



2015-2016

The Opportunity Scholarship

This application places eligible entering freshmen and/or transfer student's name in consideration for the Opportunity Scholarship. Recipients must be graduates of Shelby County Schools. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and are/or will be involved in a leadership and/or service initiative. Must be eligible for the 250-R tuition program and shall **not** be eligible to receive federal or state financial aid.

1. Please complete each item in ink or type. Use N/A for items that do not apply to you.
2. This scholarship application must be received by the Scholarship Office, 201 Wilder Tower by **July 10, 2015**

Note: Recipients can be New Freshmen who have graduated from a Shelby County School
Or: Transfer Students (Junior Status: 75 credits or more) who also graduated from a Shelby County High School

Required Information (please print or type)

Full Name: _____ University I.D. #: U _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

What is the name of the High School you graduated or will graduate from? _____

High School Cumulative GPA: _____

What is the name of the College you are transferring from? _____

Transfer Cumulative GPA: _____

I will be attending U of M in the Fall of: _____

Leadership Involvement

____ I have participated in a leadership and/or service initiative and I am attaching a reference letter.

____ I am committed to be involved in the following leadership and/or service initiative:

I understand that completing this application does not guarantee that I will receive the scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Personal Statement:

Please provide a personal statement as to why you are applying for this scholarship. Include any pertinent information about financial need, your family situation, and any other special information we should consider. Additionally, provide a list of all applicable extracurricular activities you feel should be considered. Ensure you include involvement with on and off campus organizations which have helped your personal and professional growth.

Certification:

The Tennessee Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act requires an applicant for state financial aid to complete and sign the following statement:

I, _____, swear or affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Tennessee that:
(check one)

_____ I am a United States citizen; or
_____ I am an alien lawfully present in the United States

I understand that this statement is required by Tennessee law because I have applied for a public benefit. I understand that Tennessee law requires me to provide documentation verifying the status indicated above prior to receipt of this public benefit. I understand that knowingly and willfully making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation shall subject me to liability under the Tennessee False Claims Act, Tennessee Code Annotated 4-18-101 et seq. I understand that if I am found to have made a false or misleading statement my admission may be rescinded or I may be disciplined by the University of Memphis.

I certify that all of the information provided on this application is true and that I have not willingly withheld any pertinent information. I will use scholarship funds for educational purposes only. I give permission for information to be given to appropriate committees so that they may recommend eligible recipients. I give permission for information to be released to Media Relations for publication purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986 significantly changed the tax status of scholarships, fellowships, and grants you receive from the University. Prior to the Act, they were generally not subject to income tax. Since then, scholarship, fellowship, and grant amounts exceeding tuition, fees, and course-related books, supplies and equipment have become taxable.

Return this application along with required materials to:

**The University of Memphis - Undergraduate Scholarship Office – 201 Wilder Tower – Memphis, Tennessee 38152
(901) 678-3213 – Fax (901) 678-5621**

IMPORTANT NOTE: All applicants will be notified by email if they are selected for the scholarship. Official Transcript confirming degree and graduation date must be received prior to Fee Payment deadline.