

Petal High School

**SCHOLARSHIP
GUIDE
BOOKLET**



**A Guide To
Local, State and National
SCHOLARSHIPS**

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PETAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Addison McKinley Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: The individual must pursue a degree at a college or university in Mississippi. Student must have maintained a 3.0 GPA and/or a letter of recommendation from the PHS principal stating promise and potential in pursuing a college degree. An essay stating financial need is required. On additional letter of recommendation, resume, and transcript is required.

Complete PEF application.

Anderson Brothers Leadership Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: The recipient will be a Petal High senior who has participated in school and community service activities and demonstrated leadership skills and abilities. Student must have maintained a 2.5 GPA, letter of recommendation and resume addressing leadership and community service skills.

Complete PEF application

Beth Havard English/Education Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: The recipient will be a deserving senior student pursuing a degree in Education or English. A minimum 3.25 GPA, one letter of recommendation from a language arts teacher and an essay entitled: "*My Education and Career Goals.*" Selection will be determined by recommendations of PHS language arts teachers, PHS principal, and PEF Scholarship committee.

Complete PEF application.

Bob & Kristi Pierce Senior Class President Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: PHS Senior Class President, a letter from a senior sponsor stating that student is in good standing, resume listing accomplishments as president and transcript.

Complete PEF application.

Bobby Drake Athletic Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirements: Christian athlete with leadership skills and good work ethics, letter of recommendation and resume

Complete PEF application

Burkett Ross, Sr. Academic Excellence Athletic Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirements: Highest GPA among the top twenty-five senior athletes at Petal High School

C.D. Kolbo Scholarship**Award: \$500.00**

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, Applicant has a disability, an essay about the disability and how a college education would help you to overcome the difficulty associated with the disability and possibly help others with a disability. Two letters of recommendation based on *“Why this applicant would use a college education to help others with disabilities.”*

Complete PEF application

Coach Si Thompson’s “Bootstrap” Scholarship**Award Amount: \$500.00**

Requirements: The recipient will be a Petal High School senior who has a history of unselfish participation in the academic success of others. One teacher recommendation is required supporting the recipient’s willingness to assist in the scholastic success of his or her peers. A one-page essay is required from the candidate based on one of the *Core Beliefs* listed below that best guides the applicant’s personal values. A GPA of 3.00 is required.

Applicant must complete the PEF application.

Petal School District Core Beliefs

We believe that:

- A person's potential to learn is limitless.
- All people have intrinsic worth.
- People are influenced more by what others do than by what they say.

Class of 1956 Scholarship**Amount: \$500.00**

Requirements: Essay—“My Educational and Career Goals”, GPA-2.5+, two recommendation letters

Complete PEF application

Dan Stuart Memorial Softball Scholarship**Award: \$300.00**

Requirements: Must have played slow pitch softball at Petal high School for a minimum of 1 year, minimum of 2.5 GPA, planning to attend a community/junior college or university, submit a letter of recommendation from the slow pitch softball coach, and submit a brief autobiography

Complete PEF application

Dr. Chuck Harrell Health Scholarship**Amount: \$250.00**

Requirements: Senior must be pursuing a degree in a health related field of study, GPA 2.5, Essay stating academic and career goals in the medical field as well as a short paragraph indicating financial need.

Complete PEF application

Dr. Milton Baxter Band Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: Senior must have been a member of the PHS band in good standing for no less than 2 years, must attend a public or private community or senior college in Mississippi does not need to pursue a degree or career in music, must meet requirement to graduate from Petal High School, 2 letters of recommendations, 250 word essay stating education and career goals, complete PEF application

Earl Porter Cross Scholarship

Amount: \$300.00

Requirements: Senior PHS student, must have 3.5 or better GPA, must have succeeded in higher sciences arena, (AP courses), display leadership and the ability to complete a college degree program, 2 letters of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Eddie Miley Lewis Legacy Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: The scholarship is established to provide an opportunity for a FEMALE graduating senior to pursue a college education and degree in the field of *Business and/or International Studies*. 3.0 GPA, Resume, Two letters of recommendation, and an essay stating educational and career goals.
Complete PEF application

Edith Easterling James Education Scholarship

Award: \$300.00

Requirements: must major in **education**, show potential for success, maintained a 3.0 GPA, include an essay stating financial need, letter of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Elizabeth Dabbs Brock “Fight the Good Fight” Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must be a PHS graduating senior who has been affected by a terminal illness in their immediate family. To qualify for this scholarship, a member of the applicants immediate family (mother, father, sibling, self, close grandparent) must have/have had a terminal illness. Write an essay telling your story. “How has this illness affected your life? What have you learned from this experience?” Teacher recommendation to include a brief description of how the student has grown and persevered through their ordeal, including strengths and perseverance the student has shown.

