

Senior Scholarship Newsletter

January 2019

This month's checklist:

1. Check out the senior page on the GHS website under the "For Students" tab. The senior calendar and other important information is included!
2. Most colleges' competitive scholarship deadlines have passed, so now you can turn your attention to private scholarships like the ones listed in this newsletter. Start applying!!
3. Be on the lookout for an e-mail about being selected for verification. This will come from the college and is legitimate. If you get this, you need to get all of the documents they are requesting submitted ASAP for them to release your scholarship offer!
4. Register by Friday, January 11th for the February ACT and choose to send these scores to the colleges you applied to. Remember that even one extra point can mean more scholarship money!
5. Make your FAFSA appointment so you can be eligible for financial aid. Many colleges use **March 1st as a FAFSA deadline** when they award financial aid. Call or email GHS secretary Mrs. Angie Powell at 228-897-6040 or angie.powell@gulfportschools.org or Get2College at 228-875-4441.

ACT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional \$29.50)
February 9	January 11	January 18
April 13	March 8	March 25

FREE ACT workshops at Get2College in Ocean Springs
 Registration required at get2college.org or 228-875-4441

Date	Time	Registration day
Saturday, February 2, 2019	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	January 2, 2019
Thursday, February 7, 2019	4:30 - 7:30 p.m.	January 7, 2019
Saturday, April 6, 2019	8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	March 6, 2019
Thursday, April 11, 2019	4:30 - 7:30 p.m.	March 11, 2019

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS!!!

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. Talk to you student’s counselor if you think you are eligible.

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

Get to know the recruiters!

Colleges have recruiters and admissions staff dedicated to helping students in each part of the state and country. Get to know them! They are here to help you...

- USM- Mollie McCarroll... 601-543-7415... mollie.mccarroll@usm.edu
- MSU- Nicki Reeder... 228-669-0640... nicki.reeder@msstate.edu
- Ole Miss- Shelby-Rae Hamel... 228-327-6012... srchamel@olemiss.edu
- Univ. of South Alabama- Trey Johnson... 251-220-6081... treyjohnson@southalabama.edu
- Millsaps College- Lauren Barattini... 601-974-1045... baratlm@millsaps.edu
- MUW- Kristin Monahan... 662-329-7290... kmonahan@muw.edu

Private Scholarships

Ron Brown Scholar Program: Deadline January 9, 2019. The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. This scholarship is highly competitive. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. The program awards 10 students nationwide each year with a \$10,000 annual for 4 years, totaling \$40,000. Download the requirements and application at <http://www.ronbrown.org>

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest: Deadline January 18, 2019. The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites U.S. high school students to write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year JFK was born. For contest information, registration, and to submit your essay, visit the Profile in Courage Essay Contest at www.jfklibrary.org. The first place winner will receive \$10,000. Twenty-five finalists will be awarded various cash amounts as well.

Coolidge Scholars Program: Deadline January 23, 2019. This highly selective program is for students with demonstrated academic excellence, an interest in public policy, and an appreciation for and understanding of the values President Coolidge championed, as well as humility and service. Scholarships amounts range from \$1,000 to a full-ride. Apply online at www.collidgescholars.org

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship: Deadline February 1, 2019. This is a very competitive national scholarship for minority students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community service, and financial need. Students must also have a 21 or higher on the ACT. Scholarship amounts range but may be up to \$30,000 over 4 years. Apply online at www.jackierobinson.org

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency Scholarship (MORA): Deadline February 11, 2019S. Eligible students must be a graduating senior from an accredited Mississippi high school. Those seniors also must have been accepted by a community college or university in Mississippi, or have intentions of 2018 fall enrollment. They must also have a grade point average of 2.5 or above, include two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and one from an adult of the student's choice, and include an essay of 300 to a maximum of 750 words about their connection to donation, why they are registered donors or the importance of encouraging others to be donors. Applications are available in guidance.

Elvis Presley Fan Club Scholarship: Deadline February 14, 2019. 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. Applicants along with videos must be received by February 14, 2019. Mail applications to: Mrs. Diane Whitt, 244 CR 530, Shannon, MS 38868. Please see www.tupeloelvisfanclub.com for scholarship details.

Les Belle Fleurs Sisterly Love Scholarship: Deadline February 28, 2019. Female students are eligible who reside in any of the coastal counties. This scholarship worth \$500 will be awarded based on two letters of recommendation, an application, and a 500-1,000 word essay on “What Sisterhood Means to Me.” Applications are available in guidance.

The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Foundation 2018 David G. Hall, M.D. Memorial Scholarship: Deadline March 1, 2019. Write a 500 word essay on the following topic: Describe the impact of a Family Physician in your life or the life of your family and/or the role of the Family Physician in your community. In what ways do Family Physicians strengthen the various aspects of the community? Applications are available in guidance along with instructions on documents that must be submitted with the application. Applications should be postmarked by March 1st.

Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) County Employee Scholarship Program: Deadline March 1, 2019. 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

American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) Essay Contest: Deadline March 15, 2019. The winner receives \$2,500, a trip to Washington, D.C. to meet the Secretary of State, and a full scholarship for a Semester at Sea educational voyage. This essay contest encourages high school students to think about important international issues and learn about the United States Foreign Service. For information on the essay prompt and scholarship details, visit www.afsa.org/essay-contest

Krewe of Gemini Scholarship- Deadline March 26, 2019. Seniors are eligible who have demonstrated financial need and community/school involvement. Applications must accompany 3 character reference letters, transcript, a short essay, and a detailed biographical statement explaining how this scholarship will assist you. ***Applications are available in the guidance office and must be returned to the guidance office.***

Harold & Mary Merlman Scholarship- Deadline March 31, 2019. Students who will attend William Carey, USM, or MGCCC/Perkinston campus are eligible to apply. Financial need, grades, and extracurricular activities will be considered. Applications are available in guidance.

The Caring.com Scholarship- Deadline TBA (July 2019). Two \$1,500 scholarships are awarded to student-caregivers. Students must submit either a 1,500 word essay or a two minute video that addresses their caregiving experience. The essay/video prompt as well as the application is available at <https://www.caring.com/caregivers/scholarships-for-student-caregivers#the-caring-com-scholarship>

Search for more specific scholarships through the following sites:

www.brokescholar.com

www.unclaimedscholarships.us

www.christianconnector.com

www.collegefund.com

www.NextStepU.com

www.cappex.com/scholarships

<http://www.msfinancialaid.org>

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.FastWeb.com

www.scholarships.com

www.scholarshiphelp.org

www.athletic-scholarships.net

Hispanic Scholarship Fund www.hsf.net

United Negro College Fund www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarships.asp