

The Council of Community Organizations (COCO) of Oktibbeha County Inc.

# David Rogers Memorial Scholarship

## APPLICATION



This Scholarship is dedicated to the loving memory of

~~~ David Rogers ~~~

His family and friends have established this scholarship award in his honor to recognize his love for Education.

Post Office Box 152, Starkville, MS 39760

## **COCO SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Council of Community Organization of Oktibbeha County, Starkville, Mississippi would like to announce the availability of the DAVID ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Individuals interested in applying for funds should request an application from THE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION'S DAVID ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, Post Office Box 152, Starkville, MS 39760.

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Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 (each) will be awarded (to be dispersed in \$250 increments per semester). Applications will be accepted starting January 14, 2012 and the deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2012. The two (2) winning applicants will be contacted by May 15, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded to winners enrolled in an accredited college of his/her choice.

## DAVID ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Council of Community Organizations

P.O. Box 152

Starkville, MS 39760

Receipt Deadline: April 15, 2012

### **PART I: To be completed by Scholarship Applicant**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***College(s)***

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***Tuition and Educational Expenses***

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

A.) High School Seniors or Graduates: Attach (1) the DAVID ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP application form; (2) high school transcript; (3) letter of recommendation from a faculty member, community leader or clergy; (4) list of extracurricular activities and involvement in community service activities; (5) two page essay outlining leadership involvement, and future goals; (6) other information which might be helpful to the scholarship committee.

B.) Current Scholarship Recipients: College students who are presently receiving this scholarship, and have maintained good academic standing (at least a "B" average), may reapply by submitting the completed application form together with a transcript of their grades for the preceding school term and academic year. Applications for continued assistance will be considered on a competitive basis. Please provide a brief letter describing your campus activities, academic progress, and any changes in your financial status.

## **DAVID ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **About the Program**

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### **Who is Eligible**

1. An eligible student must be a graduate of a Mississippi High School.
2. An eligible student must be an undergraduate or graduate student admitted or enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States.
3. An eligible student must demonstrate a commitment to school, academics, and community activities.
4. Preferably a member of the Council of Community Organizations (COCO) of Oktibbeha County Inc.

## **How to Apply**

If a student meets the preceding eligibility criteria, he/she must submit: (1) the David Rogers Memorial Scholarship application form; (2) high school and/or college transcript; (3) letters of recommendation from a faculty member, community leader, or clergy; (4) list of extra curriculum activities and involvement in community services activities; and (5) two page letter or essay to the selection committee outlining leadership responsibilities and future goals; and (6) any other information which might be helpful to the scholarship committee.

The student's application and documented forms must be **received by April 15, 2012.**  
**P.O. Box 152 Starkville, MS 39760**

## **How Winners are Chosen**

The selection committee for the David Rogers Memorial Scholarship will select finalists from students who meet the application deadline and other stated selection guidelines. Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Involvement in extracurricular and community services activities
2. Character, integrity, and leadership skills
3. Satisfactory academic record
4. Recommendations
5. Original written two page essay.

The members of the Council of Community Organization's David Rogers Scholarship selection committee may request to interview finalists.

## **Scholarship Renewal**

After the first year's scholarship, recipients who maintain good academic standing (at least a B average) and wish to continue in college will be considered for supplemental funding for up to four years of undergraduate study. The scholarship amount may be adjusted annually based on the student's current academic progress, financial status, and the financial capacity of the scholarship fund. A student must submit a copy of their official transcript within thirty days of the end of the school year requesting renewal of the scholarship.

**\*\*\*\*WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED IN MAY \*\*\*\***

**SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED  
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE OF HIS/HER CHOICE.**

## Release of Information Form

Notice to Applicant:

From time to time, the Council of Community Organization of Oktibbeha County, Inc. may want to use your name and written selection and/or picture in a media release, brochure, or other publications.

(Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission to include my name, photo, and written selection in this type of promotional literature.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give permission to include my name, photo, or written materials in this type of promotional literature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant