The Alton E. and Thelma McCartney Scholarship
Through
Merchants and Planters Bank Trust Department
P. O. Box 650
Newport, Arkansas 72112

Scholarship Application Form
For First Time Applicants

Deadline: MARCH 14, 2014
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 the scholarship.

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

**Application 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 Academic 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 Merchants and Planters Bank by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date or be postmarked by the deadline date. The main office of Merchants and Planters Bank is located at Second and Hazel Streets, downtown Newport. The mailing address is: Alton E. & Thelma McCartney Scholarship Attn: Mr. Jim S. Gowen, Sr. 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 the 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 college 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. 1110 or Teresa Green at (870) 523-3601 ext. 1192.
ALTON E. AND THELMA MCCARTNEY SCHOLARSHIP
2014 First Time Application Checklist
Please check all items included

☐ Completed and signed application

☐ High School Transcript

☐ Copy of first 2 pages of 2013 Tax Returns or 2013 W-2

☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation

☐ Personal Goals Essay

☐ Current Photo

Sign: __________________________________________

Your signature on this form acknowledges that you have included all of 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 an 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 Times ACT has been taken ______________ Last Date ACT was taken ______________

Class Rank ___________ in a 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 2013 tax return. If tax return is not available, a copy of your 2013 W-2 Form will suffice.

Your Employer __________________________________ 2013 Income __________

Father’s Employer __________________________________ 2013 Income __________

Mother’s Employer __________________________________ 2013 Income __________

If present income has changed from 2013, please explain ______________________________________
Estimated cost the for year you are applying, 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 first two pages of 2013 tax returns or copy of W2.
4. Personal Goals (including essay)
5. Two letters of recommendation
6. Current photo

DEADLINE: __March 14, 2014______

** Applications received after the deadline absolutely will not be considered.
Finalists may be asked to appear for personal interview.

MAIL INFORMATION TO:
Mr. Jim S. Gowen, Sr., Chairman & Trust Officer
Merchants 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 THIS REQUIREMENT.