



Champions for Children

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Scholarship Application 2009



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Students across the State of Mississippi are making a difference in the lives of young people by mentoring other youth.

What is the Champions for Children Scholarship?

The Champions for Children program offers mentors the opportunity to apply for scholarships as a reward for their mentoring service. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors across the State of Mississippi who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of young people through mentoring. A selection committee reviews all applications. The applicants with the highest overall scores are selected to receive scholarships. The award amounts are as follows:

- \$5,000 scholarships
- \$2,500 scholarships
- \$2,000 scholarships
- \$1,000 scholarships

What Are the Criteria?

- Attend school and reside in Mississippi
- Be a High School Senior in the 2008-2009 school year.
- Certify 100 hours or more of mentoring, starting on June 1, 2008 (the summer before your senior year in high school). The mentoring must hours be completed by the high school graduation date.
- Mentoring must be done on a volunteer basis. If you receive any monetary compensation for the mentoring, you are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Must continue your education at a 2 or 4 year U.S. accredited institution.
- Must complete a 2009 Champions for Children Scholarship Application form. If using a photocopy, make sure you have a complete form.
- Submit four (4) letters of recommendation:
 - Letter signed by the adult supervisor of the mentoring program(s) verifying the 100 hours. If you participate in more than one program, you must submit letters from each program supervisor. Your mentoring hours must total at least 100. A parent or guardian cannot serve as the program supervisor.
 - Letter signed by an adult character reference – parent, guardian or other relative cannot write letter of recommendation.
 - Letter signed by the High School Principal of your school
 - Letter signed by the High School Counselor of your school
- Write an essay describing your mentoring experience (must be type-written).

What Is the Deadline?

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2009. Send completed forms, postmarked no later than April 1, 2009, to:

Champions for Children, Inc.
Attn: Champions for Children Scholarship
Post Office Box 3612
Jackson, MS 39207-3612

How Will the Scholarship Money be Disbursed?

Champions for Children will recognize scholarship recipients at an awards luncheon in May 2009. Scholarships will be deposited into MACS or MPACT accounts. Scholarships will not be paid to individual recipients or institutions. If a scholarship recipient does not have a MACS or MPACT account, enrollment information will be provided by Champions for Children.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER INFORMATION:

Name of Newspaper _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Street/Post Office Box _____ Zip _____

Essay

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, describe your mentoring experience.

DO:

Explain why you decided to devote your time to mentoring a young person.

Fully describe the mentoring setting and the relationship that developed between you and the mentee.

Explain the changes seen in the mentee, and in yourself, during the course of the year.

Explain how the relationship went beyond mere tutoring. Explain if and how you plan to continue these activities in the future.

Submit typewritten copies only. Handwritten submissions will be disqualified.

DO NOT:

Identify your mentee by his or her full name. You may use the child's first name only.

Submit an essay without the completed application, including the originals of all letters of recommendation.

The essay counts 75% of your score.

Each applicant must have at least 100 hours of mentoring certified. The hours may be acquired from more than one mentoring program. All hours must be certified below. Please list each program separately.

100 Hours Certification (Total hours must equal at least 100 from all programs)

I (the Supervisor), _____ certify that

(name of applicant) _____

served with (name of organization) _____ as part of his/her 100 hours or more of mentoring with a child or youth over the past school year. The applicant served as a mentor for approximately _____ hours. Furthermore, I certify that this student did not receive any monetary compensation for his or her mentoring efforts.

Signature of Supervisor _____

Date

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Signature of Supervisor _____

Date

Certification

Your application must be certified with your original signature in ink. Please make a copy of your application for your own records.

I, _____, certify that all of the statements made in this application are true, correct, and complete, to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith. I understand that misinformation or omission of information will result in disqualification and/or termination as a Champions for Children Scholarship recipient.

Signature of Applicant _____

_____ Date

Review your application once more.

Make sure there are no lines left blank.

Make sure four (4) letters of recommendation are included with the application.

If you are using a photocopy of a form, make sure the scholarship application form is a complete 2009 application form.

Only 2009 scholarship application forms will be accepted.

Do not staple the application.

Do not include any information other than that required in the application.

Failure to complete the form in full will void your application.

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2009

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Electronic or faxed submissions will not be accepted.



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