

Scholarships Funded by MHS Alumni Association And Independently Funded Scholarships

Scholarships are open to the natural, adoptive and stepchildren of all MHS alumni. To be eligible, at least one parent must hold a diploma (not a GED) from Milan High School. All scholarships, but one (*Andrew D. Holt*) are awarded to Milan High School graduates. Applications are available through the MHS Principal's Office and/or from the web site www.milanalumni.org. Scholarship recipients are determined by the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The student (preferably) or a family member must be present on Alumni Day to accept the scholarship or it will be forfeited. These scholarships are valid for twelve months after graduation. Applications from MHS graduates are due by the first Friday in May. Return completed applications to the principal's office or mail to MHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 223, Milan, TN 38358.

Scholarships Funded by MHSAA - \$1000 each Awarded to MHS Graduates

Lamar Pittman Scholarship (Class of 1927): Started in 1957, this scholarship is awarded to a senior based on scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. It honors the Milan native who became a successful coach and administrator in Milan.

Johnnie Hale Metcalf Scholarship (Class of 1907): Since 1972, this award has been presented to a deserving graduate who gave his or her best cooperative effort in all phases of schoolwork. Johnnie Hale was a prominent teacher and supporter of athletics and the Alumni Association.

Edith Holt Scholarship (Class of 1920): Begun in 1975, this scholarship is awarded in memory of Miss Edith Holt. She taught in the Milan School System for 46 years before her retirement.

Milton Mayo Scholarship (Class of 1932): Established in 1980, this scholarship honors the late Milton Mayo, a Milan graduate who served his hometown as a teacher, winning coach, principal, and superintendent.

J. W. Thomas Scholarship (Class of 1928): Established in 1981, this scholarship is awarded in memory of J. W. Thomas, former principal and superintendent. He served education well in every facet imaginable from 1932 – 1974. Mr. Thomas was made an honorary graduate of the Milan High class of 1928.

Lurla B. Daniels Keith Scholarship (Class of 1932): Established in 1983, this scholarship is awarded to a senior with preference given to an individual who is pursuing a career in education. As the MHSAA secretary for many years, Mrs. Keith personally documented thousands of alumni names and addresses. The alumni office at Milan High School is named in her honor.

Norris Hassell Scholarship (Class of 1945): Established in 1989, this scholarship is awarded in memory of Norris Hassell who served faithfully as treasurer of the Milan High School Alumni Association for 27 years (1959 – 1986).

Wylie Wheeler Scholarship (Class of 1944): Established in 1997, this scholarship honors the Milan native who was a lifelong educator, highly successful coach, superintendent, and leader of the Alumni Association.

Marcelle Stevens Moore Scholarship (Class of 1960): Established in 2001, this scholarship honors Marcelle Moore for many years of dedication to the Alumni Association as Associate Secretary, Secretary, and leader of the executive board. She continues in these responsibilities today.

Laura Rushing Stewart Scholarship (Class of 1964): Established in 2001, this scholarship honors Laura Stewart for her devoted years of service to the Alumni Association as Treasurer and outstanding board member.

Ralph Holt Scholarship (Class of 1939): Established in 2003 to honor the late Milan native, Ralph Holt, a 1939 graduate who was a prominent educator, coach, and administrator in Milan Schools for 28 years.

Bobbie Sue Pratt Priddy Scholarship (Class of 1954): Established in 2004, this scholarship honors Bobbie Sue Priddy, a beloved Kindergarten teacher in Milan for 31 years, community servant and faithful volunteer to the alumni organization. She currently serves as MHSAA Chairwoman of Registration and as a member of the Executive Board. She is also involved in the alumni scholarship program and the Alumni Room screening process.

Elizabeth Keaton Ownby Scholarship (Class of 1959): Established in 2004, this scholarship honors a faithful and dependable volunteer for the Alumni Day Open House for many years. Liz has devoted a lifetime to Purple Pride, served a term as MHSAA president and was one of the MHSAA honorees in 2002.