Complete PEF Application

“Friends of the Foundation” PSD Employee Dependent Scholarship

Amount: Varies from year to year based on contributions to the “Friends of the Foundation” Annual Campaign Scholarship Fund

Requirements: must be a PHS graduating senior, son or daughter of a full or part time Petal School District employee, attended PHS all four years of high school, maintained a 3.0 GPA.

Complete PEF application

Gail McInnis Choral Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Must be a 4 year member of the choral department, 3.0 GPA, College bound, be of high moral character, possess good leadership skills, have a love of music, must write a 250 word essay stating why you think you are worthy of this scholarship. Complete PEF application

Gene High Memorial Scholarship-Medical/Science/Math Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, Consideration is given to a student who applies for this scholarship becoming *the first in his/her family to earn a college degree*, a paragraph stating aforementioned item. Include a letter of recommendation, complete PEF application.

Greater Hattiesburg Home Builders Association Construction I Technology Scholarship

Amount: \$300.00

Requirements: Outstanding Construction Technology I student who will be completing requirements for their 1st year, nominated at the beginning of the school year by the instructor, and attend a Tuesday luncheon with the GHHBA. Recommendations from director, teacher, and counselor for the Construction Technology Program are required.

Greater Hattiesburg Home Builders Association Construction II Technology Scholarship

Amount: \$700.00

Requirements: Outstanding Construction Technology II student who will be completing requirements for their 2nd year, nominated at the beginning of the school year by the instructor, and attend a Tuesday luncheon with the GHHBA. Recommendations from director, teacher, and counselor for the Construction Technology Program are required. Must be approved by the Petal Education Foundation Scholarship Review Committee and attend the annual PHS awards program.

H & S Robotics Club Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Senior, GPA of 2.5, participated in Robotics Club, attended regional competition, letter of recommendation, complete PEF application

Ione Ginn Bond Education Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Essay: "Why I Am Majoring in Education," PHS student for a minimum of two years, GPA-3.0+, Must have taken ACT, letter of recommendation Complete PEF application

Jennifer Trussell Purvis Memorial Music Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Essay: *“How the Choral Program at PHS and Love of Music Have Impacted My Life,”* Choral Student, Two Reference Letters
Complete PEF application

Jerry and Vicky Mixon Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must attend William Carey University, essay stating have financial need and career goals, two letters of recommendation.
Complete PEF application

Jimmy Havard Community Leadership Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: Resume listing leadership positions held, community service activities including dates and hours of service, letter of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Jim Smith Athletic Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: a student in any PHS sport, must exhibit Christian attitude on and off the field, 2.5 GPA, two letters of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Kevin Patrick Duckworth Memorial Baseball Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Award recipient must have played for 4 years on the PHS Baseball Team. This may include the 9th grade, junior varsity and varsity. Student must have maintained a 3.25 GPA or better, demonstrated leadership skills that further ensure success in college, resume listing leadership skills, include a letter of recommendation.
Complete PEF application

King CPA Accounting Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Recipient must be majoring in Accounting with a four or five year degree, maintained a 2.5 GPA, been enrolled in business class(es) at Petal High School and provide a resume to include involvement in business related clubs and activities. Provide a letter of recommendation from a PHS business teacher.
Complete PEF application.

Landry & Lewis Architects Scholarship for Architectural or Engineering Studies

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: A. Student planning to attend an accredited Architectural School and majoring in architecture,
B. Students majoring in Architectural Engineering
C. Students majoring in Construction Engineering
D. Students majoring in Civil Engineering

250 word essay stating educational and career goals
Letter of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Lynn Cartlidge Leadership Scholarship

Award: \$250.00

Requirements: Resume listing proven leadership activities and community service activities, 2.5 GPA, two letters of recommendation
Complete PEF application

Making Strides Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: The graduating senior must have worked to overcome a disability or experienced hardship with an immediate family member stricken with a debilitating illness or disease. Essay describing the medical situation, letter of recommendation, 2.5 GPA, resume listing school and community involvement.
Complete PEF application

Marcus Ware Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$1200.00

Requirements: Resume, Two letters of recommendation must attend Mississippi State University majoring in engineering.
Complete PEF application

Milton Carpenter Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: GPA-2.5+, Take ACT, Resume noting community service with number of hours from freshman-senior years, Letter of reference noting community service
Complete PEF application

Mississippi Scholars Program PEF Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must meet all the requirements of the Mississippi Scholars Program, letter of reference
Complete PEF application

