

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. **Athletic Scholarships** are awarded by Coahoma Community College 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 12 semester hours during the fall and spring semesters). Failure to maintain specific GPA or failure to maintain a minimum of 12 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:

COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIPS		
SCHOLARSHIP	CONTACT	Minimum GPA Required to Maintain the Award
Ambassador Scholarship	Director of Admissions and Records	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

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 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 or 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
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	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Partial Academic Scholarship**	ACT Score 17-19 3.0 High School GPA	Half Tuition	3.0	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Valedictorian Scholarship	Highest GPA of Graduating High School Class	Full Tuition and Fees	3.0	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Salutatorian Scholarship	Second highest GPA of Graduating High School Class	Full Tuition	3.0	Vice President 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. However, **students must RE-APPLY each year.** Students must submit an application for scholarship to the Scholarship Committee.*

ADULT STUDENTS IN SCHOLASTIC TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are awarded to a non-traditional student who does not enter postsecondary education in the same calendar year that he or she finished high school; attends part-time for at least part of the academic year; works full-time (35 hours or more per week) while enrolled; is considered financially independent for purposes of determining eligibility for financial aid; has dependents other than a spouse; is a single parent; or is 25 years of age or older.

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, they will be notified by the Scholarship Committee.

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 or at the Office of Financial Aid.
2. An applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 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 April 1st.
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.
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.
5. Only the Scholarship Committee, with the approval of the President of the college, can make any changes in these policies.

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

ALL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

The **ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP** is an award given to a freshman with good academic potential, leadership ability, and community involvement who will be returning to CCC as a sophomore. The student must maintain a "B" average and desire to continue their formal education beyond two years of college. The recipient(s) selection is made by the fraternity.

The **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to a student who will return for the Fall 2014 semester. The student must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 3.0 or above. The award is in the amount of \$500.

The **BEN-GLO SCHOLARSHIP** is an annual gift given by a private foundation established by the Daugherty Family in honor of Benjamin Allen Daugherty and Gloria Daugherty Strange. 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.

The **BENNIE STONE GOODEN, SR. SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** was established by family and friends in 2009 to commemorate the life of dedicated service of Mr. Bennie Stone Gooden, Sr. to Coahoma Community College in particular and the Clarksdale and Coahoma County community in general. The award of \$500.00 is 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) 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 **DELTA SCIENTIFIC SCHOLARSHIP** is available to students enrolled a program related to the medical field who meet the following criteria. To be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must: (1) have been enrolled at Coahoma Community College in any medical field for the fall semester; (2) have successfully completed at least twelve (12) hours with a 3.0 or above GPA (on a 4.0 system) to apply; (3) be enrolled at Coahoma Community College in any medical field for the spring semester; and (4) have no sanction(s) on file for disciplinary reasons. NOTE: (1) Priority will be given to students who receive no external financial assistance. (2) Funds will be disbursed on a per semester basis (based on availability of funds). (3) The standard scholarship application and letters of recommendation should be turned in to the Scholarship Committee.

The **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY** assists Coahoma Community College in providing two scholarship awards each year. The first award is the Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded by the Clarksdale-Marks Alumnae Chapter of the sorority. Each year the scholarship goes to a sophomore who possesses scholarship, good moral character, and an interest in the institution. The Delta Sigma Theta Award goes to a sophomore who exhibits scholastic achievement, good moral character, and versatility.

The **DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY (STATE CHAPTER)** assists Coahoma Community College in providing 15 scholarships awards for the upcoming Fall 2014 semester. Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization of more than 250,000 predominately Black college educated women whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Currently, chapters are located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and Republic of Korea. The following guidelines must be met: (1.) Student must have a grade point average of 2.75 (2.) Student must have performed at least 30 hours of public service prior to award period (the community service must be verified by the organization) (3.) The recipient must acknowledge receipt of scholarship by submitting a letter to the Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. State Chapter. This award is in the amount of \$1000 per student.

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.

DR. ROGER WEINER ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND PRACTICAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP was established in 2007 during the midst of the nursing shortage in the Mississippi Delta. The applicant must: (1) be currently enrolled in Coahoma Community College's Associate Degree or Practical Nursing program; (2) have successfully completed twelve (12) hours; (3) must not have sanction(s) on file for disciplinary reasons; and (4) must demonstrate a financial need. The recipient(s) is made by the Health Sciences Division.

The **FRANK W. GAMBRELL JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** is named for a former CCC instructor and 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.

The **HEALTH SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP** was established in 2006 as a result of the First Annual Coahoma Community College Golf Tournament. The scholarship is awarded to students with good academic potential, leadership ability, community involvement, and a passion for the health care profession. The recipient(s) selection is made by the Health Sciences Division.

The **LILLIAN ROGERS-JOHNSON MEMORIAL AWARD** is given to a freshman on the basis of academic potential and Christian character.

The **MABLE THOMPSON THOMAS AWARD** is given to the graduating sophomore with the highest scholastic average.

The **MARION M. REID AWARD** is a cash award given to a freshman from Coahoma County with good academic potential, leadership ability, involvement in civic activities, and a desire to continue his/her formal education beyond two years of college.

The **J. STEVEN BLAKE FOUNDATION** was established by Dr. J. Steven Blake, a Mississippi native, who is now a gastroenterologist and the President and CEO of Blake Gastroenterology Associates, LLC in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. J. Steven Blake is giving the scholarships in honor of his parents, Alfred & Irma Blake, Blake Scholars, and siblings who attended Coahoma Agricultural High School and in honor of Coahoma Community College President, Dr. McKinley Martin, President Martin Scholars, who serve as president of Coahoma from 1980-1992. The scholarships will be awarded to two incoming freshmen starting in the Fall 2013 school year. The scholarship covers full-tuition for 2-years and a stipend of \$250 per semester for contribution toward their books. The criteria for both scholarships 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

An application, community service, and an interview will be required for this scholarship.

The **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

The **MISSISSIPPI SUPERVISORS SCHOLARSHIP (Incoming FRESHMEN ONLY)** was established by the Mississippi Association of County Supervisors and is awarded annually by the Mississippi Community College Foundation to a student or three students deemed eligible by its criteria and that of Coahoma Community College. The scholarship will be awarded to incoming freshmen from the following counties: Bolivar County (2 students); Coahoma County (3 students); Quitman County (1 student); Tallahatchie County (2 students); and Tunica County (1 student). Total award per student is \$300.00. The award will be given during the fall of 2013. The student must remain enrolled in school six weeks or more to receive this award.

The **DR. VIVIAN M. PRESLEY SCHOLARSHIP** was established in honor of Dr. Vivian M. Presley who served as President of Coahoma Community College from 1992 - 2013. Dr. Vivian M. Presley was the first female to serve as president of Coahoma Community College and the first woman to head a community or junior college in the state of Mississippi. This scholarship is a \$300 cash award that is given during the spring 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. The scholarship will be awarded during the second semester. Total award is \$300.