

Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

Students may find scholarship information through the counseling office, the local library, in the student financial aid office of colleges, by contacting local civic, social and religious organizations as well as recommended internet sights. It is important to keep a folder with information secured throughout the junior and senior year!

A strong academic record and high ACT and/or SAT scores will be the biggest assets in securing a scholarship, but many additional awards are available for specific talents and others are awarded on a need-basis.

The very best way for students to know about all the available scholarships at a particular college or university is to request information directly from the Office of Admissions and/or Financial Aid. Ask whether applicants for admissions are considered for any and all scholarships, or if there are separate application forms to be completed and submitted.

Financial Aid Applications

FAFSA - Free application for Federal Student Aid - This is for federal aid and is based on parents' income. Many colleges use this as a basis for their own financial aid. This application must be filled out after taxes are done. You may apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or get an application in the counselor's office.

MTAG and MESH are Mississippi state grants. To receive MTAG a senior must have at least a 16 on ACT and a 2.5 GPA. For MESH a student must have at least a 29 ACT and a 3.5 GPA. You must apply for these online at www.mississippi.edu.com

Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors

Best Buy Scholarship - Available to grades 9-12. Students need solid grades and community service or work experience. Apply online at www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com

Burger King Scholarship Program - See details and apply at www.haveyourwayfoundation.org

College STEPS Program Scholarship Sweepstakes - \$1000 tuition awards. 100 total awards nationally. Random drawings held each month. Sign up online at www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps

Coca Cola Scholarship - Students must demonstrate leadership, commitment to community and academic achievement. Visit www.coca-colascholars.org for application. DEADLINE IS OCTOBER

DeltaPine Scholarship- write an essay on “My Future in Cotton” must have 2.8 GPA to apply and intend to major in agriculture related field—to apply go to www.myfutureincotton.com
Greenville-Washington County Scholars Foundation - Around 30 different scholarships offered by local clubs and businesses. This application will be available in the Counselors' office in late February/early March.

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships - Must demonstrate financial need and involvement in community activities. Apply at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

KFC Colonel’s Scholars Program – Must have a minimum 2.75 GPA and attending a public college in their state. Online application www.kfcscholars.org. Deadline Feb. 10

MAIS Scholarship - MAIS is awarding 10 scholarships to MAIS students. Qualifications include a 3.5 GPA or better and at least a 24 on ACT. See Mrs. Clements for applications.

Mississippi Concrete industries Association Scholarship Essay Contest—open to Juniors or Seniors who live in Mississippi—Essay on anything related to concrete. See Mrs. Clements for application.

Mississippi Municipal League Scholarship - Two \$1000 scholarships - essay on "Why I should consider a Career in Municipal Government" DEADLINE MARCH

MSU/Ole Miss Alumni Scholarships - These are funded through the tennis tournament. Applications will be available in the Counselors' office in March. Your parent does not have to be an alumni to apply.

Nissan Scholarship - 2.00 GPA minimum and ACT of 20 or above. 200 word essay. For online application visit http://www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/financialaid-step3-grants-loans.php?article_id=231 DEADLINE MARCH

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship - Available through the MS Department of Education. Based on academic achievement, extracurricular, and essay. Deadline to turn in to Counselors' office is March 30.

Sam Walton Community Scholarship – One \$1000 scholarship given by each Wal-Mart store. Selection is based on financial need, academic record, test scores, and work experience. DEADLINE JANUARY.29 Apply online at www.walmartfoundation.org

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache - DEADLINE IS MARCH. For details see www.whymilk.com