Mississippi Scholars Tech Masters PEF Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must meet all the requirements of the Mississippi Scholars Tech Masters Program, complete PHS Career Technical Tech Masters application,
<http://goo.gl/forms/sJbvVvmwrM>
Complete PEF application

Peggy James Child Nutrition Employee Dependent Scholarships

Award: Varies from year to year based on donations

Requirements: parent must be a Petal School District food service employee
Other requirements TBA

Penny Jones Alexander Stay in School Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Student will be awarded for extra effort exerted to stay in school and graduate, despite exceptional circumstances (i.e. pregnancy) and to males students who may graduate despite obstacles other students do not face. Graduation is the ONLY requirement. A student could receive this award with academic awards also.

Nominations may be made by any school employee, certified or otherwise to high school principal.

Petal Arts Council Scholarship

Amount: \$100.00

Requirements: Must be a visual arts student who exhibits talent with their chosen medium, i.e., paint materials, clay, sculpture materials, photography, etc. Medium does not include computer generated work. 2.5 GPA, submit three, (3) representations of their original work created within the last three years prior to high school graduation, submit a letter of recommendation focusing on the student's artistic aptitude.

Complete PEF application

Petal High School Junior ROTC Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: Senior who displays standards, characteristics, and the following traits: Academically average 2.5 GPA, who intends to enroll in Army ROTC with intentions of graduating with a commission in the Army or USMC, if attending OCS upon graduation, enjoys military lifestyle and is comfortable in a military atmosphere, self motivated, shows and possesses leadership skills and traits, is neat in personal appearance, candidate must be recommended by both JROTC instructors and interviews by donor or local retired military, essay required stating; "Why you would like to receive the ROTC Scholarship, letter of reference

Complete PEF application

Petal Band Presidential Inaugural Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00—to the most outstanding senior band member *majoring in music*

Requirements: PHS Band membership, 250 word essay stating, "Why you think you are worthy of this scholarship." 2.5 GPA, exhibit leadership skills, one letter of reference

Complete PEF application

Petal Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Senior, who has, maintained a 2.5 GPA, exhibited citizenship and high ideals, resume proving participation in service to their community, and information highlighting the student's patriotism and goodwill to others, one letter of reference

Complete PEF application

Petal Optimist Club Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Resume including community service, transcript, letter of reference

Complete PEF application

Petal Youth Sports Association Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: 2.5 GPA, male or female who has participated in organized sports during their high school career, write a brief essay entitled, *“The Importance of Interscholastic Sports and the Lessons I Have Learned.”* Student must attend an accredited Mississippi college, junior college or university.

Complete PEF application

Ray Perkins Athletic Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Member of the PHS Football Team, one letter of reference

Complete PEF application

Resinall Science/Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Deserving student planning to pursue degrees in Chemistry, Polymer Science or Engineering, Minimum 3.0 GPA, letter of recommendation from Math or Science Teacher, must attend a state funded college or university within the State of Mississippi (EX: USM, MSU, UM, JCJC, PRCC)

Robert E. Hendrix Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000.00 (\$1,250.00 per year for four years)

Requirements: Hendrix Application, Paragraph stating student need, Essay-*“My Future Education and Career Goals,”* **Must have a PHS Mentor beginning in 9th grade**, Mentor recommendation, Complete PEF application

Ronnie Harrington Memorial Baseball Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Senior student who has been a member of the PHS Baseball Team, has a Christian attitude on and off the field, 2.5 GPA, two letters of recommendation

Complete PEF application

SPC William Anthony Blount Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$500.00

Requirements: Must prove financial need, public service, and character. Two letters of reference

Complete PEF application

Spirit of Robert Burgess Athletic Scholarship

Award: \$250.00

Requirements: Nominated by a member of the PHS coaching staff, 2.0 GPA, must have played or been involved in a sport at Petal High School, possess a strong spirit of volunteerism, two letters of recommendation attesting to the student’s sport and volunteerism

PEF application

Steve Simmons “P.R.I.D.E.” Scholarship

Award: \$500

Requirements: Senior student who possess an outstanding—

Positive attitude, Respect others, Integrity, Determination, Effort.

Must participate in at least one extracurricular activity, applied and been excepted to a 2 or 4 year college or university, submit a resume listing activities and involvement at school and in the community, include an essay stating justification/proof of the above mentioned attributes.

Two letters of recommendations are required from a PHS teacher/**counselor** with knowledge of the student’s P.R.I.D.E.

