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MEMORANDUM

To: Mississippi County Employees

From: Derrick Surrette, MAS Executive Director

Date: **October 1, 2025**

Re: 2026 MAS County Employee Scholarship

The **MAS 2026 County Employee Scholarship Program** is now accepting applications from **October 1, 2025 through February 1, 2026**.

We ask for your assistance in sharing this opportunity widely within your county. To make this easier, MAS has prepared a **media kit** that includes:

- A press release template for local newspapers and websites
- A flyer to distribute digitally or post in county offices
- Scholarship application materials and instructions

Please circulate these materials and encourage eligible applicants to apply.

For questions, contact **Savanna McCafferty** at smccafferty@massup.org or 601.353.2741.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Name

Contact Title

Contact Phone

Contact Email Address

**SAMPLE: */COUNTY NAME/* OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR THE MAS 2026
COUNTY EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP**

CITY, MS – DATE – The [COUNTY NAME] Board of Supervisors announces that applications are now being accepted for the **Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) 2026 County Employee Scholarship Program.**

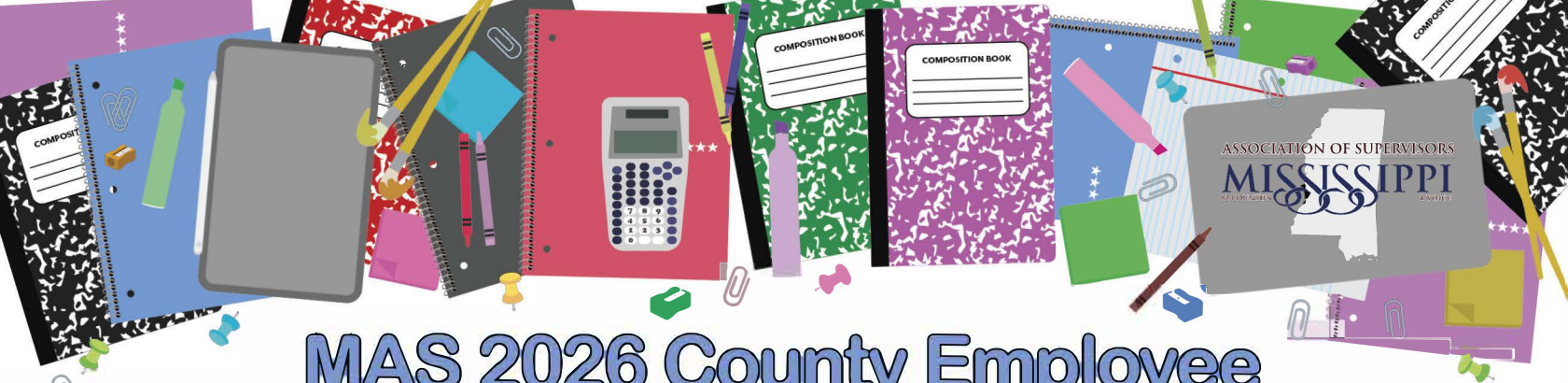
The program awards **\$500 scholarships** to dependents of current or retired non-elected county employees.

Applications will be accepted from **October 1, 2025 through February 1, 2026**. Students must meet the eligibility requirements and submit a completed application packet, including a transcript, county verification letter, and an original essay.

For more information about eligibility and application instructions, visit www.mssupervisors.org/Scholarship-Program.

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors is a nonprofit support association for Mississippi's 82 counties. Since its inception in 1928, MAS has been committed to the improvement of county government across our state. MAS members have been instrumental in implementing efficient and effective grassroots government that serves the general welfare not only of the counties themselves, but of the entire state.

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MAS 2026 County Employee Scholarship Program

Accepting: October 1, 2025 - February 1, 2026

Who can Apply?

County employees, spouses, or family members of employees can apply. Must plan to attend college, community/Jr. college or trade school in Mississippi during Fall 2026.

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to winning students.

Do I Qualify?

- Eligible Sponsor Required
- MS Resident
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA
- Submit complete application before February 1, 2026



Apply Now!

Visit our website at
[mssupervisors.org/
Scholarship-Program](https://mssupervisors.org/Scholarship-Program)

Questions?
Contact Us Below!

Scan
Here!





MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS 2026 COUNTY EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) County Employee Scholarship Program will award scholarships to Applicants in each Mississippi county meeting the eligibility requirements below. Counties will receive up to two \$500 scholarships based on the county's participation in the **MAS Insurance Trust** (property and casualty insurance) and the **MS Association of Supervisors (MAS)**.

