

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are presented on the basis of availability and students' eligibility and are made possible through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and organizations. Scholarships, however, may not be available every year due to lack of appropriate funds in individual scholarship accounts.

Three (3) types of scholarships are offered at Coahoma Community College:

1. Activity and Administrative Scholarships are **Institutional Scholarships** and are awarded by Coahoma Community College.
2. **Coahoma Community College awards Athletic Scholarships** according to the requirements established by the National Junior Colleges Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC).
3. **Community Scholarships** are made available by generous donations from members of the community. The Scholarship Committee is assigned the responsibility of disbursing these funds.

## SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

1. Students receiving a scholarship must maintain the minimum required grade point average (GPA) (see requirements below) and full-time status (which is a minimum of 15 semester hours during the fall and spring semesters). Failure to maintain specific GPA or failure to maintain a minimum of 15 semester hours for the entire semester will forfeit the scholarship award.
2. Any student who drops out of school forfeits his/her eligibility for a scholarship then and in the future. The student cannot resume the scholarship if he/she returns to Coahoma Community College unless otherwise stated.
3. Any student expelled because of disciplinary action forfeits his/her scholarship and will not be eligible for another scholarship.
4. If a student ceases to attend class and does not withdraw officially, he/she will forfeit his/her scholarship then and in the future.
5. Any student who officially withdraws from school must leave any remaining portion of scholarship money in the scholarship account.
6. A student's scholarship applies directly to institutional fees only (tuition, room/board, educational supplies, and other related fees).
7. A student must attend college in consecutive fall/spring semesters (excluding summer school) or forfeit the scholarship, unless otherwise stated.

## **INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

Students will not receive two institutional scholarships during one academic year for any institutional program with the exception of the Ambassador Scholarship. When a student qualifies for more than one scholarship from the institution, the Financial Aid Director may list two institutional scholarships as long as the combined total of the awards does not exceed the value of the largest scholarship.

Outside scholarships which are not funded by the institution may be added to the total award for the student as long as regulations governing federal financial aid are not violated.

### **ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following scholarships require active participation in school-sponsored activities or organizations. Contact the appropriate designee in order to learn more about these scholarship opportunities:

<b>COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIPS</b>		
<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>Minimum GPA Required to Maintain the Award</b>
Ambassador Scholarship	Director of Enrollment & Student Services	3.0
Band Scholarship	Band Director	2.0
Choir Scholarship	Choir Director	2.0
Cheerleading Scholarship	Cheer Sponsor	2.0
Leadership Scholarship	Dean of Student Affairs	3.0

Band and Choir scholarship recipients who fail to maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA will be placed on probation for one semester. Recipients who do not attain the required GPA by the end of the probationary semester will then forfeit their scholarships.

Additionally; any student receiving an activity scholarship will risk having the scholarship automatically prorated or terminated if the student ceases to participate in the activity for which the scholarship was awarded.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

Each administrative scholarship applicant must have the five (5) items listed below on file in the Office of Admissions and Records at Coahoma Community College:

1. An official high school transcript with school's seal and principal's signature,
2. An official ACT score report,
3. A completed application for admission obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records,
4. A completed Coahoma Community College Information Form obtained from the Office of Financial Aid, and
5. A completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) obtained online at

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or at the Office of Financial Aid.

## COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP	CRITERIA	AWARD	Minimum GPA Required to Maintain Award	CONTACT
Trustee Scholarship* (MS Residents Only)	ACT Score 26 above 3.50-4.00 High School GPA	Full Tuition, Room, Board, and Book Allowance	3.60	President's Office
Presidential Scholarship* (MS Residents Only)	ACT Score 23-25 3.25-3.49 High School GPA	Full Tuition, Room, and Board	3.30	President's Office
Honors College Scholarship	ACT Score 20 3.25 High School GPA	Full Tuition, Book Allowance	3.25	Dean for Academic Affairs
Principal's Scholarship*	3.25 High School GPA and Principal's Recommendation	Full Tuition	3.0	President's Office
Academic Scholarship**	ACT Score 20-22 3.0 High School GPA	Full Tuition	3.0	Dean for Academic Affairs
Partial Academic Scholarship**	ACT Score 17-19 3.0 High School GPA	Half Tuition	3.0	Dean for Academic Affairs
Valedictorian Scholarship	Highest GPA of Graduating High School Class	Full Tuition and Fees	3.0	Dean for Academic Affairs
Salutatorian Scholarship	Second highest GPA of Graduating High School Class	Full Tuition	3.0	Dean for Academic Affairs