Willie Ratliff Memorial Scholarship

Award: \$250.00

Requirements: Student must be of high moral character, shown kindness to those less fortunate, have financial need, teacher recommendation, 250 word essay stating education and career goals

PEF application

Other Scholarships Administered by the Petal Education Foundation:

(Students do not apply for the following scholarships. Award is based solely on test scores.)

CTE-Information Technology Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Polymer Science Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Culinary Arts Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Construction Technology

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

*** FYI ONLY--(not a Foundation Scholarship)**

CTE-Health Care and Clinical Science

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Business Fundamentals (Marketing) Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE- Digital Media Tech

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE- Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

CTE-Teacher Academy Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

Coming in Spring 2017...

CTE-Law and Public Safety

Amount: \$250.00

Requirement: Highest score for completers, spring of 2nd year

Local and Area Scholarships

(This section is NOT updated but will possibly give a lead to your own research)

Information for the following scholarships may be obtained in the Petal High School Counselors' office or obtained by contacting Petal High Guidance@PetalGuidance.com

Petal Rotary Club Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Essay, Must attend William Carey University

Lebonte Club Scholarship

Amount: Varies from year to year

Requirements: student should possess good character, overall "B" or above average, complete the scholarship application listing honors and awards, and a brief essay about you

Optimist International Essay Contest (2011)

19 years old and under

Amount: \$2500 district/ Ala/MS

District winner entered for international award

Holland Dru Shoemake Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Application, Essay, Resume

Holland Dru Shoemake Spirit Award

Amount: \$1000.00

Recipient chosen by Mrs. Dawn Lewis

Jonathan Griffin Memorial Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Must attend Jones County Junior College, One page essay, Must be majoring in health related field, EMT majors get 1st priority

Kohler Inspirational Award

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Parents of students must be employed by Kohler

Wal-Mart Community Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Apply online: www.walmart.com, GPA-2.5+, Must have taken ACT

H.R. Nobles Scholarship

Amount: \$400.00

Requirements: Student Body President—senior
Awarded by Cosmopolitan Club of Petal

Clinton Music Scholarship

Amount: \$400.00

Requirements: Scholarship is given to a PHS Band member on even years and a PHS Choral student on odd years, Scholarship is chosen by the director
Awarded by Cosmopolitan Club of Petal

Nina Hinton Math Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Chosen by PHS Math Department, Highest average, member of Mu Alpha Theta

Dennis Ray Smith Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Student must participate in athletics, GPA

Hattiesburg Junior Auxiliary Scholarship

Amount: \$1500.00 or varies

Requirements: Application, Authbiography-250 words

Teresa Brown Allied Health II Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirements: Highest average in Allied Health II

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarship

Amount:

Requirements:

Champions for Children Scholars

Amount: \$1000.00 to \$5000.00

Requirements: 100 hours from June 1 through April 1, Application, Essay about mentoring experience

Mississippi Moose Association Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: On-line application, www.mooseint.org click RRobertDale, GPA-2.5, be a child or under legal guardianship of a Moose Lodge or Chapter member
Deadline: June 30, before senior year

Mu Alpha Theta Scholarship

Amount: \$300.00

Requirements: Apply to Mu Alpha Theta, Must be a member

VFW Post 3036 Voice of Democracy

Amount:

Requirement: Essay

National Honor Society Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00

Requirements: GPA, Application, Resume

Soundsations Booster Club Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Application, Essay, Soundsations member

Greg Magee Scholarship—(Beta Club)

Amount: \$250.00

Requirements: Member of Beta Club

Edward J. “Ed” Langton Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Awarded annually to a Pine Belt area high school student based academic excellence, community involvement, and financial need, must be accepted as a full-time student to a 2 or 4 year college in Mississippi.

Apply through the Greater Pine Belt Area Foundation

Merchants Company Scholarship

Amount:

Requirements: Students must be a child of a Merchants Company employee

Apply through the Greater Pine Belt Area Foundation

Mississippi Tank Company Scholarship

Amount:

Requirements: Student must be a child of a Mississippi Tank Company employee

National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship

Amount: \$250.00 local, \$1000.00 state, \$10,000.00 National

Requirements: Application, GPA-3.0+, Hunting License, Must be a member of JAKES, Essay, Three letters of recommendation

Deadline: January 1

ESF Essay Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Essay-500 words, (topics vary)

Deadline: January 15

Elks Club Scholarship

Amount: \$4000.00 to \$60,000.00

Requirements: Community Service, leadership Essay, Financial Statement, Provide Exhibits, Photos, Materials must be in a Mead paper folder, Proof of family membership

