



## 2026 Mississippi Security Association

### Youth Scholarship Program Applicant Information

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MSA member companies specialize in a wide spectrum of services to commercial and residential customers, including security and fire alarms, video surveillance, access control and monitoring. In cooperation with a federation of state associations, MSA provides government advocacy and delivers timely information, professional development tools, products and services that members use to grow and prosper their businesses and serve their communities. MSA may be reached at 601.668.0528 or on the Web at <https://www.msaonline.org/>.

The MSA Scholarship Program will provide thousands of dollars to students attending higher education institutions across our country. Mississippi will award \$2,000 to the high school senior of a member company and \$1,000 to the high school senior who has a parent that is a 1<sup>st</sup> responder in Mississippi. The winner who has a 1<sup>st</sup> responder parent is eligible to compete in the ESA scholarship program for additional awards.

Submit your completed applications (including transcripts, essay and other documentation) to :

MSA Youth Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 720252  
Jackson, MS 39272  
601-668-0528 Phone  
[msalert@bellsouth.net](mailto:msalert@bellsouth.net) Email

**APPLICATIONS, ESSAYS AND ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR**

**POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE TO BE ACCEPTED**

All decisions are final. All materials become property of the MSA. Submission is permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants are encouraged to make copies.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 2, 2026**

1. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 20. He or she must be a graduating high school senior who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school, located within Mississippi. Home schooled students and students attending military or boarding schools are also eligible to apply. Applicants must be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university, matriculating the following year.
2. Each eligible student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who meets the following qualifications:

**If applying for MSA Member Scholarship:**

- a. Father, mother or natural guardian must be employed by a 2025/2026 MSA member company.

**If applying for MSA 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Scholarship:**

- b. Parent must be a full-time paid member of the police or sheriff's department or fire department. Parent or guardian may also be a volunteer member of a fire department.
- c. Parent or guardian must be an active duty police officer, firefighter, paramedic, or EMT (public sector). Children of administrative staff do not qualify.

- d. Children of OHS, FBI and other Federal employees do not qualify.
  - e. Children of reserve officers, part-time sheriff's deputies and retired, or deceased employees do not qualify.
3. Students must submit the following:
- a. Completed and signed application. The application may be submitted first, followed by other required documents. **Application and all other required documents must be received on or before the deadline to be accepted.** Failure to follow instructions can result in disqualification.
  - b. Essay (typed)
  - c. Transcripts from the school (or parent if home schooled) that lists the student's grade point average. GPA must be in a standard 4.0 or 0-100 percent scale or conversion method must be provided (weighted GPA scores accepted).
  - d. Proof of acceptance to a college or university (letter/certificate acceptable; does not have to be the student's intended college or university).
  - e. Proof of parent's occupation (copy of ID or supervisory letter on station letterhead acceptable).
  - f. Copies of official SAT and/or ACT test score results. (These may be included on and sent with official high school transcripts).
  - g. Resume listing community service, academic prizes, awards, hobbies, extracurricular activities and work history.
  - h. Proof of **verified** community service.
  - i. Letter of recommendations from a high school counselor, teacher or other outside agency which verifies participation in extracurricular activities and speaks of the student's character.
4. All materials become the property of the MSA. By submitting an application and essay, the student grants permission to publish any or all essays. Applicants also agree that if they win, they will cooperate in publicity efforts, including (but not limited to) participating in interviews with state communications, local, trade and national press, and submitting photos for inclusion in MSA publications, press materials and online. Applicants will make every effort to meet with the local MSA representative for an award presentation ceremony.
5. Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, national test scores, community service, extracurricular participation and an essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:
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| a. Grade Average                                                                   | 20 points |
| b. SAT Scores or ACT                                                               | 20 points |
| c. Essay                                                                           | 20 points |
| d. Verified Community Service                                                      | 25 points |
| e. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school and outside extracurricular activities | 15 points |

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**Total**

**100 points**

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## STUDENT APPLICATION

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Please type or clearly print all information. Form must be filled out completely and signed.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### High School Information

Name of High School (write "home schooled" if applicable)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of HS Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ GPA through 11<sup>th</sup> Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: GPA must be in a standard 4.0 scale or based on a grade percentage of 1-100. If your official high school transcript does not include a GPA in one of these formats, then a method of conversion must be supplied (weighted GPA scores accepted).**

### Test Scores

Highest SAT Scores: Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest ACT Score: Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information

Name of mother, father or guardian, Identify if employed as a 1<sup>st</sup> responder.

Last First Middle  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Precinct or Fire House \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## School Counselor Information

Home schooled students should list contact information of the person who can best verify school work and extracurricular activity.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

## Resume

Students should submit a resume listing academic prizes, awards, extracurricular activities, outside activities, community service, work history and hobbies a separate sheet attached to the application.

## Writing Sample/Essay

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, write a 500 to 1000 word essay which explains **"What it means to me to have my parent or guardian involved in securing our community."** Please be original, creative and use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. (Only writing samples that are typed will be considered.)

The essay should be about **you** as an individual and how your parent or guardian, being a member of the public safety community, has shaped your character. Be sure to include specific examples of how decisions you've made in your life reflect the example he or she has set.

## Community Service Verification Form

Applicants must submit the attached community service application form. Please print as many copies as you need. You should submit one form for each place where you volunteered.

Applicants who submit this form and meet the appropriate requirements agree to the following:

1. All prize winners will be notified in writing.
2. All applications and writing samples become property of the LLSSA.
3. I verify to the best of my knowledge that all of the information contained in this application is accurate and correct. My parent or guardian has signed this application too, verifying the accuracy of the information contained herein.
4. I agree to the terms and conditions of the LLSSA Youth Scholarship Program. I authorize the LLSSA to verify all aspects of this application with my high school or the employer of my parent or guardian. I agree to abide by all the terms and conditions of the LLSSA Youth Scholarship Rules.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

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Name	
Place of Service	
Address	
Contact & Phone	

Date of Service	Number of Hours	Description of what you did while there

I witness that the above student has completed the community service described above.

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Signature of Contact Person