The Alton E. and Thelma McCartney Scholarship

Through
Merchant and Planters Bank Trust Department
P.O. Box 650
Newport Arkansas 72112

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Scholarship Application Form
For First Time Applicants

Deadline: MARCH 15, 2017
Mr. and Mrs. McCartney, Jackson County natives, established the Alton E. and Thelma McCartney Scholarship to aid graduates of high schools within Jackson County. Students must have graduated from Newport High School, or Jackson County High School (previously Tuckerman High School, Swifton High School, and Grubbs High School) to qualify for this scholarship.

All portions of the application must be completed in order for you to be considered. If for some reason, you cannot complete all portions, please include a brief explanation.

Applications instructions:
Personal Information: Please provide a permanent address and phone number.

Leadership Capabilities: Please provide information about your high school and college experiences (if applicable).

Educational Background and Academics Abilities: Please provide the specified information. If we do not receive this information, the application will not be considered.

Financial Aid and Financial Statement: Please provide the specified information. If you cannot provide a copy of the first two pages only of the tax return, copies of W-2’s will suffice.

Personal Goals and Recommendations: Please provide as specified in the application.

Deadline: The application must be returned to the main office of Merchant and Planters Bank by 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date or be postmarked by the deadline date. The main office of Merchant and Planters Bank is located at the corner of Second and Hazel Streets, downtown Newport. The mailing address is:

Alton E. & Thelma McCartney Scholarship
Attn: Nate Watson, VP, Trust Officer
P.O. Box 650
Newport, AR 72112

**If the application is not received by the deadline date it will absolutely not be considered.**

**Please remember to sign your application and include a current photo**

If you are chosen as a recipient, the scholarship proceeds will be sent to the school of your choice. The proceeds may be used only for tuition, books, fees, and on-campus room-and-board.

The schools are instructed to apply one-half of total scholarship awarded for the first semester and retain the second half to be used for the second semester. Exceptions may apply with the approval of the Merchants and Planters Bank Trust Department. When the student is no longer enrolled, the schools are instructed to return any unused funds to the Trust. We request that the amount of other scholarships awarded to students not be reduced because of the McCartney Scholarship.

If you are awarded a scholarship you will be notified by mail. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE the collage information form that will be enclosed with your award letter. YOU MUST RETURN the form by the stated deadline date.

If you have any other questions concerning the scholarship, please contact Fernita Robinson at (870) 523-3601 ext. 1182 or Joshua Brandt at (870) 523-3601 ext. 1193.
Please Submit with Application

ALTON E. AND THELMA MCCARTNEY SCHOLARSHIP
2017 First Time Application Checklist

Please check all items included

☐ Completed and signed application

☐ High School Transcript

☐ Copy of first 2 pages of 2016 Tax Returns or 2016 W-2

☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation

☐ Personal Goals Essay

☐ Current Photo

Sign: ________________________________

Your signature on this form acknowledges that you have included all the required documentation with your scholarship application. Applications returned without all proper documentation may not be considered for a Scholarship Award.

Thank you,

The Trust Committee
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
For First Time Applicants

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Please print or type)

NAME__________________________________________SOCIAL SECURITY #__________________
ADDRESS________________________________________ HOME or CELL #____________________
CITY______________________________________STATE___________ZIP __________________

II. LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES: List clubs and community organizations in which you have been a member or officer. (Continue list on separate sheet if needed.)

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III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND GOALS:

High School Attended: ___________________________ Year of Graduation: ______
Name and Location of College You Plan to Attend: ___________________________________________
Planned Area of Study_______________________________________________________________

**YOU MUST BE REGISTERED FOR 12 HOURS AS A FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT**

IV. ACADEMIC ABILITIES:

Cumulative Grade Point Average in Grades 9 through 12_________ACT Composite Score________
No. of Time ACT has been taken_________ Last Date ACT was taken____________________
Class Rank _______ in class of ________. Please attach high school transcript.

If you have college credit, please provide the following: Cumulative Grade Point Average_______
Please attach a college transcript if possible.

V. FINANCIAL AID: List all forms of Financial aid and other Scholarships you have applied for this year. (Continue list on separate sheet if needed.)

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VI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Please provide copies of the first two pages of 2016 tax return.
If tax return is not available, a copy of your 2016 W-2 Form will suffice.

Your Employer _____________________________ 2016 Income________________
Father’s Employer __________________________ 2016 Income________________
Mother’s Employer _________________________ 2016 Income________________

If present income has changed from 2016, please explain__________________________________
Estimate the cost for the year you are applying for, to include the following: Tuition $_________
Books $_________ Fees $__________ Room & Board $__________ Transportation $_________

VII. PERSONAL GOALS: (attach to application)
Your ability to express yourself well is an important part of the evaluation process. The scholarship essay
provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate your ability to think analytically and creatively.
   a) List your major life goals in order of priority
   b) Describe your educational goals and explain how they will help you achieve your career goals
   c) Please furnish a typed essay in which you introduce yourself, link your personal and educational
goals, and state the characteristics that best qualify you for scholarship consideration.

VIII. RECOMMENDATION:
Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who have firsthand knowledge of your
character, abilities, and financial circumstances.

IX. Please attach a current photo, such as senior picture. This photo will not be returned

Don’t forget to attach the following:
   1. High school transcript
   2. College transcript (if applicable)
   3. Copy of the first two pages of tax returns or copy of W-2
   4. Personal Goals (including essay)
   5. Two letters of recommendation
   6. Current Photo

DEADLINE: March 15, 2017

** Applications Received after deadline absolutely will not be considered!
Finalist may be asked to appear for personal interview.

MAIL INFORMATION TO:
Nate Watson, VP, Trust Officer
Merchant and Planters Bank
P.O. Box 650
Newport, AR 72112

Your signature authorizes release of photo and/or information concerning your scholarship
application and any award that might be made.

_____________________________________________________      _________________________
Signature                                                      Date

The following information is very important!

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NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE TO REMIND YOU OF THESE REQUIREMENTS!