Deadline: January

Coca Cola Scholarship

Amount: \$10,000 to \$20,000.00

Requirements: Application on line at

www.cocacolascholars.org

GPA-2.5+

Deadline: October 31 of each year

Monsanto Excellence in Agriculture Scholarship

Amount: \$1500.00

Requirements: Apply through National FFA, Must be majoring in an agriculture related field

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00-\$15,000.00

Requirements: Application on line at AXA-Achievement.com

Burger King Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Apply on-line at www.bk.com/scholarships , GPA-2.5+, Part-time job of 15 hours per week, Community Service, Statement of financial need

Prudential Spirit of Community Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Application on line
www.prudential.com/spirit , Community service

USDA/1890 National Scholarship

Amount: Full Ride

Requirements: Must attend listed universities, Must be a minority, exhibit leadership skills

Discover Card Scholarship

Amount: \$25,000.00 National Winner

Requirements: Junior in High School, Apply on line-
www.scholarship Access key: DISC
Application, Personal statement of need, Community Service, Statement of personal obstacles overcome

Best Buy Scholarship

Amount: \$1500.00

Requirements: Apply on line
www.bbycommunications.com
GPA-2.5+, Community Service, Work experience,
Deadline: February

NelNet Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Apply on line as many times as you want
(Lottery drawing)

Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Academic Scholarship

Amount: \$4000.00 to \$20,000.00

Requirements: Eagle Scout, Minimum of 26 on ACT, Resume, on-line application,
www.nesa.org

Bernie Varnadore Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1250.00

Requirements: Dixie Boys/Dixie Majors, 150 word Essay, Local league affiliation

National Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship

Amount: \$2000.00

Requirements: must have been registered on a Dixie Youth baseball team participating in a franchised Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. league prior to reaching age 13, GPA, Statement of financial need, Citizenship, supporting letters from school
Deadline: March 1

Dixie Boys National Baseball Scholarship

Amount: \$1250.00

www.baseball.dixie.org

Walter “Sweetness” Payton Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$6000.00

Requirements: GPA-3.0+, Essay based on financial need, Resume

Deadline: March

KOHL’S Cares for Kids Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00 regional winner

Requirements: Apply on line at, www.kohlscoorporation.com Community service, Must be nominated by adult 21 yrs. or older

Deadline: February 1-March 15

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1500.00

Requirements: Essay, Application on line:

www.ed.gov/programs/idadesbyrd/applicationt.html

Deadline: March

HART Foundation (Minority)

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Essay, Resume, Proof of Income, GPA-3.0+, Statement of financial need

Mississippi Municipal League—General Scholarship

Award: \$2000.00

Requirements: 2000 word essay

Mississippi Municipal League Legacy Scholarship

Award: \$1000.00

Requirements: Parent must be a member of the Mississippi Municipal League, write a 2000 word essay

Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk Association Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00 and \$1000.00

Requirements: Application, MMCCA member must sign and date the application, three letters of recommendation, Transcript, ACT or SAT scores, Essay of 150 words

Pine Belt Counseling Association Scholarship

Amount: \$500.00

Requirements: Application, Essay, Letter of Recommendation, Statement of financial need. Email-- brewertown@yahoo.com for more information

Deadline: March

Bird Dog Foundation Essay Contest

The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. sponsors an annual college scholarship essay contest for all high school seniors from public, private, cdc and home schools. Students must reside in Tennessee, Mississippi or Arkansas to be eligible to enter. There are no charges or fees required to enter this annual contest.

The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. has established a scholarship fund to promote interest in wildlife conservation and related subjects. An annual essay contest sponsored by the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. has been in effect for several years now. This contest was created in the hopes that it would enhance scholarly training and education in wildlife and wildlife conservation as well as to give financial aid for tuition the college-bound student.

The annual Bird Dog Foundation College Scholarship Essay Contest has a first and second place award of \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively. Essays are required to be 900 to 1,000 words in length and can be written on a wide range of selected topics which are outlined in our contest rules.

AQHF Swayze Woodruff Memorial Mid-South Scholarship

Amount: \$8000.00

Scholarship assistance will be awarded to a member of the American Quarter Horse Association or American Quarter Horse Youth Association competing in AQHA or AQHYA-approved shows. Applicants must be a resident of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi or Tennessee to qualify. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, academic merit and American Quarter Horse involvement. Recipient will receive an \$8,000 four-year scholarship. For more information, please visit our website.

