

MDOT / SASHTO Community College Scholarship Packet Application and Guidelines Fall Semester, 2014

Statement of Purpose and Intent: The Mississippi Department of Transportation is awarding partial scholarships to individuals for Mississippi Community College study toward career paths in engineering, math, science, and computer science (as related to transportation engineering), urban or community planning, or other transportation related technology fields. MDOT/SASHTO Scholarships are once-per-year awards and are not automatically renewable. The amount is dependent upon level and frequency of SASHTO contributions to the scholarship program and is determined by the number of qualified applicants annually. Scholarships are intended to help defray education expenses, which may include academic fees, tuition and books, room and board, and other related expenses.

Application Deadline: May 16, 2014

Proposed Award Date: June 1, 2014

Eligibility, Academic Criteria, Course of Study Emphasis & Career Goals:

The student applicant must:

- possess a GPA of at least 2.5 (on 4.0 academic grade point system) from his/her previous year of high school or Community College; and
- express a desire to pursue a career path geared toward engineering, math, science or computer science (as related to transportation engineering), urban or community planning, or other transportation related technical areas. The applicant may use the career aspirations essay (as described below in item # 7) to meet this particular requirement.

Institutional Enrollment Eligibility: The student applicant must be entering or currently enrolled at one of the following Community Colleges within the State of Mississippi:

**Coahoma Community College
Copiah-Lincoln Community College
East Central Community College
East Mississippi Community College
Hinds Community College
Holmes Community College
Itawamba Community College
Jones County Community College
Meridian Community College
Mississippi Delta Community College
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Northeast Mississippi Community College
Pearl River Community College
Southwest Mississippi Community College
Northwest Mississippi Community College**

How to Obtain Applications and/or Return Completed Application Packets:

Application Packets may be obtained by:

- Printing from MDOT@Work
- Printing from the MDOT website, www.mdot.ms.gov
- Requesting by mail from the following address:

**Mississippi Department of Transportation, MDOT/SASHTO Scholarship Coordinator,
Human Resources Division (94-01),
P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, MS 39215-1850**

Completed application packets should be mailed back to this same address by Priority U.S. Mail, and received by the scholarship coordinator no later than the application deadline of May 16, 2014.

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The student applicant must submit a complete and total Application Packet as described below (7 items). All forms, letters and the essay should be typed. Partial or incomplete information will not be accepted:

1. Official MDOT/SASHTO Scholarship Application - two pages contained below.
2. Official sealed transcript of grades from the applicant's high school or community college.
3. Letter of acceptance or other proof of registration from the community college.
4. A recommendation from a former teacher or professor.
5. A personal recommendation (from a non-family member) describing the applicant's character and civic contributions.
6. Other documentation demonstrating community involvement, activities, achievements and awards. This information may be listed in the Civic / Community Accomplishments and Activities section contained of the Scholarship Application below, or a separate, typed sheet may be included.
7. A 250 to 300 word essay describing your career aspirations, and how the scholarship will help you to achieve milestones toward those career goals.

Important dates, deadlines and other information: Complete Application Packets must be received by the scholarship coordinator no later than **the final application deadline of May 16, 2014**. Incomplete Application Packets will not be returned or considered. The scholarship evaluation committee will review and rate all complete Application Packets received, and submit them to the MDOT Executive Director for final selection and approval. **Scholarships will be awarded by June 1, 2014, and successful applicants will be notified as soon as practical following that date. Scholarship funds are forwarded to the community college specified on this application.** Uses of scholarship funds include academic fees, tuition and books, room and board, and other related expenses.

Please see the following two pages for the Personal & Academic Information form and Civic & Community Accomplishments / Activities form. Please note there is a 7-part application process, the following two pages are only part of the complete Application Packet which you must submit.

MDOT / SASHTO Community College Scholarship Application

Be sure to include all information listed above under Application Procedure (7 items)

Mail completed application packets to: **Mississippi Department of Transportation Human Resources Division, Mail Code 94-01**
Attn: MDOT / SASHTO Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1850
Jackson, MS 39215-1850

Your Personal and Academic Information:

Name: (Last First Middle) _____

Permanent home or mailing address: _____

City /Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Place of birth: (City State Zip) _____

Email address: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____

Which Community College have you applied for admission? (or currently enrolled?):

Your cumulative GPA if a continuing CC student: _____

Please proceed to page 2:

Your Civic / Community Accomplishments, Activities, Achievements or Awards:

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Accomplishments / Activities: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Accomplishments / Activities: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Accomplishments / Activities: _____

Certification: I certify that all statements made herein and on any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

(You may use additional sheets if necessary).