*\*Awarded at the recommendation of the high school principal or counselor*

*\*\* A student may receive an academic scholarship for four semesters if he/she maintains required GPA and full-time status.*

## **ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Student athletes must satisfy the National Junior Colleges Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) eligibility requirements to receive and maintain an athletic scholarship.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

These scholarships and awards are made possible through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and organizations. The community scholarships are awarded by the Scholarship Committee, which is appointed by the College President. Students must complete the community scholarship requirements

in order to apply for these scholarships. When a student is awarded a community scholarship, the Scholarship Committee will notify him/her.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be eligible for a community scholarship at Coahoma Community College, students must complete the following requirements:

1. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a Coahoma Community College Financial Aid Application **MUST** be processed and on file **BEFORE** a student is considered for any type of scholarship or financial assistance. Scholarship awards may affect the student's overall Financial Aid package. The FAFSA can be obtained online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or at the Office of Financial Aid.
2. An applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 15 semester hours during the fall and spring).
3. An applicant must provide appropriate transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records. For incoming freshmen, a copy of a high school transcript is required; current Coahoma Community College students or transferring students need an official copy of ALL college transcripts. Official transcripts are sealed and sent **DIRECTLY** from the high school or college and **ARE NOT** to be opened by the applicant. Transcripts not sealed will not be considered. For questions regarding enrollment and transcripts, contact the Office of Admissions and Records.
4. An applicant must maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 unless otherwise stated. For questions regarding GPA, contact your advisor or the Office of Admissions and Records.
5. Complete and submit a Coahoma Community College Scholarship Application to the Scholarship Committee.
6. Submit two typed letters of recommendation from persons other than family members to the Scholarship Committee.

To contact the Scholarship Committee, use the following address or consult the Committees/Functions and Memberships page on the college website: Coahoma Community College Scholarship Committee, 3240 Friars Point Road, Clarksdale, MS 38614.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES**

1. The deadline to submit applications for Community Scholarships is week the before Spring Break.
2. The Community Scholarship Policies adhere to the General Scholarship Policies listed above in addition to those herein.
3. Any student who drops out of school forfeits his/her eligibility for a scholarship then and in the future. The student cannot resume the scholarship if he/she returns to Coahoma Community College. In the case of extenuating circumstances, the student should submit in writing a letter of explanation to the Scholarship Committee for consideration upon dropping out. Military duty is an exception.
4. If a student officially withdraws, he/she may be granted special approval for consideration in the future by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will take into consideration a student's special circumstances. To process this review, a student **MUST** submit a letter of explanation in writing and be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee regarding his/her special request. Military

duty is an exception.

5. Only the Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the President of the college, can make any changes in these policies.
6. Complete and submit other documents as part of the application process for a specified scholarship.

### **COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS DESCRIPTIONS**

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA (AKA) SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a first year student who will return the Fall of second year. The student must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or above. The award is in the amount of \$500. You must attach two (2) letters of recommendation.

The **BEN-GLO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** is an annual gift given by a private foundation established by the Daugherty Family in honor of Benjamin Allen Daugherty, Gloria Daugherty Strange, Vincent Daugherty, '84 and Chancey O. Daugherty, '52. The award is given to two students interested in or showing some promise in the field of education, or an athlete in need of financial assistance. Need is the main criteria for selection as well as scholarship. The award may be given to entering students at CCC, continuing students at CCC, or graduating students furthering their college careers at a four-year educational institution. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Total award is \$300.00.

The **BENNIE S. GOODEN, SR. SCHOLARSHIP** is an award of \$500.00 given to a freshman during the second semester, who has demonstrated financial need, academic excellence, strong leadership ability, community involvement, good moral character and preferably one who resides in an affordable housing development. Applicant must: (1) be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee; (2) have maintained a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5; (3) hold membership in a community/college organization; and (4) have an official recommendation from either a counselor or a pastor who has some knowledge of the student's moral character.

