

Senior Scholarship Newsletter

December/January

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

Important things this time of year!!!!

- Have you applied to the colleges you are interested in?
- Have you filled out the scholarship application on the college's website?
- Have you paid the housing deposit for the college you plan to attend?

Spring ACT registration www.myact.org

Sometimes ONE more point can mean scholarship \$\$!!!! Take the ACT again!
Registration deadlines are usually about a month prior to the test date. Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch.

February 10

April 13

Coming soon... FAFSA will go live!

The FAFSA – the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – is the first step in getting money for college. It is required for federal student aid. The FAFSA results may also be used for private scholarships, money directly from the college or university, and state financial aid, all with different deadlines. 2022 tax returns are used to complete this free application.

GHS will let you know soon how we can help assist families with completing the FAFSA. Seniors need to check their school email regularly for more information in the days/weeks to come!

Mississippi Financial Aid application is open!
(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 below)

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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 for more info or talk with your student's guidance counselor.

Visit Days

The best way to see if a college is right for you is to visit! Schedule a visit on the college's website and go visit... you won't regret it... plus college visit days are excused absence (see your counselor for more information)

College Scholarship Application Deadlines

Mississippi State University's scholarship priority deadline was Dec. 1 but there is still time to apply for Ole Miss and USM scholarships!

Ole Miss- January 10th

USM- February 15th deadline

College recruiters... get to know them!!!

College recruiters or admissions counselors are your main resource for all the information you need about that school... they help with everything from general application questions, campus visits, scholarship questions, and housing. To find out who your admission counselor is for your school/area, just look under the admissions tab on the college's website! Here are a few who have contacted us so far this year...

Admissions Counselor contact info...

The University of Southern Mississippi

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University of South Alabama

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Scholarships with December Deadlines

National Space Club Scholarship: Deadline December 4. One \$15,000 award. Must be a high school senior with the intention of pursuing a career in the STEM field. Apply online at <https://www.spaceclub.org/scholarship/index.html>

Miriam Scarborough Scholarship through P.E.O. of Mississippi (Dec. 5). Senior girls planning to attend a college in Mississippi or Cottey College are eligible to apply. Must have a B average, a 24 or higher on the ACT, and also have financial need and leadership/service experience. Bring the completed application packet to guidance by December 5th to be picked up by the local chapter of P.E.O. Your application needs to include your high school transcript, ACT score report, resume, college acceptance email, print-out of the cost of attendance for the college you plan to attend (in Mississippi), Paragraph/statement from a parent regarding your financial need.

Equitable Excellence Scholarship: The application process is now open and will close after the first 10,000 applications are received or by Dec. 18th at 3:00. This very competitive scholarship, in association with *U.S. News & World Report*, provides \$10,000 to one recipient in each state. Equitable Excellence Scholarship recipients are students who demonstrate ambition, the ability to succeed in college, and respect for self, family, and community. These students have remarkable accomplishments such as setting up a food bank in their community, designing a curriculum to get kids interested in science, and founding a nonprofit organization for young people that encourages community service and civic involvement. Only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted, so you must apply early. <https://equitable.com/foundation/equitable-excellence-scholarship>

National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators Scholarship Program: Deadline December 31st. Two scholarships valued at \$2,500 will be awarded to high school seniors attending their first year of college. Applicants are evaluated based on a personal essay (guidelines are in the application), high school GPA, school/community leadership and service, and letters of recommendation. Please contact mafepdm@gmail.com with any questions.

Scholarship Link

[02copy 2024 NAFEPA Scholarship Info Application Checklist Word FINAL.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Scholarships with January/February deadlines

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship: Deadline January 10 by 4pm. 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

John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Scholarship: Deadline January 12. In this essay contest, students will compete for a chance at winning \$10,000. Your essay must be 700-1,000 words. Contest details are on the website. This year's essay prompt is as follows: Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after **1917**, the year John F. Kennedy was born. Include an analysis of the obstacles, risks, and consequences associated with the act. The essay may concern an issue at the local, state, national, or international level. www.jfklibrary.org/essaycontest

Dream US Opportunity Scholarship: Deadline January 31. Applicants must meet immigration eligibility listed on the website as well as have a minimum C overall GPA. This scholarship awards up to \$20,000 per year up to 4 years to partner colleges. <https://thedream.us/scholarships/opportunity-scholarship/>

Mediacom World Class Scholarship Program: Deadline January 31. Apply for a chance at a \$1,000 scholarship! Applicants should have an overall A GPA, be involved in school and/or community extracurricular activities and will need good teacher references. Apply online! www.mediacomworldclass.com

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

Gulf Coast Community Foundation Scholarships: Deadline February 28. All Applications are found at 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 provide assistance for College, Junior College or Graduate school students that 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.

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](#)

Get2College is a FREE resource for college planning. Check out their website full of helpful information, including their college guidebook.

www.get2college.org