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MEMORANDUM

To: Chancery Clerks, County Administrators & Payroll Clerks
From: Stephanie Spangler, Director of Member Services
Date: October 31, 2017
Re: MAS County Employee Scholarship Program

MAS is now accepting applications for the **2018 MAS County Employee Scholarship Program**.

Who Can Apply?

Yes:

- ✓ High school seniors
- ✓ Current college students
- ✓ County employees taking college courses
- ✓ County employees' spouses taking college courses

No:

- ✗ Dependents of **elected** county officials (current or retired)
- ✗ Dependents of teachers, school boards, county-owned hospitals or other non-county government divisions
- ✗ Previous recipients of an MAS scholarship

MAS will award **up to two (2) \$500 scholarships** per county, according to the level of participation by the county in MAS-sponsored programs.

- ❖ **MAS Property and Casualty Program (MASIT)**. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to students residing in each county participating in the MAS Insurance Trust program.
- ❖ **MAS Workers Compensation Program**. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to students residing in each county participating in the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust.

How to Apply:

The enclosed application states the eligibility requirements and instructions for submitting applications. For more information or to download additional applications, please visit the MAS website at <http://www.mssupervisors.org/scholarship-program>.

When to Apply:

Application deadline is **March 1, 2018**. Recipients will be announced in May 2018, and each county will have the opportunity to present winners with scholarship certificate and check.

Contact Stephanie Spangler at 601.353.2741 or via email at sspangler@massup.org for more information.

We look forward to working with you to promote this scholarship to assist county employees' families.

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COUNTY EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM



The Mississippi Association of Supervisors County Employee Scholarship Program will award scholarships to Applicants in each of Mississippi's 82 counties meeting the eligibility requirements below. Counties will receive up to two \$500 scholarships based on the county's participation in MAS-endorsed programs: the **MAS Insurance Trust** (property and casualty insurance) and the **MPE Workers Compensation Trust**.

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 County Employee Scholarship Application Form.
 - ✓ Letter/transcript on school letterhead evidencing student's current GPA (on a 4.0 scale).
 - ✓ Letter on county letterhead evidencing employment or retirement of 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 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 Stephanie Spangler at sspangler@massup.org or call 601.353.2741.
4. **Deadline.** Application packets must be **received** at the MAS Office no later than **March 1, 2018**. Late 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:

- Applicant must identify an eligible Sponsor. "**Sponsor**" may be the Applicant or Applicant's immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, legal guardian or spouse) who is currently employed by or retired from Mississippi county government. *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/civic involvement.
- Applicant must be enrolled (or plan to enroll) in an accredited public Mississippi college, junior or community college, or university for the Fall 2018 semester.
- If awarded a scholarship, Applicant must sign a Statement of Intent to attend an accredited public Mississippi college, junior or community college, or university for the Fall 2018 semester. Failure to sign the Statement of Intent before August 1, 2018 will result in forfeiture of scholarship. A sample Statement of Intent is available on the MAS website at www.mssupervisors.org.

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Section 1: General Information

Full Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
Mailing Address: _____ County: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email address: _____
Have you previously applied for the MAS County Employee Scholarship? Yes No When? _____
Were you previously awarded an MAS County Employee Scholarship? Yes No When? _____

Section 2: Sponsor's Information

Please list Applicant or Applicant's immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, step-grandparent, guardian or spouse) who is currently employed by or retired from Mississippi county government? **NOTE: Sponsor cannot be an elected official.**

Sponsor: _____ County: _____
Title/Department: _____ Relationship to Student: _____
Status? Currently Employed Retired Retirement Date: _____

You must provide letter from County verifying employment/retirement of Sponsor.

Section 3: Academic Information

School you plan to/will attend in August 2018: _____
Current GPA: _____ **You must provide letter or transcript on school letterhead verifying GPA.**
Please list any other scholarships, grants, or other financial aid applied for/received and the amount for each (attach a separate sheet if needed): _____

Section 4: Community/Civic Involvement

Please list all school clubs, sports, 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 enroll at and attend an accredited public Mississippi college, junior/community college, or university by August 1, 2018 or forfeit this scholarship.*

Signature of Applicant

Date

Don't forget to include your GPA letter/transcript from school, letter from County and typed essay!