



## The Blake Coghlan Scholarship Fund

### PURPOSE

The Blake Coghlan Memorial Ag Scholarship was established at the Community Foundation for Mississippi to provide financial assistance to a graduating high school senior from Yazoo County or Sharkey County intending to study Agriculture or Agriculture-related degree at a Mississippi 4-year or 2-year institution. The award is for a period of one academic year.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

#### **Blake Coghlan had dreams of building the best farm in the Delta.**

At 19 years old, Blake Coghlan had dreams of building the best farm in the Delta. He grew up in Holly Bluff, MS to a 4th generation Mississippi farm family. Blake was a promising young farmer with a passion for farming. He was an exceptional person with tremendous potential. He was undeniably authentic, unassuming, easy-going, and loved by everyone who met him.

He attended Mississippi Delta Community College pursuing an Ag Science degree and had plans to further his education at Mississippi State University.

The Blake Coghlan Memorial Ag Scholarship fund was created to encourage young people who share his passion for farming and agriculture.

Recipients will be selected based on academic achievement, leadership qualities, and career objectives in the field of agriculture.

### APPLICANT ELGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- US citizen
- 2.5 GPA
- At least two recommendations either from a teacher, counselor, principal, or others (one recommendation must be from a school representative).
- A 500-word essay re: why pursuing a career in agriculture.
- High school senior from Yazoo or Sharkey counties.
- Graduating senior who will majoring Ag or Ag related degree.
- Going to a Mississippi two or four-year college or university.
- Full-time student.
- The deadline to submit an application is March 31, 2024.

## **NOTIFICATION**

Applicants will be notified by mail or email about the status of their application. Scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the institution of the applicant's choice no later than September 1, 2024.

## **QUESTIONS**

Please contact the Community Foundation for Mississippi at 601.974.6044 or email us at [info@formississippi.org](mailto:info@formississippi.org).

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) / Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous College and/or University attended: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Major / Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be related to agriculture).

## ESSAY

Please submit a 500-word essay of why you are pursuing a degree in agriculture.

List honors/awards/scholastic achievements that you have received in the last four years:

Award / Honor / Achievement	Year Received

List school or community activities that have been most significant to you during the last four years:

Activity	Position Held	Involved from (mm/yyyy):	Involved to (mm/yyyy):	Average Number of Hours /Week

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Each complete application must be received by the Community Foundation for Mississippi at 119 S. President Street, Jackson, MS 39201 by \_\_\_\_\_. Include:

- Completed application form
- Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Official high school transcript with GPA

**Please send completed application to:**

Community Foundation for Mississippi  
**c/o The Blake Coghlan Scholarship Fund**  
119 S. President Street  
Jackson, MS 39201