

May 1, 2026

Madison County Board of Supervisors  
Greg Higginbotham  
PO Box 608  
Canton, MS 39046-0608

Re: 2026 MAS County Employee Scholarship Program  
Notice of Recipients for Madison County

Dear Madison County Board of Supervisors:

The MAS Scholarship Committee met recently to select recipients for the 2026 MAS County Employee Scholarship. Madison County was eligible for two scholarship(s) based on your participation in the Association and the MAS Insurance Trust ("MASIT"), if applicable. MAS received three eligible application(s) from your county. The Committee selected the following recipient(s) for Madison County:

**2026 Madison County MASIT Awardee:**

Kyle Griffin, 167 Sycamore Rdg, Madison, MS 39110-7333

Student's Email: [kyletgriffin@outlook.com](mailto:kyletgriffin@outlook.com)

Student's Phone: (601) 896-5172

Sponsor: Myrtis Sims-Hawkins, Madison County Assistant Comptroller,

**2026 Madison County MAS Awardee:**

Markis Blount, 530 Bozeman Rd, Gluckstadt MS 39110-8471

Student's Email: [markisb06@icloud.com](mailto:markisb06@icloud.com)

Student's Phone: (601) 985-8115

Sponsor: Loretta Davis-Phillips, Madison County, HR Director

Enclosed are checks made out to the recipients representing the full amount of funds to be awarded. If the recipients have not already done so, please have him/her sign the enclosed Statement of Intent and return to me.

Please send photos of any formal presentations to Savanna McCafferty at [smccafferty@massup.org](mailto:smccafferty@massup.org). We will include a special section in the next issue of the *Inside County Lines* magazine listing all scholarship recipients and will publish any photos received.

I have also enclosed a sample press release you may customize and use to announce your scholarship recipient(s) to your local press.

MAS will begin seeking applications for the 2027 scholarship cycle in October 2026. Please help spread the word to your employees.

If you have any questions regarding the MAS County Employee Scholarship Program, please contact me at 601.353.2741 or [sspangler@massup.org](mailto:sspangler@massup.org).

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Savanna McCafferty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Savanna McCafferty  
Support Staff

cc: Honorable Gerald Steen, Madison County Board President