

# The Alton E. and Thelma McCartney Scholarship

*Through  
Merchants and Planters Bank Trust Department  
P. O. Box 650  
Newport, Arkansas 72112*

*Merchants and Planters Bank*  
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*Application Form for  
Previous Scholarship Recipients*

**Deadline: MARCH 16, 2026**

## ALTON E. AND THELMA MCCARTNEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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 for you to be considered. If for some reason you cannot complete all portions, please include a brief explanation and an expected submission time for items missing.**

### *Application instructions:*

**Personal Information:** Please provide a permanent address and phone number.

**Leadership Capabilities:** Please provide only your college information.

**Educational Background and Academic Abilities:** Please provide the specified information. *If we do not receive this information, the application will not be considered.*

**Personal Goals and Recommendations:** Please provide as specified in the application.

**DEADLINE:** The application must be returned to the main office or Solution Center of Merchants and Planters Bank by 4:00 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 Solution Center is located at **320 Front Street**, downtown Newport. The mailing address is:

**Merchants and Planters Bank**

**Attn: Fernita Robinson**

**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** a 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. 1182 or Nate Watson at (870) 523-3601 ext. 1194.

**Please submit with application**  
**ALTON E. AND THELMA MCCARTNEY SCHOLARSHIP**  
**2026 Previous Recipient Application Checklist**  
**Please check all items included.**

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**Completed and signed application**

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**Most recent College Transcript including last completed semester (must be submitted)**

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**Personal Goals Essay**

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**Current Photo**

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature on this form acknowledges that you have included all 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 Previous Recipients**

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION:** (Please print or type)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME OR CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF TIMES YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS SCHOLARSHIP** \_\_\_\_\_

Year Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Year Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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**II. LEADERSHIP CAPABILITIES:** List clubs and community organizations in which you have been a member or an officer since entering college. (Continue list on separate sheet if needed.)

Club Name/Organization	Years of Membership	Office(s) Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND ACADEMIC ABILITIES:**

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide your most recent college transcript. (Must be provided)**

Name and Location of College previously/currently attending \_\_\_\_\_  
**(ABSOLUTELY MUST BE FULL TIME STUDENT UNLESS A GRADUATE STUDENT)**

**Please list the year/semester that you have attended College, and the Credit Hours completed for each year.**

YR/Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_. YR/Semester \_\_\_\_\_ Credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_.

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Cumulative G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ I have successfully completed \_\_\_\_\_ total credit hours. I have attended college \_\_\_\_\_ total semesters. I am scheduled to take \_\_\_\_\_ credit hours.

Estimated expenses for year you are applying Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Books \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Room \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Actual expenses for 2025 school year: Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Books \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Room \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **IV. 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.

Please provide any **updates** from previous application pertaining to:

- a.) Your major life goals.
- b.) Your educational goals.

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Finalists may be asked to appear for personal interview.

**MAIL INFORMATION TO:**

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Attn: Fernita Robinson  
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**Please provide an updated photo for recognition purposes.**  
(This photo will not be returned.)

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.**