

Mississippi Biomass Council, Inc.

Scholarship Program

IMPORTANT

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI BIOMASS COUNCIL PRIOR TO March 30 EACH YEAR

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. One scholarship will be awarded through the Mississippi Biomass Council Scholarship Program in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a student who is a resident of the State of Mississippi and is attending any in-state university or community college.
2. Payment of the scholarship will be made in two (2) equal installments during the two (2) semesters (Fall & Spring) of the applicable school year.
3. Payment will be made directly to the university or community college in the student's name upon notification of student's enrollment in a course of study approved by the selection committee. If, for any reason, the recipient fails to enroll or does not enroll in an approved course of study at the beginning of the fall semester, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate recipient chosen in the initial selection process.
4. To be eligible to receive the second (spring semester) payment, the student must again be enrolled in an approved course of study and must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 during the first semester. A letter from the university or community college documenting these two (2) requirements is required.
5. If the funds for the second semester are forfeited, that money will be placed in the Mississippi Biomass Council Scholarship Program budget.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. He and/or she must enroll in or already be enrolled in undergraduate studies that relate to biomass science, technology, economics, or policy issues at a Mississippi university or community college.
2. He and/or she must submit a fully completed application and supporting material by the established deadline.
3. The applicant must have completed at least one full semester of college courses.
4. The applicant must be a Student-Member of the Mississippi Biomass Council. There is no fee for student membership. To become a Student-Member, go to <http://ms-biomass.org/>.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection of the recipient using the following criteria:

Scholarship Performance	30%
School and Community Activities	10%
Leadership Qualities	10%
Letters of Recommendation	10%
Essays	20%
Financial Need	20%

The following information and materials should be submitted with the scholarship application:

1. A transcript or official letter containing high school and college grades, including your ACT score.
2. A list of extracurricular school activities signed by a school official or advisor.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities from a school official and a local citizen from your community.
4. A list of community activities.
5. One (1) essay:
 - A. 400 words or less on the topic: "Why I am Considering a Career in Biomass Science/Technology/Economics/Policy (select one) and Why I am Applying for this Scholarship."
(Be sure to include any factors relating to financial need, etc.)

Application and supporting materials should be mailed to:

Mississippi Biomass Council
Attn: Scholarship Program
Box 9642
Mississippi State, MS 39762

