



1234 Alphabet Road  
Gulfport, MS 39503  
(228)539-1234

**Scholarship Purpose:**

The purpose of the scholarship program is to increase student enrollment in the middle school grades (6-8) while attracting a diverse group of distinguished students who exhibit exemplary scholastic, leadership, athletic, and artistic talents, thus promoting the vision that Hope Academy is a school that provides excellence in education in and beyond the classroom.

**Criteria for Consideration:**

1. Applicant must be a new, entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student.
2. Applicant must submit a completed application with all supporting documentation.
3. Applicant must be committed to completing one full academic year at Hope Academy. (Families who anticipate a move during the school year will not be eligible for scholarships.)
4. Must be a U.S. Citizen.

**Scholarship Obligations:**

1. Students must maintain at least a B average in all courses.
2. Students must not pose discipline problems in or outside of school.
3. Families must pay the registration fee (\$400), and any remaining tuition balance as outlined in their contract through FACTS online payment platform.
  - a. Monthly payments may be arranged for the remaining balance.
4. Guardians must provide transportation to and from school daily.
5. Guardians must attend all requested conferences.
6. Students and guardians must adhere to all policies and procedures set forth in the Hope Academy Contract and Handbook.

**Selection and Notification Process:**

A rubric will be used to award points based on six (6) standards. The application, supporting documents, reference checks, interviews, and other information will be used to determine points earned.

Scholarship announcements will be made in early Summer. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until all middle school seats are filled to capacity or by July 15.

Hope Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual orientation, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic, and other school-administered programs.



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## Scholarship Application Checklist

Applicants must submit items 1-6. Items 7 and 8 are optional and must be submitted with the original packet. Information may be dropped off at the Hope Academy office in Florence Gardens or mailed directly to Hope Academy.

### Required Documents:

1. Completed application
2. Copy of the most recent report card
3. Copy of most recent standardized test scores
4. Three letters of personal reference in sealed envelopes
5. Signed Release of Information form
6. Essay
  - Respond to the prompt: "Explain why you want to attend Hope Academy. Describe the talents, skills, and/or strengths you possess that make you the best student to receive this scholarship."
  - Essay should be 500 words or less, typed, double spaced, and 12-point Times New Roman font.
7. Resume
  - List all extracurricular activities such as clubs, art/music/drama lessons, memberships, etc.
  - For each extracurricular activity include the:
    - number of years of participation.
    - level of participation (recreational, competitive, national, regional, etc.).
    - related skills or responsibilities (point guard, captain, president, lead role, etc.).
    - organization/league (Wings, SMSC, Lyman Youth Football, Boy Scouts of America, etc.).
    - coach or sponsor's name and contact information.

### Optional Supporting Documentation

8. Portfolio of work for consideration of artistic ability, including visual displays or recordings of performing arts.
9. Verification of community service

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 228-539-1234 and speak to Principal Heather Blenden. You may also email questions to [principal@hopeacademyfg.org](mailto:principal@hopeacademyfg.org).



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### Scholarship Application

#### Student Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP Code*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO  Have you ever attended a district hearing for disciplinary reasons? YES  NO

Have you ever attended Hope Academy? YES  NO  If yes, explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been expelled from school? YES  NO

#### Current School Information

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Student References

*Please list three personal references that are not related to you. Preferable references include administrators, teachers, community leaders, religious leaders, scout leaders, and coaches.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parent/Guardian Information**

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO  Are you a member of the armed services? YES  NO

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES  NO  Are you a member of the armed services? YES  NO

**Disclaimer, Release of Information, and Signature**

*I certify that my answers to the application and information included in all supporting documents, such as the resume, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

*If this application leads to the reward of a scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or supporting documents may result in my release from Hope Academy and forfeiture of all scholarship monies.*

*I agree to release records pertaining to the applicant's education, including cumulative records, academic records, standardized test scores, and discipline records to Hope Academy. Questions that relate to character, academics, and motivation may be discussed with representatives of Hope Academy via phone, in person, and/or written interviews.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_