

Mississippi Association of Supervisors County Employee Scholarship Application Form



The Mississippi Association of Supervisors County Employee Scholarship Program will award \$500 scholarships to qualifying students in each of Mississippi's 82 counties meeting the eligibility requirements below. Counties will receive up to two \$500 scholarships: one scholarship for participation in each of the **MAS Insurance Trust** (property and casualty insurance) and the **MPE Workers Compensation Trust**. Scholarships will be awarded based on applicant's county of permanent residence.

Instructions

1. ALL sections of this application must be completed and submitted with each of the required attachments. ***Incomplete applications will be rejected.*** Include the following documents in your application packet.
 - ✓ Completed County Employee Scholarship Application Form.
 - ✓ Letter or transcript on school letterhead evidencing student's cumulative GPA (4.0 scale).
 - ✓ Letter on county letterhead evidencing employment or retirement of sponsoring, non-elected county employee.
 - ✓ Typed essay (300-500 words) answering "Why is county government important to you?"
2. Please **type** or **print** legibly in blue or black ink. If additional space is needed, you may attach other pages to this application form.
3. **Questions?** Contact Stephanie Spangler via sspangler@massup.org or by calling 601.353.2741.
4. **Deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.** Application packets must be received at the MAS Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2017. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Send completed application with all attachments to:

Via U. S. Mail:
MAS Scholarship Program
793 N. President St.
Jackson, MS 39202

Via email to: sspangler@massup.org

Via fax to: (601) 353-2749
Attention: Scholarship Program

Eligibility Requirements. Applicant must meet all criteria listed below:

- Have an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, legal guardian or spouse) who is either a current or retired Mississippi county employee.
*Dependents of elected county officials are **not** eligible for this Scholarship Program.*
- Be a legal resident of the State of Mississippi.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and demonstrate community involvement.
- Be a current high school senior **OR** currently enrolled in a Mississippi college, junior or community college, or university.
- If awarded a scholarship, Applicant must show proof of enrollment at an accredited public college, university, junior college or community college in Mississippi before funds will be released. (Private colleges, universities and technical schools are not eligible.)

MAS County Employee Scholarship Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is MAS?

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit support association for Mississippi's 82 counties. Since its inception in 1908, MAS has been committed to the improvement of county government across our state. Find out more at our website www.mssupervisors.org.

2. Who is eligible to apply?

The MAS County Employee Scholarship Program is open to high school seniors. Students currently enrolled in an accredited, public college, university, junior college or community college in Mississippi may also apply.

Applicants must have an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, legal guardian or spouse) who is a current or retired employee of one of Mississippi's 82 counties. Dependents of elected county officials are **not** eligible for this scholarship program.

3. What is the deadline to apply?

Completed applications must be received at the MAS office no later than 4:30 p.m., March 1, 2017.

Applications must be mailed to MAS Scholarship Program, 793 N. President St., Jackson, MS 39202; emailed to sspangler@massup.org; or faxed to 601.349.2749, Attn: Scholarship Program.

4. My (parent/grandparent) works for a county, but I live in another state. Can I apply for this scholarship?

No. Applicants must be a U. S. citizen and a legal resident of the State of Mississippi.

5. My (parent/grandparent) works for a county, but I live in a different county in Mississippi. Can I apply for this scholarship?

Yes. Scholarships are awarded based on the applicant's county of permanent residence, which does not have to be the same county for which the qualifying family member works.

6. My (parent/grandparent) is an elected official (Supervisor/Chancery Clerk/Circuit Clerk/Tax Assessor/Sheriff). Can I apply for this scholarship? What if they are a retired elected official?

No. Because of Mississippi ethics laws, elected county officials are not eligible sponsors for this program, regardless of whether they are currently in office or retired.

7. Are county school districts teachers/educators or county hospital employees eligible?

No. Only those **directly** employed by (or retired from) a county government are eligible. County school districts, county hospitals and other county-owned businesses are separate entities, not county departments.

8. I applied for the MAS County Employee Scholarship last year but was not awarded a scholarship. May I apply this year?

Yes, you may reapply this year as long as you meet the eligibility criteria.

9. I was awarded an MAS County Employee Scholarship last year. May I apply again this year?

No, the scholarship is a one-time award.

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General Information

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Email address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

County Employee Information

Applicants must have an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, guardian or spouse) currently employed by or retired from a county? ***Sponsoring employee cannot be an elected official.***

Status? Currently Employed Retired Relationship to Student: _____

Employee Name: _____ Title: _____

County: _____ Department: _____



Don't forget a letter on county letterhead proving employment or retirement of your relative!

Academic Information

School Currently Attending: _____ GPA: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ Have you been accepted to a college? Yes No

Community or Junior College/University/College: _____

Please list other scholarships applied for/received and the dollar amount for each: _____



Don't forget a letter on school letterhead proving your cumulative GPA!

Community/Civic Involvement

Please list all **school-sponsored** student government, clubs, athletics or activities: _____

Please list all **non-school** (church, civic or community) activities: _____

Please list any **employment experience** (including company name, job description and dates of employment): _____

Affirmations

Initial each statement below. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the application is accurate and complete. Points will be deducted if the instructions are not followed.

_____ *I hereby affirm that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

_____ *I affirm that the attached essay is my own, original work.*

_____ *I affirm that I have included all required attachments with this application.*

_____ *I hereby affirm that I am **not** a dependent of an elected county official.*

_____ *If I am awarded a scholarship, I understand I must present proof of enrollment at a qualifying Mississippi public college, university, community or junior college before funds will be released to me. Failure to provide an acceptance letter by August 1, 2017 will result in forfeiture of scholarship.*

Signature of Applicant

Date



Don't forget to include your **typed** essay!



Application **must** be signed and dated to be complete!