

# October 2019

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is updated the first week of each month and posted on the GHS website under the “For Students” tab.

This month’s checklist...

- ☐ 1. Make a FAFSA appointment in guidance! This 30 minute appointment will help you file all the required documents used for financial aid for college. Come by guidance or contact Mrs. Powell at 228-897-6040 or [angie.powell@gulfportschools.org](mailto:angie.powell@gulfportschools.org).
- ☐ 2. Apply for admission on the colleges’ websites and don’t forget to have your transcript sent! Some colleges require that you be accepted by December 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for their scholarships **and** it may take several weeks to be accepted. Don’t wait until the last minute!
- ☐ 3. Visit the colleges on your list - schedule an official visit on the school’s website.
- ☐ 4. Get to know the college recruiters. Call or e-mail them with questions and visit with them when they come to GHS.
- ☐ 5. Use the Get2College Center in Ocean Springs for help with any and all college planning. [www.get2college.org](http://www.get2college.org) or 228-875-4441.

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**Sign up for the next ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**

<u>ACT Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
December 14	by November 8
February 8	by January 10
April 4	by February 29

## FREE ACT workshops at Get2College in Ocean Springs

Registration required at [get2college.org](http://get2college.org) or 228-875-4441.

### Workshop Date | Time | Registration Opens

[Saturday, October 19](#) | 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. | September 19

[Thursday, October 24](#) | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. | September 19

[Saturday, December 7](#) | 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. | November 7

[Thursday, December 12](#) | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. | November 7

### **AT GULFPORT HIGH ... Check out these things happening at GHS!**

**GHS FAFSA Days-** We will have FAFSA days each month with staff on hand to help you file the FAFSA. Call GHS guidance at 228-897-6040 to make your 30 minute appointment! FAFSA days are scheduled for October 9, November 12, and December 11 at GHS.

**College Recruiter visits-** During the next few weeks, we will have representatives from several different colleges on campus. Make sure your counselor knows where you plan to apply to college so she can get you in touch with the recruiter. They play an important role in the admissions process and can help you tremendously!!!!!!

### **Get to know the recruiters!**

Colleges have recruiters and admissions staff dedicated to helping students in each part of the state and country. Get to know them! They are here to help you. Here are a few who have already reached out to us in guidance...

USM- Shelby York... 601-543-7415... [shelby.york@usm.edu](mailto:shelby.york@usm.edu)

MSU- Walker Jenkins... 228-669-0640 ... [w.jenkins@msstate.edu](mailto:w.jenkins@msstate.edu)

Ole Miss- Shelby-Rae Hamel... 228-327-6012... [srchamel@olemiss.edu](mailto:srchamel@olemiss.edu)

Alcorn State University- Ronnie Brooks, Sr.... 601-877-6348... [rbrooks@alcorn.edu](mailto:rbrooks@alcorn.edu)

Mississippi College- Hayden Kelly... 601-925-7637... [haydenkelly@mc.edu](mailto:haydenkelly@mc.edu)

Millsaps College- Benjamin Lockett... 601-974-1043... [benjamin.locket@millsaps.edu](mailto:benjamin.locket@millsaps.edu)

University of South Alabama- Becca Mitchell... 251-461-1674...

[rmitchell@southalabama.edu](mailto:rmitchell@southalabama.edu)

MGCCC- JD Campus- Amanda Griffin... 228-236-5328... [amanda.griffin@mgccc.edu](mailto:amanda.griffin@mgccc.edu)

## **Important dates:**

**MGCCC Bulldog Day-** Visit the campus of your choice at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College during their high school senior preview day on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration is required at [mgccc.edu/bulldogday](http://mgccc.edu/bulldogday)

**USA Days-** Visit the University of South Alabama on one of their fall preview days: October 19 and November 16. Register at [southalabama.edu](http://southalabama.edu). Campus visits are also available any weekday by registering on their website.

**Black and Gold Day-** USM's fall preview days are Sept. 27 and Nov. 9. Visit [www.usm.edu](http://www.usm.edu) for dates. Register in advance to make sure you have a place! You can also schedule a campus visit any weekday this fall on their website.

**MSU Fall Preview Day-** Mississippi State has 3 preview day options available: Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Nov. 25. Register at [www.msstate.edu](http://www.msstate.edu). Campus visits are also available year-round, so you may schedule a visit anytime on their website.

**Ole Miss Fall Visit Days-** Visit Ole Miss on Oct. 12 for their fall visit day. This is a large event so you must register at [www.olemiss.edu](http://www.olemiss.edu). Saturday visits are also available Sept. 28 and Dec. 7. Weekday visits can also be scheduled on the Ole Miss website.

## **HELP GRANT: FREE TUITION IN MISSISSIPPI**

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

Visit [www.ihl.state.ms.us](http://www.ihl.state.ms.us) for more info or talk with your student's guidance counselor.

## **Scholarships**

### **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Gulfport High Nominee: Deadline October 4.**

Applications are available in the guidance office for students who have performed a significant volunteer act in the past 12 months. A committee of teachers and administrators will determine Gulfport High School's representative who will be eligible to apply for the \$1,000 state scholarship.

