

December 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.

Congrats to these seniors!

Annalee Stewart and Cade Crosby were recently selected by the Heisman High School program based on their athletic achievements to compete for the state level scholarship. Nearly 100 students across Mississippi will compete for 20 state scholarships.

College Checklist

- ☐ Talk to your counselor if you have not applied to college yet!
 - ☐ Keep taking the ACT! Register at www.actstudent.org for the Feb. test
 - ☐ Continue making college visits.
 - ☐ Pay housing deposits to hold your spot.
 - ☐ Finish scholarship applications on the college websites.
 - ☐ File the FAFSA for financial aid! Contact Mrs. Angie Powell at 228-897-6040 or angie.powell@gulfportschools.org for a GHS appointment or call Get2College in Ocean Springs at 228-875-4441 for more dates/availabilities for FAFSA appointments.
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Sign up for the next ACT at www.actstudent.org

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

FREE ACT workshops at Get2College in Ocean Springs

Registration required at get2college.org or 228-875-4441.

Workshop Date | Time | Registration Opens

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

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

[February 1, 2020](#) | 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. | January 2, 2020

[February 6, 2020](#) | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. | January 2, 2020

[March 28, 2020](#) | 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. | February 28, 2020

[April 2, 2020](#) | 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. | February 28, 2020

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! The next available appointment times are January 28th and February 20th at GHS. Get2College in Ocean Springs is also available for FAFSA help and can often work around your schedule. Call 228-875-4441.

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

MSU- Walker Jenkins... 228-669-0640 ... w.jenkins@msstate.edu

Ole Miss- Shelby-Rae Hamel... 228-327-6012... srchamel@olemiss.edu

Alcorn State University- Ronnie Brooks, Sr.... 601-877-6348... rbrooks@alcorn.edu

Mississippi College- Hayden Kelly... 601-925-7637... haydenkelly@mc.edu

Millsaps College- Benjamin Lockett... 601-974-1043... benjamin.locket@millsaps.edu

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

rmitchell@southalabama.edu

MGCCC- JD Campus- Amanda Griffin... 228-236-5328... amanda.griffin@mgccc.edu

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 for more info or talk with your student's guidance counselor.

Scholarships

The AXA Achievementsm Scholarship: Application process is now open and will close after the first 10,000 applications are received or by Dec. 15th. This very competitive scholarship, in association with *U.S. News & World Report*, provides \$10,000 to one recipient in each state. AXA Achievement Scholarship recipients are students who demonstrate ambition, the ability to succeed in college, and respect for self, family, and community. AXA Achievers are students with remarkable accomplishments such as setting up a food bank in their community, designing a curriculum to get kids interested in science, and founding a nonprofit organization for young people that encourages community service and civic involvement. Only the first 10,000 applications will be accepted, so you must apply early. <https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>

Burger King Scholars Program: Deadline December 15. Seniors must have a strong academic background, should be very involved in community service/leadership activities. Applications and information available at <https://www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php>

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>

The Place to Be Mardi Gras Club Scholarship (Elaine Bradley James Memorial Scholarship): Deadline December 15. This scholarship is for African American public high school seniors living in coast counties who will attend college next year. Students must have a 3.6 GPA or higher and demonstrate financial need. An essay and letters of recommendation are part of the application process. Applications are available in guidance.

MSBA (Mississippi School Board Association) Student Essay/Speaking Contest: Deadline Dec. 16 by 4:00. A \$1,000 cash prize for the best student essay from each Mississippi Congressional District will be awarded. Essays and a video of the essay presented as a speech will be judged. Essay prompt and additional requirements are available in guidance.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship: Deadline January 3. High school seniors who demonstrate exceptional leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are invited to apply for the 2018 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program. This program annually provides college-bound students with \$10,000 renewable scholarships – up to \$40,000 total per recipient – and supports them as they lead and serve in college and beyond. Apply online at www.reaganfoundation.org under “Education” then “Scholarships”.

Ron Brown Scholar Program: Deadline January 9. The Ron Brown Scholar Program seeks to identify African-American high school seniors who will make significant contributions to society. This scholarship is highly competitive. Applicants must excel academically, exhibit exceptional leadership potential, participate in community service activities and demonstrate financial need. The applicant must be a US citizen or hold a permanent resident visa card. The program awards 10 students nationwide each year with a \$10,000 annual for 4 years, totaling \$40,000. Download the requirements and application at <http://www.ronbrown.org>

John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest: Deadline January 17. The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation invites U.S. high school students to write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year JFK was born. For contest information, registration, and to submit your essay, visit the Profile in Courage Essay Contest at www.jfklibrary.org. The first place winner will receive \$10,000 Twenty-five finalists will be awarded various cash amounts as well.

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter): Deadline January 27. \$3,000 in scholarships will be awarded to deserving students. Applicants should have a “B” average GPA, be involved in extracurricular/community activities, and should demonstrate family financial need. Applications are available in guidance.

Dream US Opportunity Scholarship: Deadline January 30. Applicants must meet immigration eligibility listed on the website as well as have a minimum C overall GPA. This scholarship awards up to \$20,000 per year up to 4 years to partner colleges.

Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) County Employee Scholarship Program: Deadline February 1. Applicants must have an immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, or legal guardian) currently working for or retired from a Mississippi county. A county employee does not include school district, county hospital, or other separate entity. Students can download an application packet at www.mssupervisors.org/scholarship-program

Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship: Deadline February 1. This is a very competitive national scholarship for minority students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community service, and financial need. Students must also have a 21 or higher on the ACT. Scholarship amounts range but may be up to \$30,000 over 4 years. Apply online at www.jackierobinson.org

Elvis Presley Fan Club Scholarship: Deadline February 14. This is a state-wide scholarship competition, with scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Applicants must perform and record one Elvis song and one song of their choice. Applicants along with videos must be received by February 14, 2019. Mail applications to: Mrs. Diane Whitt, 244 CR 530, Shannon, MS 38868. Please see www.tupeloelvisfanclub.com for scholarship details.

Jackson State University Gulf Coast Alumni Scholarship: Deadline April 15. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to two high school seniors who plan attend JSU in the fall of 2020. Applicants must submit an application, a typed essay (500 word minimum) on “Why I would like to attend Jackson State University”, and must live within the three coastal counties of Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock. Applications are available in guidance.

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- If you were not accepted by Dec. 1, you will not be eligible for scholarships. Competitive scholarship applications (Like Lucky Day) are due January 15th.

Mississippi Excellence in Teaching Program

Deadline: Mississippi State University is Dec. 1; Ole Miss is Jan. 5th.

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.discusawards.com/list-of-scholarships>

www.wiredscholar.com

www.unclaimedscholarships.us

www.carpedm.com

www.christianconnector.com

www.collegefund.com

www.NextStepU.com

www.cappex.com/scholarships

www.meritaid.com

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

www.studentaid.ed.gov

www.FastWeb.com

www.mississippi.edu

www.scholarships.com

www.scholarshiphelp.org

www.athletic-scholarships.net

Hispanic Scholarship Fund www.hsf.net

United Negro College Fund www.uncf.org/forstudents/scholarships.asp