



Application Deadline: Monday, April 20, 2026

All packets must be postmarked by Monday, April 20, and received by
Thursday, April 23, 2026



Madison County Chamber of Commerce
www.madisoncountychamber.us
601-605-2554

Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce will award select high school seniors in Madison County with the Young Leaders in Volunteerism Scholarship. This scholarship is made possible through a portion of the proceeds from the 2026 Dragon Boat Regatta.

Madison County includes the cities of Canton, Flora, Gluckstadt, Madison, and Ridgeland.

Eligibility Requirements:

To be considered for the Young Leaders in Volunteerism Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a high school senior graduating from a high school in Madison County or a homeschool student residing in Madison County.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student at a university/college, community college, or trade school in Fall 2026.
- Submit a complete application packet by Monday, April 20th.
- Be postmarked by Monday, April 20th / received by Thursday, April 23rd.

Completed Application Packet Must Include:

- Young Leaders in Volunteerism Scholarship Application
- List of Community Service Activities – A detailed list of volunteer work from the past three years (10th-12th grade).
- Essay (300-500 words) – Must address the given topic and follow all formatting requirements.
- Three Letters of Recommendation
 - One letter from your guidance counselor (including gpa/act score or transcript as of December 2025)
 - Two letters from the community service organizations listed on page 2 of the application.

This is a fillable PDF form that can be printed to submit along with your recommendation letters.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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*Young Leaders in Volunteerism Scholarship
Application*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Name _____
Email Address _____
Mailing Address _____
City / Zip Code _____
Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____
Parents' or Guardians' Name _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School or Home School Association Name _____ City _____
Counselor's Name _____
Counselor's Email Address _____
Contact Number _____
Overall GPA _____ ACT Score _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

College or university you plan to attend in Fall 2026

Have you been accepted at the college or university above? _____
Anticipated Major _____
Overall Career Goal:

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Provide a list of community service activities you have been involved in over the past three years (10th – 12th grade).

Organization Name: _____
City: _____ **Grade:** _____ **# Volunteer Hours:** _____

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VIDEO ESSAY INFORMATION: Using the topic below, record a 2–3 minute video addressing the following:

Describe a volunteer project or role that has been especially meaningful to you and explain its impact on the community.

Use the link below to upload your video.

Submission link: <https://bit.ly/YoungLeadersScholarship-Essay>

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS: Three letters of recommendation are required. Letters from parents or relatives will not be accepted. **All letters must be on official letterhead and submitted in a sealed envelope.** Be sure to include each recommendation letter in the scholarship packet submitted by the applicant.

- **One letter** from your school guidance counselor addressing your character as a student, be sure to inform your counselor to include your overall GPA and ACT score or transcript showing the information.
- **Two letters** from community service organizations of your choice (listed on page 2) highlighting your contributions as a volunteer and detailing your **total number of hours** volunteered with their organization.

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information in any part of this application or in any supporting documentation may lead to disqualification from the process.

Print and sign the completed application. Be sure to include all required documentation: recommendation letters and personal essay.

Mail your application and all required documents to the following address:

Madison County Chamber
c/o Young Leaders Scholarship
P.O. Box 1305
Madison, MS 39130

Packets may be dropped off at the Chamber’s office: 953 Hwy 51, Suite 2i, Madison.
Office #: 601-605-2554

Signature _____
Date _____