

Madison County Chamber of Commerce

*Young Leaders in Volunteerism
Scholarship*



Application Deadline: Thursday, April 17, 2025

All packets must be postmarked by Thursday, April 17, 2025, and received by Monday April 21, 2025

Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Madison County Chamber of Commerce will award select high school seniors in Madison County with the inaugural Young Leaders in Volunteerism Scholarship. This scholarship is made possible through a portion of the proceeds from the Chamber's annual events.

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

Eligibility Requirements:

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

- Be a high school senior graduating from a high school in Madison County.
- Be 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 2025.
- Submit a complete application packet by Thursday, April 17th.
- Be postmarked by Thursday, April 17th / received by Monday, April 21st.

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 (sealed in an envelope with the recommender's signature across the flap):
 - One letter from your guidance counselor
 - Two letters from community service organizations listed on page 2 of the application.

**This is a fillable PDF form.
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 2025

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:** _____

Description of Service: _____

Organization Name: _____

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

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Description of Service: _____

ESSAY INFORMATION: On a separate page, type an essay (300-500 words) addressing the following topic. Essay should be double-spaced, Times New Roman font, and 12-point font size.

Describe a specific volunteer project or volunteer role that has been particularly meaningful to you.

What impact did it have on the community?

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 in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the flap.*** 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, along with your overall GPA and ACT score.
- **Two letters** from community service organizations (listed on page 4) highlighting your contributions as a volunteer and detailing the 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

Signature _____

Date _____