### **AES Engineering Scholarship: Deadline October 6.** Award amount is \$500.

Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question: *When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?* Details available at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php> and essays should be e-mailed to [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com)

**Horatio Alger Scholarship: Deadline October 25 by 4 p.m.** This is a VERY competitive, need-based scholarship for students whose annual family income is \$55,000 or less. Students are eligible if they are seniors, US citizens, active in community and school activities, have a minimum B average, and who have had something major that they have had to overcome. This is a very in-depth application process. Applications are available for the state and national levels. Apply online at <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/>

**Heisman High School Scholarship: Deadline October 29.** This scholarship recognizes achievement and celebrates community minded high school student-athletes. It is for scholar-athletes with high character. Apply online at [www.heismanscholarship.com](http://www.heismanscholarship.com)

**Coca-Cola Scholars Program: Deadline October 31, 2017 by 4 p.m.** This scholarship is VERY competitive. Semi-finalists will be selected by December 1 to continue with the second phase of applications, including an interview. Only 50 students are selected as national scholars and receive \$20,000 in scholarship. It is for students with a strong ACT score and GPA. Leadership and extracurricular activities are also given consideration in the selection process. The application can be found at <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>

**Voice of Democracy Scholarship (VFW): Deadline October 31.** Voice of Democracy is an annual nationwide scholarship program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). It is an audio-essay contest for high school students. This year's theme is "What Makes America Great." For scholarship rules and entry forms, see [www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships](http://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships)

**Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA Earl Wyman Performance Achievement Award: Deadline November 1.** Students must be involved in a program or organization that benefits the community. Students will be selected based on academic achievement, moral achievement, community service, and life goals. Applications must be sent to Natalie Riddell at Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA, 1810 Government Street, Ocean Springs, 39564 or delivered in person. Applications are available in guidance.

**Electric NYCMobile Device Management IT Innovation Scholarship: Deadline November 1.** This is an award for any current or soon-to-be undergrad who has a passion for innovating in the

mobile IT (software or hardware) space. The scholarship has a brief submission process, and applicants will be judged on their ability to convey their idea for a useful innovation in MDM technology. Application and essay details are available online <https://www.electric.ai/mobile-device-innovation>

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship/The Cooke College Scholarship Program: Deadline November 13.** This is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. It is very competitive and selective process. Students must have an "A" GPA, a minimum 26 on the ACT, demonstrate financial need (students who receive free/reduced lunch), and are involved in community service. For program details and to access the application, visit <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

**Dirk Derrick Car & Truck Accident Injury Scholarship: Deadline December 15.**

The Dirk Derrick Car & Truck Accident Injury Scholarship is an award for any *current or soon-to-be undergrad* in the United States who has had his or her life altered due to an injury from a car or truck accident, be it their own injury, that of a loved one, or an influential individual. The Dirk Derrick Scholarship has a brief submission process, and applicants will be judged on their ability to convey the lasting effect an auto accident has had on their life as well as their journey to overcome those challenges. Scholarship and essay details are available online <https://www.derricklawfirm.com/library/scholarship.cfm>

**Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship: Deadline November 5.** Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year. Details and application can be found at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

## **A look ahead....**

**The big scholarships typically come from colleges. Once you apply and get accepted, you can also apply for their specific scholarships.**

**Mississippi State University-** December 1 for Freshman Academic & Competitive Scholarships and Shackouls Honors College. You must apply and be accepted to the university before you can apply for competitive scholarships and the honors college.

**University of Mississippi-** Competitive scholarships (like Lott Leadership and Lucky Day) and Honor's College/Croft Institute- January 5. Students applying to honor's college by the early action deadline of November 1 will be notified of the university's decision by Dec. 20.

**University of Southern Mississippi-** You must have applied and be accepted by December 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for any scholarships at USM. Apply early! Competitive scholarships (Like Lucky Day) are due January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program**

Deadline: Mississippi State University is Dec. 1; Ole Miss is Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

One of the biggest scholarships available is the Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Grant (METP)... a fully funded 4 year scholarship plus study-abroad and a technology stipend for students interested in teaching high school after they complete their education. Both Ole Miss and Mississippi State University offer the program, which is considered part of their competitive scholarship process. An ACT score of 28 or higher is recommended for this program, although students who are slightly below this score should also apply. See your guidance counselor if you are interested and we will walk you through the process!

### **Search for more specific scholarships through the following sites:**

[www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com)

<http://www.discusawards.com/list-of-scholarships>

[www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com)

[www.unclaimedscholarships.us](http://www.unclaimedscholarships.us)

[www.carpedm.com](http://www.carpedm.com)

[www.christianconnector.com](http://www.christianconnector.com)

[www.collegefund.com](http://www.collegefund.com)

[www.NextStepU.com](http://www.NextStepU.com)

[www.cappex.com/scholarships](http://www.cappex.com/scholarships)

[www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

<http://www.mississippi.edu/riseupms/scholarship.php>

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.FastWeb.com](http://www.FastWeb.com)

[www.mississippi.edu](http://www.mississippi.edu)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org)

[www.athletic-scholarships.net](http://www.athletic-scholarships.net)

Hispanic Scholarship Fund [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)

United Negro College Fund [www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarships.asp](http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarships.asp)