Mary Moore Collins Scholarship (Class of 1962): Established in 2004, this scholarship honors this faithful and dependable volunteer for the Alumni Day Open House for many years and was one of the MHSAA honorees in 2002. Mary devoted 34 years to teaching in Milan schools, retiring in 2004.

Rex Tatum Scholarship (Class of 1953): Established in 2004, this scholarship honors Rex Tatum, a MHS standout athlete. Rex has served the alumni association since 1961 in numerous capacities including a term as president. He started the movement for an alumni room and served as the building committee chairman, spearheading successful efforts that led to the current office headquarters.

Wylie Wheeler/Purple Pride Scholarship: Established in 2008, honoring the memory of a former girls' basketball coach and superintendent who was a member of the alumni executive board. The Wylie Wheeler/Purple Pride Scholarship will be awarded to a female basketball player.

Bob Parkins Scholarship (Class of 1947): Establish in 2008, this scholarship honors the late editor of the Mirror-Exchange, Bob Parkins. Mr. Parkins was a longtime member of the Milan alumni board of directors, serving many years as Publicity Chairman. He also served as president of the alumni association and was the MHSAA special honoree in 1998.

Scholarship Funded by MHSAA - \$1000
Only one given to graduate other than MHS

Andrew D. Holt Scholarship (Class of 1923): Named in honor of the late Dr. Holt in 1970, this scholarship is selected impartially at the annual alumni meeting. Dr. Holt was President Emeritus, University of Tennessee and was a 1923 graduate of Milan High School. This scholarship is open to the natural, adoptive, and stepchildren of MHS alumni. This is the only MHSAA scholarship that is not given to a MHS graduate. It is awarded to a graduate from a high school other than MHS. To apply for this scholarship, send a notarized letter from the applicant's high school to MHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 223, Milan, TN 38358. State the following information: (1) student's name and address, (2) parent's name and year graduated from MHS, and (3) statement by principal indicating the applicant will graduate in the current year and has been accepted by a college, university or other institute of higher learning. Scholarships are valid for twelve months after graduation. Only out of town high school graduates with the above information filed properly by the second Friday in June will be eligible for this drawing.

Privately Funded Scholarships Awarded to MHS Graduates

These scholarships presented by Milan High School Alumni Association are privately funded and named in honor or in remembrance of loved ones. The monetary amount of these scholarships varies depending on private contributions.

Class of 1966 Scholarship: Established in 2003, this scholarship is in memory of the deceased classmates of 1966.

Hazel Culver Scholarship: This scholarship is given by her son, Dr. C. D. Culver (Class of 1947), to a graduate who plans to attend Jackson State. A grade point average of at least a "B" in high school is required.

Jeff Hopper Scholarship (Class of 1985): Established in 1994 by family and friends in loving memory of Jeff, a standout athlete and Mr. MHS. This scholarship is presented to a student athlete.

L. R. & Hassie Powell Scholarship: Established by Robert Powell (Class of 1940), this scholarship honors his parents who always showed an interest in young people. It is given to a student who has shown the most improvement in four years of high school.

Betty Fisher Short Scholarship: Created by her family in 2004, this scholarship honors the memory of Betty Short, a former assistant teacher in Milan who died from the muscular dystrophy disorder ALS. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate who attends Union University, with priority to students planning careers in healthcare or science.

Peggy Lynn Johnson Fain Scholarship (Class of 1950): Established by George Fain in honor of his late wife, Peggy, who was a cheerleader. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a cheerleader.

Mary and Fred Collins Honorary Scholarship (Classes of 1962 and 1961): Established in 2009 by their son, McLean Collins, in celebration of their lifelong commitment to education and to honor their many years of service to the students and community of Milan. The scholarship may be awarded annually to a student who displays integrity, compassion, and intellectual curiosity in the classroom and community

Thelma Seavers Scholarship: More information coming soon!