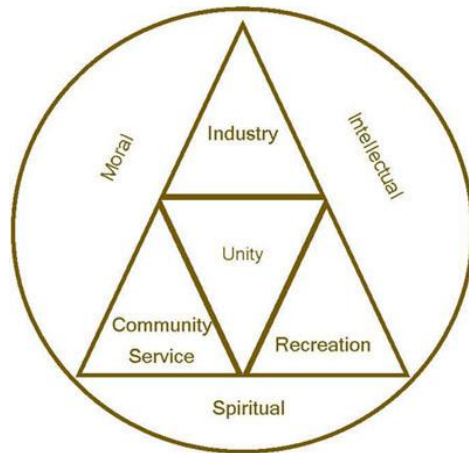


The Council of Community Organizations (COCO) of Oktibbeha County Inc.

# Rogers Memorial Scholarship Application



This Scholarship is dedicated to the loving memory of

~~~ David & Irene Rogers ~~~

Their family and friends have established this scholarship award in their honor to recognize their love for Education.

Post Office Box 152, Starkville, MS 39760

## **COCO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Council of Community Organization of Oktibbeha County, Starkville, Mississippi would like to announce the availability of the DAVID & IRENE ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Individuals interested in applying for funds should request an application from THE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION'S DAVID ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, Post Office Box 152, Starkville, MS 39760.

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The purpose of this scholarship is to support post-secondary education for qualifying graduates of high schools in Stark, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. The recipient of the scholarship will be a student who best exemplifies David & Irene Rogers' desire for learning as outlined in the application process.

Two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 (each) will be awarded (to be dispersed in \$250 increments per semester). Applications will be accepted starting March 8, 2021 and the deadline for submitting applications is May 1, 2021. The two (2) winning applicants will be contacted by May 15, 2021. Scholarships will be awarded to winners enrolled in an accredited college of his/her choice (official acceptance letter from the college).

# DAVID & IRENE ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Council of Community Organizations  
P.O. Box 152  
Starkville, MS 39760

Receipt Deadline: May 1, 2021

## **PART I: To be completed by Scholarship Applicant**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***College(s)***

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Tuition and Educational Expenses***

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- A.) High School Seniors required documents: (1) the DAVID & IRENE ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP application form; (2) high school (Official) transcript, senior first semester grades included; (3) three letters of recommendation from a faculty members, community leader or clergy; (4) list of extracurricular activities and involvement in community service activities; (5) two page essay outlining leadership involvement, and future goals; (6) other information which might be helpful to the scholarship committee.

**Part II : To be completed by High School Seniors**

Institutional Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted? Yes \_or No\_.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to advise the Council of  
(Name of Principal)  
Community Organizations, of Oktibbeha County, David & Irene Rogers Memorial Scholarship committee,  
my demonstrated financial need. This is for the purpose of applying for the Scholarship Program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Student)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be Completed by High School Principal**

I certify that this student is eligible under current USDA guidelines for either **(please circle one)** Free or Reduced or Paid lunch participation and that this student will meet the established criteria for obtaining a Mississippi High School Diploma at the conclusion of this current school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
School's Percentage of Students Eligible for  
Free/Reduced Lunch

Please return this completed form to the applicant on or before \_\_\_\_\_

Return Date Supplied  
By Applicant

## **DAVID & IRENE ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **About the Program**

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### **Who is Eligible?**

1. Eligible student must be a graduate of Starkville, Oktibbeha County, High School (Mississippi).
2. Eligible student may be an undergraduate student admitted or enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning in the United States.
3. Eligible student must demonstrate a commitment to school, academics, and community activities.
4. Preferably a member of the Council of Community Organizations (COCO) of Oktibbeha County Inc.

## **How to Apply**

If a student meets the preceding eligibility criteria, he/she must submit: (1) the David & Irene Rogers Memorial Scholarship application; (2) high school (Official) transcript; (3) three letters of recommendation from a faculty members, community leader, or clergy; (4) list of extra curriculum activities and involvement in community services activities; and (5) two page (double spaced typed) letter or essay addressed to the selection committee outlining leadership responsibilities and future goals; and (6) any other information which might be helpful to the scholarship committee.

The student's application and documented forms must be **received by May 1, 20201.**  
**P.O. Box 152, Starkville, MS 39760**

## **How Winners are Chosen**

The selection committee for the David & Irene Rogers Memorial Scholarship will select finalists from students who meet the application deadline and other stated selection guidelines. Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Involvement in extracurricular and community services activities
2. Character, integrity, and leadership skills
3. Satisfactory academic record
4. Recommendations
5. Original written two page essay.
6. Financial Status

The members of the Council of Community Organization's David Rogers Scholarship selection committee may request to interview finalists.

**\*\*\*\*WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED IN MAY \*\*\*\***

**SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED  
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE OF HIS/HER CHOICE.**

## Release of Information Form

Notice to Applicant:

From time to time, the Council of Community Organization of Oktibbeha County, Inc. may want to use your name and written selection and/or picture in a media release, brochure, or other publications.

(Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission to include my name, photo, and written selection in this type of promotional literature.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not give permission to include my name, photo, or written materials in this type of promotional literature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant