

# **Senior Scholarship Newsletter**

## **March 2024**

**Have you done the FAFSA and Mississippi Financial aid application?** Filling out these two online documents is how you can receive grant money for college to help with the cost! Email your counselor or parents can call 228-897-6040 for more info.

Donut Decision Day is in May! Seniors, this is a special time to celebrate you and your college/military choices. Be sure to let your counselor know as you are finalizing your decisions. More information will come in next month's newsletter.

Remember to check the "For Students" tab under "Seniors" on the GHS website for updates on graduation, the spring calendar, and scholarships.

**The ACT determines admissions, scholarship money, and class placement. Take it again on April 13<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)**

## **HELP Grant: FULL TUITION for in-state colleges!!!! Deadline for complete application is March 31!!!!** [www.msfinancialaid.org](http://www.msfinancialaid.org)

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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

**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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## **Attention students planning to attend Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College! Important April 1 deadline for scholarships!**

Be sure to fill out the scholarship applications on the MGCCC website for their foundation scholarships, for students who are completing a 2 year CTE program at GHS, for their leadership/student ambassador program called the Reflection Team. There are endless opportunities to explore on the website, be sure you get everything submitted by April 1!

### **Scholarships with March Deadlines**

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Scholarship: Deadline March 15.** Applicants must have a minimum C average and an 18 or better on the ACT. Applicants will answer a short essay and include information on their participation in campus, community, church, or volunteer organizations. ***Applications are available in guidance.***

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship: Deadline March 22.** Applicants should be active in school and community activities and should demonstrate good citizenship both in school and in the community. Students should have an 18 or higher on the ACT and an 85/B overall GPA. Applications should also include a resume, essay (topic on the application), two letters of recommendation, an official transcript, and a wallet size headshot photo. ***Applications are available in guidance.***

**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.

**Celebrate Sisters Foundation Bridge to STEM Scholarship: Deadline March 31.** This \$2,000 scholarship is targeted to minority female students in good academic standing with demonstrated community service and leadership.  
**[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQxF\\_3WM3PmbIvKcvLUBLYJ2SE7tr3wBBNQ3oUZhvs-Ez2cQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQxF_3WM3PmbIvKcvLUBLYJ2SE7tr3wBBNQ3oUZhvs-Ez2cQ/viewform)**

## **Scholarships with April Deadlines**

**Destiny's Elite Girls Scholarship: Deadline April 1.** A total of 8 high school graduating female students will be awarded this year and all participants will be asked to participate in an anthology book project. The winners will be awarded monetary gifts ranging from \$2,000.00 to \$200.00 to attend the school of their choice.

**<https://form.jotform.com/220828744989171>**

**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. Please 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.

**Mississippi Valley State University Harrison County Alumni Chapter Scholarship: Deadline April 13.** Students planning to attend Mississippi Valley State in the fall are eligible to apply. Completed applications will also need to include a resume, essay on your career goals, sealed/official high school transcript, and at least one recommendation letter. *Details are included on the application located in the guidance office.*

**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".

**Jackson State University Gulf Coast Alumni Chapter Scholarship- Deadline April 15.** Students are eligible who plan to attend Jackson State in the fall. Students will need to submit a completed application, an official transcript, and a typed essay on "Why I would like to attend Jackson State University." *Applications are available in guidance.*

**Mike Rowe Works Foundation Scholarship: April 17.** This scholarship is awarded to students applying for a Career & Technical program at a community college. Visit <https://mikeroweworks.org/scholarship/> for more information on the CTE classes and programs that are recognized through this foundation.

## **Scholarships with May Deadlines**

**Civic League of Gulfport Scholarships: Deadline May 15.** TWO scholarships are available: The Kathy Varnado Smith scholarship has a \$1,000 value and can be awarded to a senior who plans to enter an educational field related to helping those with physical or special needs. The Exceptional Student scholarship is designated for a senior who has

personally had to overcome a physical or special need. This includes those who have struggled with hearing, visual, physical, or learning disabilities. Applications for both are available in the guidance office.

**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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[www.get2college.org](http://www.get2college.org)