AIAA Alabama-Mississippi Section Engineering Scholarship

Amount: \$500-\$1,500

Deadline: **May**

Who offers this scholarship? American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics-Alabama-Mississippi Section
P.O. Box 7208
Huntsville, AL 35807

Who is eligible Applicants must be graduating high school seniors who are residents of

to apply? Alabama or Mississippi. They must plan to attend an ABET-accredited university in Alabama or Mississippi and intend to major in an area of science or engineering that provides adequate preparation for a career in the aerospace industry. Selection is based on the overall strength of the student's application.

How can I apply? <http://www.al-ms-aiaa.org>
Applications are available online. An application form, an essay and a transcript are required

Read more: <http://collegeprowler.com/scholarships/state/mississippi/#ixzz1dPYF58jU>

David Ehrhardt Founders Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: **June**

Who offers this scholarship? Mississippi Thesians
1000 Gerard Avenue
Quincy, IL 62305

Who is eligible to apply? Applicants must be high school seniors who have been accepted to and plan to enroll in a two- or four-year accredited institution of higher learning. They must be Mississippi Thesians members in good standing who have been active for at least four years.

How can I apply? <http://www.mississippithesians.com>

James M. and Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship

Amount:	\$2,000
Deadline:	March
Who offers this scholarship?	Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Inc. 50 Hurt Plaza Suite 449 Atlanta, GA 30303
Who is eligible to apply?	Students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, and they must have community service experience. Applicants must plan to obtain a degree in the arts and sciences, music, ministry or human services. Preference will be given to students from the following states: Missouri, Mississippi, Georgia, Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas and Tennessee. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Adult students may also apply.
How can I apply?	http://www.cfgreateratlanta.org Applications are available online.

Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarships

Amount:	Varies
Deadline:	February
Who offers this scholarship?	Jimmy Rane Foundation P.O. Box 40 Abbeville, AL 36310
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be high school seniors who are residents of

	North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska, Arkansas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida or Texas.
How can I apply?	http://www.jimmyranefoundation.org Applications are available online.

Louisiana-Mississippi GCSA Turf Scholar Competition

Amount:	\$2,000
Deadline:	November
Who offers this scholarship?	Louisiana-Mississippi Golf Course Superintendents Association P. O. Box 80047 Starkville, MS 39759
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be undergraduate students who are enrolled in an accredited two- to five-year degree program in golf course management or a related subject. They must have completed at least one year (24 credit hours) of the degree program. Selection is based on academic merit, level of professional preparation and career potential.
How can I apply?	http://www.lmgcsa.com Applications are available online. An application form, transcripts, personal statement, golf course superintendent evaluation and academic advisor evaluation are required.

Read more: <http://collegeproowler.com/scholarships/state/mississippi/#ixzz1dPZ66BSGee>- to five-page essay and three letters of recommendation are required.

Read more: <http://collegeproowler.com/scholarships/state/mississippi/#ixzz1dPYO988L>

Mississippi Educational Assistance for MIA/POW Dependents

Amount:	Tuition
Deadline:	Varies
Who offers this scholarship?	Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board P.O. Box 5947 Pearl, MS 39288-5947
Who is eligible to apply?	Applicants must be dependents of armed service members from or stationed in Mississippi who have been prisoners of war or missing in action. The scholarship will pay tuition for up to eight semesters at an accredited institution of higher learning.
How can I apply?	http://www.vab.state.ms.us Applications are available from Mississippi Veterans Affairs offices.

Read more: <http://collegeproowler.com/scholarships/state/mississippi/#ixzz1dPZPmCgj>

Council of Cooperatives

- Seven thousand dollars is available through the Mississippi Council of Cooperatives. Four \$1,000 scholarships are available to students going to four-year colleges and universities. Six \$500 scholarships are available to students going to junior or community colleges. Qualifications include planning to attend a Mississippi state educational facility, financial need, extracurricular activities and academic achievement. Scholarships are given to children of patrons or employees of a cooperative organization. Applications can be completed online or printed and mailed. Qualifying agencies are listed on the website.

The Mississippi Council of Cooperatives
P.O. Box 744
Brookhaven, MS 39602
601-833-1771
mscouncil.coop/html/youthprograms.html

Read more: [Scholarships for Mississippi Seniors | eHow.com](http://www.ehow.com/list_6160597_scholarships-mississippi-seniors.html#ixzz1dPkAcRS9)
http://www.ehow.com/list_6160597_scholarships-mississippi-seniors.html#ixzz1dPkAcRS9

National FFA Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00 to \$5000.00

Requirements: Apply on line at www.FFA.org , click on scholarships

Southeast Mississippi Alumni Chapter of MSU

Amount: \$1000.00

Requirements: Enroll at Mississippi State University, Resident of Forrest County, be in good standing, Resume

