org)

**Admissions Counselors** can help with questions about housing, scholarships, visit days, orientation, etc. Use these contacts as you work through the process of getting ready for college!

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## **Scholarships with February deadlines**

**Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) County Employee Scholarship Program: Deadline February 1.** Applicants must have an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, or legal guardian) currently working for or retired from a Mississippi county. A county employee does not include school district, county hospital, or other separate entity. Students can download an application packet at [www.mssupervisors.org/scholarship-program](http://www.mssupervisors.org/scholarship-program)

**Elvis Presley Fan Club Scholarship: Deadline February 14.** This is a state-wide scholarship competition, with scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Applicants must perform and record one Elvis song and one song of their choice. Applications along

with videos must be received by February 14. Mail applications to: Mrs. Diane Whitt, 244 CR 530, Shannon, MS 38868. Please see [www.tupeloelvisfanclub.com](http://www.tupeloelvisfanclub.com) for scholarship details.

**Junior Auxiliary of Gulfport: Deadline Feb 15.** This local scholarship evaluates students' academic record as well as their involvement and financial need. A member of the Junior Auxiliary Scholarship Committee will come to GHS to pick up completed applications along with your recommendation letters on February 16. You will need 1-2 personal recommendation letters (sealed in envelopes) AND one from your guidance counselor sealed for your application to be completed. The application also requires a parent/guardian signature and your counselor to sign off on your GPA. Applications were emailed to the senior class but paper copies are also available in guidance. Please have all parts complete and your letters turned in to Mrs. Steube in guidance by FEBRUARY 15.

**Keesler Spouses' Club: Deadline February 23.** This scholarship is for military dependents pursuing a college, university, or vocational school in the fall of 2022. Eligible dependents will be members of the Keesler AFB Family, including dependent children and spouses of Active Duty, Guard/Reserve, Retired, Deceased, and DoD Civilian employees. Seniors who are military dependents can access the STUDENT APPLICATION at [www.keeslerspousesclub.org/scholarships](http://www.keeslerspousesclub.org/scholarships). The application along with all the required documentation (essay, letters of recommendation, sealed high school transcript, & copy of military dependent ID) must be mailed by the deadline.

**Gulf Coast Community Foundation Scholarships: Deadline February 28.** All Applications are found at [www.mgccf.org](http://www.mgccf.org)

#### **Mary & Gene Levens Scholarship Fund**

The Mary & Gene Levens Scholarship Fund was established in January 2000 to recognize the importance the Levens placed on a college education for their nine children. It is their desire to award scholarships to individuals interested in pursuing degrees in areas similar to their careers and those of their children, namely accounting, engineering, health care, insurance and other business related fields.

#### **Lawrence and Lucimarian Roberts Scholarship Fund**

The Lawrence & Lucimarian Roberts Helpline Scholarship Fund was established in July 2002 to help individuals further their education in human service professions such as psychology, counseling, social work, or other majors in the behavioral health and science field. Applicant must be currently enrolled in a two or four-year College or university in the State of MS or a high school senior who is planning on attending a two or four-year College or university in the State of MS. The applicant should have an overall grade point average of at least 2.5 (based on a 4.0 scale) from a state or private college or university or from a public or private high school. The individual must have family residency in Harrison, Hancock, Pearl River or Stone County.

**Harold and Mary W. Perlman Scholarship Fund**

The Harold & Mary Perlman Scholarship Fund was established in November 2006, in memory of Harold and Mary Perlman. Mr. and Mrs. Perlman were both educators along the MS Gulf Coast. The purpose of the award is to assist College, Junior College or Graduate school students who plan to attend or are currently attending William Carey College, University of Southern Mississippi or any campus of the MS Gulf Coast Community College. She/he should have an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale). The individual must have family residency in Harrison, Hancock, Jackson or Stone County and provide evidence of financial need. The applicant must participate in extra-curricular and/or community activities. Three references are required.

**Rotary Club of Gulfport Scholarship**

This prestigious scholarship gives 60% weight to a student's academic record, 30% weight to leadership/service, and 10% weight to financial need. Three references are required.

**Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce: Deadline Feb. 29 by 4 pm.** Students are eligible to apply if they are graduating seniors with a minimum 18 on the ACT and a B or higher overall GPA. The student must complete a typed essay of a minimum of 500 words explaining the following: "Describe your post-college vision for returning to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to kickstart your career or launch a business aimed at enhancing local economic development. Highlight how your education, aspirations, and skills acquired during college will contribute to the betterment of the community." Paper copies of the application are available in guidance or you can complete it here <https://mscoastchamber.com/form/view/31933>

## **Scholarships with March/April Deadlines**

**Navy Wives Club of America Scholarship: Deadline March 31.** Applicants must be a dependent of an active duty, retired with pay or deceased enlisted member of the US Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. The applicant must have a valid dependent ID card. Applicants must show financial need and have a "C" GPA. Applications are available at [www.navywivesclubsofamerica.org](http://www.navywivesclubsofamerica.org)

**Keesler African American Heritage Scholarship (Col. Ret. Lawrence E. Roberts): Deadline March 31.** Graduating seniors residing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast are eligible to apply. The scholarship committee will consider the student's academic record, a recommendation letter from a school official, and an essay entitled "Black Health and Wellness). Students must submit their official transcript, ACT scores, a copy of a college acceptance letter where they plan to attend, and their essay. Applications and details regarding the essay are available in the guidance office.

**Krewe of Gemini Scholarship: Deadline April 8.** This local scholarship will be given to two seniors from the Gulf Coast area. The scholarship amount is \$1,000. Applicants will be evaluated based on their GPA/ACT score, extracurricular involvement, financial need, character recommendation letters, and a biographical statement which is part of the application. Applications are available in guidance. Turn in the completed application along with ALL required documents to the guidance office or you can mail it to the address on the application with your 3 rec letters, official transcript, and your attached statement.

**American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) Deadline April 15.** Students should have a “B” average and plan to major in an energy related field: business, physical science, technology, engineering, or math. Applicants should also be an underrepresented minority (African American, Hispanic, or Native American). Apply at [www.aabe.org](http://www.aabe.org) under “Student Opportunities”.

**There are also national scholarship databases that allow you to search for scholarships. Be careful of any scholarship or organization that asks for an application fee, as they may not be legitimate. Scholarship applications should always be free! These are highly recommended...**

- [Big Future](#)
- [SallieMae](#)
- [College Scholarships](#)
- [Fastweb](#)
- [Scholarships by UNCF](#)
- [Unigo](#)
- [Student Scholarships](#)

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