

# Ed & Becky Meek Enterprise Grant Application

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Oxford and Lafayette County Student Scholarship Program

NEW DEADLINE: June 1, 2026

The Ed & Becky Meek Enterprise Grant supports students from Oxford and Lafayette County by helping bridge the gap between family financial resources and the cost of obtaining post-secondary education in Mississippi. This program is intended for students who have not received other scholarships or federal aid. Eligible students may enroll in any post-secondary educational opportunity, including vocational or certificate programs (e.g., diesel mechanic school, welding school, HVAC training), community college, or a university in Mississippi. Students who qualify will be selected based on academic persistence, community awareness, and a commitment to improving their community. In addition to their scholarship, grant winners will receive information and resources regarding Mississippi business and industry.

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior from Lafayette High School, Oxford High School, or Regents School of Oxford.
- Have a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Come from a household which does not qualify for federal aid programs.
- Plan to enroll in a post-secondary educational opportunity in the state of Mississippi
- Preference will be given to first-generation college students (parent(s)/guardian(s) have not earned a bachelor's degree)

## Required Application Components

Please submit the following:

- Completed application form
- One-page résumé
- Community Change Essay (500 words or fewer)
- High school transcript (transfer students must also submit a transcript from their current institution)
- Financial Need Verification

## Application Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended:  Lafayette High School  Oxford High School  Regents School of  
Oxford

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a resident of Lafayette County?  Yes  No

Are you a first-generation college student?  Yes  No

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend (Fall 2026): \_\_\_\_\_

Intended field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Service

Please list and briefly describe up to three significant community service activities. Include your role, the impact of your involvement, and dates of participation.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Community Change Essay

Submit a short essay (less than 500 words) responding to the prompt below. Your response should include specific examples and personal experiences that demonstrate your understanding of needs within Lafayette County.

Academic Integrity Statement: Essays must be your own original work. The use of generative artificial intelligence tools is strictly prohibited.

### **Essay Prompt**

Lafayette County has experienced rapid population growth in recent years, creating both opportunities and challenges for residents and infrastructure.

Describe how this growth has affected your community (examples may include housing costs, transportation, school capacity, healthcare access, or public services) and explain why this issue matters to you.

### **Financial Verification**

Please include one of the following with your application:

- Your family’s most recent 1040 federal tax return
- OR the FAFSA Submission Summary showing your Student Aid Index (SAI) and adjusted gross income

If you have not completed the FAFSA, you may do so at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

### **Certification & Signatures**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor Verification:

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN APPLICATIONS TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR BY JUNE 1, 2026.