The **BLAKE SCHOLARS** is awarded to **INCOMING FRESHMEN ONLY** and the requirements are as follows:

1. Community Focused individual
2. Financial need based
3. Academic abilities (being an "A student" is not required)
4. Humble personality
5. Generous personality
6. Leadership demonstration

The applicant will be required to participate in an interview with Coahoma Community College's Scholarship Committee.

THE **BOLIVAR MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION** is a Scholarship program for students who are enrolled in Delta State University, Coahoma Community College, or Mississippi Delta Community College. The scholarship is presented yearly to the college and will be awarded and managed by the Leaders of Institution's Nursing Program. The student must have been accepted in the Associated Degree Nursing program, have at least a 3.0 GPA, full-time, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and fulfill acceptable progress guidelines in the program. There is a length of obligation to work in Bolivar County: student receiving one or two semesters shall be employed for a minimum of one year, three or

four semesters will be employed for a minimum of two years, and for five semesters for a minimum of three years. Applications will be available at the Robert G. "Brick" Mason Building at 901 Ohio Avenue, Clarksdale, MS.

The **DELTA SCIENTIFIC SCHOLARSHIP** is an annual scholarship awarded to a student who is pursuing an education in some capacity of the medical profession and has a strong desire of remaining or returning to the Delta to work. The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and must submit an essay expressing what his/her goals are and what he/she hopes to contribute to the Delta post education. The amount of the scholarship is \$300. The student also must submit a letter of recommendation from the Chair of the Math and Science Department and/or a Math or Science Faculty member.

The **DELTA SIGMA THETA SCHOLARSHIP** is an award that goes to a sophomore who exhibits scholastic achievement, good moral character, and versatility. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation.

The **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC MISSISSIPPI TAG SCHOLARSHIP** applicant must meet the following criteria:

- a) Provide proof of 30 hours of community service \*IMPORTANT\*. Attach the document with name of organization, contact person, telephone number and number of hours of service completed for each organization.
- b) Incoming Freshman during the Fall.
- c.) High school GPA of 2.75 or above
- d) Must be a full-time student at Coahoma (15 or more hours)
- e) Submit two (2) letters of recommendation
- f) If selected as the recipient, you must acknowledge by submitting a letter to DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC, POST OFFICE BOX 566, OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI 38655

The **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. FANNIE LOU HAMER SCHOLARSHIP** is as follows: The award goes to a sophomore who exhibits scholastic achievement, good moral character, and versatility. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation.

THE **EDIE FURNISS LPN SCHOLARSHIP** is an annual \$500.00 cash award given to a graduate Licensed Practical Nurse who is over 25 years of age and who has overcome many obstacles to receive her/his degree. The Edie Furniss LPN Scholarship was established in 1993 by State Senator Delma Furniss in honor of his wife who received her LPN degree at age 31 and her RN degree at age 34.

The **FRANK W. GAMBRELL JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a freshman science major with the highest scholastic average above 3.0. The award is given to a student who desires to continue his/her education beyond two years of college. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation.

The **FRANK HOWARD, SR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** was established in honor of Frank Howard, Sr. who served as an instructor in Math and Science Department for Coahoma Community College from 1966 – 1990. The scholarships will be award to five students for the Fall semester and five students for the Spring semester. The student must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrolled full-time at Coahoma Community College without a break or gap in enrollment with a cumulative overall GPA of **least a 3.0** on 4.0 scale
2. Demonstrate outstanding scholastic ability and/or leadership with the determination to graduate from college and holding membership in a college organization
3. Remain enrolled **six weeks or more** to receive the award
4. Submit application with most recent transcript
5. **Two letters of recommendation** from former high school or college instructors
6. **One-page letter** written by the applicant explaining his/her educational goals

**FRANK HOWARD, SR.** the total award per student is \$500.

<b>FRANK HOWARD, SR SCHOLARSHPS - IMPORTANT DATES</b>	
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Although scholarship applications may be submitted at anytime during the term, priority is given to students who applications are received by the deadlines listed below:	
<b>For Graduating High School Seniors in May.</b>	<b>For Returning Coahoma Community College Students</b>
<b>Deadline:</b> Month of June for Fall semester	<b>Deadline:</b> Month of June for Fall semester
	Month of November for Spring Semester

The **GREG MALATESTA BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP** is designed to provide financial assistance to those students enrolled in a Business Associate degree program offered in the Academic Division of studies. These funds are stipulated for students with no other means of financial assistance.