Deadline: March 15

Tylenol Scholarship

Amount: \$1000.00-\$5000.00

Requirements: Online Application www.tyleol.com

National Merit Scholarship

Amount: Full Tuition, Room and Board

Requirements: Award based on top percentage of PSAT taken during the junior year

S.T.A.R. Student Program

Award: \$24,000.00-\$500.00

Requirements: Senior, highest ACT Score at local high school, (minimum or 25) and the highest scholastic average in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades (minimum or 93). STAR scholarships, provided by the **Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. Charitable Foundation, Inc.**, are awarded to the top 20 STAR Students and their STAR Teachers. The Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. STAR Scholarship of \$24,000.00 four-year scholarship is awarded to the state's top ALL-STAR Scholar, The Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. STAR Scholarship of \$20,000.00 four-year scholarship is awarded to the first runner-up, and the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. STAR scholarship of \$16,000.00 four-year scholarship is awarded to the

second runner-up. The remaining 17 ALL-STAR Scholars receive a one-time \$500.00 scholarship.

Nissan Scholarship

Award: Full tuition/books

Requirements: Must attend a Mississippi College or University, minimum GPA 2.0, ACT composite—20 or better, SAT-940 or better, demonstrate financial need and leadership abilities

Deadline: March 1st

Mississippi Law Enforcement/ Firefighters Scholarship

Award: Full tuition

Requirements: Dependent of public safety or fire fighter killed or wounded in the line of duty. Must be a Mississippi resident, must have maintained a “C” average.

Alumni Dependent Scholarships

Deadline : Open

Amount: \$300

Award Type: Scholarship

Applicable School(s): William Carey University

Description: Scholarship for children, grandchildren, siblings, and spouses of alumni who are undergraduate students enrolled full-time at William Carey University.

Students must demonstrate academic achievement. Deadlines and award amounts may vary.

Website: Scholarship Website

Allen G. Holder III Family Scholarship

Deadline: Open

Amount: Varies

Award Type: Scholarship

Applicable School(s)

Description: Scholarship for undergraduate students attending the University of Southern Mississippi who participate in the school's athletic program. Selection based on academic achievement, athletic talent and potential. Due date, award amount and number of awards may vary.

Academic Excellence Scholarship Finalists or Semifinalists

Deadline: Open

Amount: \$8,070

Award Type: Scholarship

Applicable School(s): University of Mississippi Main Campus

Description: Scholarship for incoming freshmen enrolled full-time at the University of Mississippi. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and be National Merit/Achievement Finalists or Semifinalists. Due date and number of awards may vary.

Adalius Thomas Football Scholarships

Deadline: Open

Amount: Varies

Award Type: Scholarship

Applicable School(s)

Description: Scholarship for undergraduate students attending the University of Southern Mississippi who participate in the school's football program. Selection based on academic achievement, athletic talent and potential. Due date, award amount and number of awards may vary.

Alumni Association Past Presidents Council Endowed Scholarship

Deadline: Open

Amount: Varies

Award Type: Scholarship

Applicable School(s)

Description: Scholarship for undergraduate students attending the University of Southern Mississippi. Selection based on academic achievement and potential. Due date, award amount and number of awards may vary.

UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM EDUCATION * LEADERSHIP * PUBLIC SERVICE

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is accepting nominations for the 50th United States Senate Youth Program (**USSYP**). Two Mississippi high school students will be selected to receive a one-time \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to pursue coursework in history or political science. In addition, the students will attend a week-long government and leadership education program in Washington, D.C. on March 3 – 10, 2012 as guests of the United States Senate. The **USSYP** is underwritten entirely by The Hearst Foundations.

The **USSYP** is a merit-based and highly competitive program. A student nominated to the **USSYP** should possess outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to public service. To qualify for the program, a student must be: (1) a high school junior or senior, (2) a permanent resident of the United States, and (3) currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school in Mississippi. An eligible student must be currently serving in an elected or appointed capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:

- Student Body President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer
- Class President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer
- Student Council Representative
- Student representative elected or appointed to a district, regional, state-level civic or educational organization.

**** (LAST YEAR'S INFORMATION) GO TO WEBSITE**

The deadline for submission of nomination forms is Friday, September 30, 2011.

Nominations received or postmarked after the deadline will not be processed.

Note: All students nominated to the **USSYP** must take the National Qualifying Examination. The examination will be given Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The examination is composed of questions pertaining to American history; and local, state, and national government including political leaders and government officials. Following the deadline, nominated students will receive notification of their eligibility to participate in the program and information regarding examination locations.

