



The JXN Water Scholarship Fund

PURPOSE

The JXN Water Scholarship was established at the Community Foundation for Mississippi to provide financial assistance to high school seniors attending a public school in Hinds County interested in pursuing a degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) discipline that could lead to a career in water and wastewater operations and management.

Applications are open to seniors currently enrolled at a Jackson Public School District High School, Hinds County School District High School and Clinton High School who will attend Hinds Community College (any campus located in Hinds County) or Jackson State University. Four students will be selected to receive an award of \$2,500. The award is for a period of one academic year.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Coming on board as the interim third-party manager of the City of Jackson's water system, Ted Henifin knew he would need to think upstream about the water workforce pipeline. Henifin saw the water system was severely understaffed and struggled with hiring due to a lack of qualified candidates. To help address this challenge, the JXN Water Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation for Mississippi was created. The scholarship will help ensure more properly trained persons will fill those positions in the future.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Currently enrolled senior at a high school in Jackson Public School District, Hinds County Public School District and Clinton High School.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 and significant coursework in STEM.
- Ability to apply and gain admission to Hinds Community College (any campus located in Hinds County), or Jackson State University.
- Two letters of recommendation:
 - One letter from a teacher who taught the applicant for at least one semester in a STEM subject.
 - One from an unrelated adult with knowledge of the applicant's character.
- A one-page essay on how the water crisis in Jackson has impacted the applicant's life.
- The deadline to submit applications is **April 15, 2025**.

Applicants may apply for additional JXN Scholarship Funds for additional semesters subject to the following criteria:

- (1) Maintenance of a minimum GPA of 2.5 in all coursework
- (2) Minimal completion of 15 credit hours per semester and
- (3) No more than 3 previous JXN Water Scholarships

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified by mail or email about the status of their application no later than **May 15, 2025.**

Scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the institution of the applicant's choice no later than **August 31, 2025.**

QUESTIONS

Please contact the Community Foundation for Mississippi at 601.974.6044 or email us at info@formississippi.org

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name of Applicant:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Age: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

Parent/Legal Guardian Address:

High School Attending: _____ Graduation Date: _____

School Address: _____

Current GPA: _____ ACT Score: _____

Major / Career Goals: _____
(must be STEM related)

ESSAY

Please submit a 500-word essay on how the water crisis in Jackson has impacted your life.

List honors/awards/scholastic achievements that you have received in the last four years:

Award / Honor / Achievement	Year Received

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Each complete application must be received by the Community Foundation for Mississippi at 119 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201 **by April 15, 2025**. Please include the following information in your packet:

- Completed application form
- 500-word Essay
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Official high school transcript with GPA

**Completed application must be received at the address below
by April 15, 2025.**

JXN Water Scholarship Advisory Committee

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