Students may qualify for up to \$1,000 per academic semester for one academic year.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Complete an application to access funds
2. Must provide documentation of financial need. This can include:
3. Two letters of reference from persons outside the student's family; or
4. Letter of recommendation from the program director and / or clinical director of the specific program outlining the qualifications of the student.
5. Transcript of the GPA for core subjects; or
6. Letter of acceptance into Coahoma Community College

These funds are designed to assist the student **specifically during the summer semester**, which will be applied for the following fall term. The qualifying student should maintain a 3.0 GPA in all core subjects; students with a 2.5 GPA may be recommended. **Students are ineligible for funds from this scholarship until the spring semester of the first year, and only then for documented need.**

The **LILLIAN ROGERS-JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is given to a freshman on the basis of academic potential and Christian character. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Total award is \$300.00.

The **McKENDRA CORTEZE` BURNS MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Attorney McKinley "Mack" C. Martin, Jr. has established a scholarship in memory of his niece, McKendra Corteze` Burns Martin. The scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who has been diagnosed with a learning or physical disability. The disability should be a learning-related disability such as dyslexia,



dysgraphia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) OR a physically-challenged/mobility-impaired disability that can often lead to difficulty in learning environments.

*Award Amount: In-state tuition for one year.*

**Criteria:**

The selected candidate must have met the following criteria:

- Proof of disability by a certified physician
- Submit a one-page typed essay describing why you think you deserve this scholarship
- Submit one letter of recommendation/reference
- Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better
- Meet Coahoma Community College's scholarship requirements as listed in the College Catalog and the Student Handbook

The **MISS FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to four freshman students who will return for the Fall semester. The student must be in good academic standing without a break or gap in attendance, have a GPA of 3.0 or above and plan to pursue a career in education and/or economic development. An interview may be requested. The amount of \$500 will be awarded during the fall semester. The student must remain enrolled in school six weeks or more to receive this award. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Total award is \$500.00 per student.

The **ROBERT SWATZELL HEALTH SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP** is designed to provide financial assistance to those students enrolled in a certificate or degree program offered in the Health Science Division. These funds are stipulated for students with no other means of financial assistance.

**a. Certificate Programs, limited to \$500 per student per program:**

Students in the EKG/Phlebotomy/Nursing Assistant programs may qualify for up to \$750 if entered into one additional Certificate program.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Complete an application to access funds.
2. Must provide documentation of financial need.
3. Two letters of reference from persons outside the student's family;
4. Letter of acceptance into the program

**b. Associate Degree Programs, limited to \$1,000 per student per program:**

These funds are designed to assist the student **specifically during the summer semester(s) between the first and second year of studies**. The qualifying student should maintain a 3.0 GPA in all core subjects; students with a 2.5 GPA may be recommended.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must complete an application to access funds
2. Must provide documentation of financial need. This can include:
3. Letter of recommendation from the program director and / or clinical director of the specific program outlining the qualifications of the student.

4. Transcript of the GPA for core subjects.

The **VIVIAN M. PRESLEY SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a non-traditional student who has returned to school and has been persistent in furthering his/her education to better their financial situation. The recipient must be a full-time student for the fall and spring semester of any given year. The recipient of this scholarship must demonstrate a caring spirit and positive attitude and have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or above. Submit two (2) letters of recommendations.

The **WILLIAM O. LUCKETT PRE-LAW SCHOLARSHIP** is designed to provide financial assistance to those students enrolled in a Political Science Associate degree program offered in the Academic Division of studies. These funds are stipulated for students with no other means of financial assistance. Students may qualify for up to \$1,000 per academic semester for one academic year.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Complete an application to access funds
2. Must provide documentation of financial need
3. Two letters of reference from persons outside the student's family; or
4. Letter of recommendation from the program director and / or clinical director of the specific program outlining the qualifications of the student.
5. Transcript of the GPA for core subjects; or
6. Letter of acceptance into Coahoma Community College

These funds are designed to assist the student **specifically during the summer semester** which will be applied for the following fall term. The qualifying student should maintain a 3.0 GPA in all core subjects; students with a 2.5 GPA may be recommended.