Downloads

[*The Official Nomination Form*](#)

PDF Document

Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)

Award: \$2500.00

Requirements: 3.5 GPA, 29 ACT score, must be enrolled full time in a public Mississippi 2 year Community College or 4 year college or university and be unmarried.

Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)

Award: \$500/year—freshman/sophomore year

\$1000/year—junior/senior year with a 2.5 GPA

Requirements: 2.5 GPA after seven semesters in high school, 15 or higher on ACT, minimum of 720 on SAT.

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors—Mississippi

Award: \$2000.00

Requirements: application must attend in-state college or university, recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor, “B” average, min. 25 on ACT; write a short essay (questions attached to application form)

Websites to Explore

www.CollegeInfoScholarships

www.nextstudents.com

www.findTuition.com

www.scholarshipExperts.com

www.FastWeb.com

www.Mississippi.gov/ms_sub_template.jsp?

www.Clarionledger.com/IHLCollegefair

www.collegescholarships.org

www.gocollege.com

www.mycollegeoptions.org

Mississippi State University

www.admissions.msstate.edu/scholarships/academic/index.php

Ole Miss

www.olemiss.edu/finaid/scholarshiptues

University of Southern Mississippi

www.usm.edu/admissions/financial-aid/overview

Jackson State University

www.jsums.edu/jsu_scholarships.pdf

Delta State University

www.deltastate.edu/pages/3176.asp

Mississippi University for Women

www.web2muw.edu/index.php/en/scholarships

List of Mississippi Colleges and Universities

[Alcorn State University](#)

Alcorn State, Natchez, Vicksburg, Mississippi www.alcorn.edu

[Belhaven College](#)

Jackson, Mississippi www.belhaven.edu

[Blue Mountain College](#)

Blue Mountain, Mississippi www.bmc.edu

[Coahoma Community College](#)

Clarksdale, Mississippi www.coahomacc.edu

[Copiah-Lincoln Community College](#)

Wesson, Mississippi www.colin.edu

[Delta State University](#)

Cleveland, Mississippi www.deltastate.edu

[East Central Community College](#)

Decatur, Mississippi www.eccc.edu

[East Mississippi Community College](#)

Scooba, Mayhew, Mississippi www.eastms.edu

[Itawamba Community College](#)

Fulton, Tupelo, Mississippi www.iccms.edu

[Jackson State University](#)

Jackson, Mississippi www.jsums.edu

[Jones County Junior College](#)

Ellisville, Mississippi www.jcjc.edu

[Magnolia Bible College](#)

Kosciusko, Mississippi www.magnolia.edu

[Meridian Community College](#)

Meridian, Mississippi www.mcc.cc.ms.us

[Millsaps College](#)

Jackson, Mississippi www.millsaps.edu

[Mississippi College](#)

Clinton, MS www.mc.edu

[Mississippi Delta Community College](#)

Moorhead, MS www.msdelta.edu

[Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College](#)

Perkinston, Gulfport, Gautier, MS www.mgccc.edu

[Mississippi State University](#)

Mississippi State, MS www.msstate.edu

[Mississippi University for Women](#)

Columbus, Mississippi www.muw.edu

[Mississippi Valley State University](#)

Itta Bena, Mississippi www.mvsu.edu

[Northeast Mississippi Community College](#)

Booneville, Mississippi www.nemcc.edu

[Northwest Mississippi Community College](#)

Senatobia, MS www.northwestms.edu

[Pearl River Community College](#)

Poplarville, Mississippi www.pccc.edu

[Rust College](#)

Holly Springs, Mississippi www.rustcollege.edu

[Southeastern Baptist College](#)

Laurel, Mississippi www.southeasternbaptist.edu

[Southwest Mississippi Community College](#)

Summit, Mississippi www.smcc.edu

[Tougaloo College](#)

Tougaloo, Mississippi www.tougaloo.edu

[University of Mississippi](#)

Oxford, Mississippi www.olemiss.edu

[University of Southern Mississippi](#)

Hattiesburg, Mississippi www.usm.edu

[Wesley College](#)

Florence, Mississippi www.wesleycollege.edu

[William Carey College](#)

Hattiesburg, Mississippi www.wmcarey.edu

[Hinds Community College](#)

Raymond, Utica, Jackson, Rankin, Vicksburg/Warren County www.hindscc.edu

[Mississippi College School of Law](#)

Jackson, MS www.mc.edu/law/

[Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine](#)

[State Board for Community and Junior Colleges](#)

[University of Mississippi Medical Center](#)

Jackson, MI

[Wesley Biblical Seminary](#)

Jackson, Mississippi www.wbs.edu