Instructions

1. ALL sections of this application must be completed and submitted with each of the required attachments. **Incomplete applications will be rejected.** Required documents include:
 - ✓ Completed 2026 County Employee Scholarship Application Form.
 - ✓ Letter or transcript on school letterhead clearly stating student's cumulative GPA. Transcript does not have to be official (sealed) but **must** state the GPA. Transcripts without GPA clearly stated will not be accepted.
 - ✓ Letter on county letterhead verifying the employment or retirement of Applicant's Sponsor (non-elected county employee or retired non-elected county employee).
 - ✓ Typed essay (up to 750 words): There are many different roles within county government: supervisor, clerk, sheriffs' deputy, road worker, tax assessor, etc. **Choose one county official or employee, and discuss the duties and responsibilities of that person.** Be specific, personal and creative. What does that person do in a typical day at work? How do they interact with other county offices? How does their job impact you personally, your family and your community?
2. Please **type** or **print** legibly in blue or black ink. You may attach additional sheets if space is needed.
3. **Questions?** Contact Savanna McCafferty at smccafferty@massup.org or call 601.353.2741.
4. **Deadline.** Application packets must be **received** at the MAS Office no later than **4:00 p.m. February 1, 2026**. **Late or incomplete submissions without confirmation will not be considered.**
Submit completed application with all attachments to:

Apply Online: Visit our
member portal
www.mas.users.membersuite.com/home

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

Via Email:
smccafferty@massup.org
Via Fax: (601) 353-2749

Eligibility Requirements. Applicant must meet all criteria listed below:

- ☐ Applicant must identify an eligible Sponsor. **"Sponsor"** may be the Applicant, Applicant's spouse or family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, legal guardian, aunt, uncle, etc.) who is currently employed by or retired from Mississippi county government. **Elected county officials (current or retired) are not eligible Sponsors.**
- ☐ Be a legal resident of the State of Mississippi.
- ☐ Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and demonstrate community/civic involvement.
- ☐ Applicant must attend an accredited Mississippi college, junior or community college, or university (public or private) or technical/trade school (an "Eligible School") for the Fall 2026 semester.
- ☐ If awarded a scholarship, Applicant must sign a Statement of Intent to attend an Eligible School. Failure to sign the Statement of Intent before August 1, 2026 will result in forfeiture of scholarship. A sample Statement of Intent is available on the MAS website at www.mssupervisors.org.

 **Don't forget to include proof of GPA, letter from County and typed essay! Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**



MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS 2026 COUNTY EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: General Information

All cells in this section are required.

Applicant's Full Name: _____ Gender: _____

Mailing Address: _____ County: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Have you previously applied for the MAS County Employee Scholarship? ☐ No ☐ Yes, When? _____

Were you previously awarded an MAS County Employee Scholarship? ☐ No ☐ Yes, When? _____

Section 2: Sponsor's Information

See previous page for Sponsor eligibility requirements.

Sponsor: _____ County: _____

Title/Department: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Status? ☐ Currently Employed ☐ Retired Retirement Date: _____

**Must provide letter from the County verifying employment/retirement of Sponsor.*

Section 3: Academic Information

Cumulative GPA (current school): _____ *Must provide proof of GPA on school letterhead/transcript.*

School you plan to attend in Fall 2026: _____

☐ Currently Enrolled ☐ Accepted, not Enrolled ☐ Applied, not Accepted ☐ Will Apply

Section 4: Community/Civic Involvement

Please list all school clubs, sports, honor societies, civic or community activities, volunteer projects, and/or employment experience (attach a separate sheet if needed):

Section 5: Affirmations and Signature

Initial each statement, sign and date below.

_____ *The information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

_____ *The attached essay is my own, original work.*

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

_____ *If I am awarded a scholarship, I understand I must execute a Statement of Intent expressing my intention to attend an Eligible School by August 1, 2026, or forfeit this scholarship.*

_____ *Deadline to apply is February 1, 2026. Applications received after that date will not be considered.*

Signature of Applicant

Date

2026 MAS County Employee Scholarship Online Application Process

Step 1: Creating a Student Account

If you have applied for the scholarship prior to this year and you have not received an award, you already have an account set up. Please contact Savanna McCafferty for your login information.

1. Visit the MAS Portal at <https://mas.users.membersuite.com/home>.
2. In the top right corner, click "Sign up/Join."
 - If you are a MAS member (or have attended applied before), sign in normally
If you do not know your password, please email smccafferty@massup.org to reset it.
 - If you are a county employee or student who has never signed in, please **Sign up & Join** to get started.
3. Provide information for all fields.
4. Once done, click "Next" in the bottom right corner.
5. Type a password that meets requirements
6. Choose an individual type between **County Employee** or **Student**
7. **Please provide a phone number, mailing address, and email so we can contact you regarding your application status.**
8. Finish questions and click "Next."
9. "I am affiliated with" will be the applicant's resident county
10. "Enter Organization Role" will be **Sponsors title** or **Student**
11. Once done, click "Next."
12. No action needed for General Communication Settings, so select "Next."

Congratulations! You now have a MAS account!

Step 2: Apply for the County Employee Scholarship

1. After MAS account is created, make sure to login.
2. Click "Community" from the menu at the top.
3. From the dropdown menu, choose "Competitions," then click "View Open Competitions."
4. Locate and click on "2026 MAS County Employee Scholarship."
5. Read the scholarship description very carefully.
6. Click "Enter Now."
7. The entry type will be "2026 Student/Dependent" then select next.
8. The entry name should be the student's full name.
9. Upload all required documents which include:
 - MAS Scholarship Application
 - Letter on school letterhead or unofficial transcript proving GPA.
 - Letter on county letterhead verifying sponsor's employment (or retirement) from the county. Letter should be signed by Sponsor's supervisor, human resources clerk or other person of authority.
 - Your typed essay.
 - Additional pages listing community/civic involvement (if needed).
10. Provide information for all text fields marked with a red star.
11. Click "Next."
12. Review all the provided information carefully.
13. Finally, click "Submit."

You've completed the online scholarship application process. Good luck!