

Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association Scholarship Committee

Dear Fellow Athletic Trainer and Students of Athletic Training,

This letter is criteria for application for a one time nonrenewable \$1000 graduate scholarship to be awarded to one (1) student in Mississippi who is enrolled at a four year institutions of higher learning. This \$1000 scholarship is to be awarded to a student who is a graduate level athletic training student pursuing a career in sports medicine. Enclosed please find the material necessary for applying for this undergraduate scholarship from the Mississippi Athletic Trainers Association. **DEADLINE for this scholarship application is May 1st annually.**

Students who are seeking to receive this scholarship need to be aware this is a one time non-renewable undergraduate scholarship that will be awarded by the MATA to one (1) student who has shown scholarly work in academics and participated in gathering hours of clinical experiences in the field of athletic training. Students who are not awarded a scholarship by the MATA are encouraged to apply again. The monetary value of this scholarship will be sent directly to the award winner's institution.

Applicants must meet **ALL** criteria stated on the enclosed pages and fill out the application form for consideration. Only students who are members of the MATA will be considered for this graduate scholarship and only those supervising athletic trainers who are members of the MATA can sponsor a student for this graduate scholarship.

All applicants will receive a letter advising them of their final award status. The award winner is encouraged to attend the Annual MATA Symposium to be recognized as an award winner.

Good Luck,

Carole Rider

Dr. Carole Rider, ATC, LAT
MATA Scholarship Committee Chair



MATA Scholarship Committee Criteria for Kim McMichael Memorial Graduate Scholarship

A one time non-renewable scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to one (1) outstanding resident student of Mississippi in athletic training and enrolled at a four-year institution of higher learning. These institutions must employ a LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINER who is a current member of the NATA. This scholarship will be awarded prior to the fall academic year. The awarding of a scholarship will be determined on the following criteria.

Applicant Must:

1. Be a resident of Mississippi and a full-time graduate student enrolled in graduate studies
2. Be a BOC Certified Athletic Trainer, or BOC exam-eligible.
3. Submit a copy of the applicant's BOC certification card, BOC certification results, OR a copy of BOC documentation stating eligibility status.
4. Complete an MATA Graduate Scholarship Application Form.
5. Submit a professional resume.
6. Submit a typed, double spaced, 250-300 word essay on, "Why I wish to become an Athletic Trainer" if the applicant is not currently BOC certified, OR "Why I became an Athletic Trainer" if the applicant is a BOC Certified Athletic Trainer.
7. Be a full member or student member in good standing with the MATA and enrolled as a full time student at the time of application and for the time the scholarship will be used.
8. Use and apply the scholarship monies toward the achievement of a post-baccalaureate degree at a college or university located in the State of Mississippi.
9. Have a licensed athletic trainer, who is a current member of the NATA, send a letter of endorsement on the student's behalf to the MATA Scholarship Committee separate from the Scholarship Application Form.
10. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and arrange for current official transcripts to be sent to the MATA Scholarship Committee. Unofficial transcripts will NOT be accepted.

ALL materials must be postmarked by May 1, Annually, and mailed to:

**MATA Scholarship Committee
C/O Dr. Carole Rider
418 W Minnesota Street
Brookhaven, MS 39601**



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**Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association
Kim McMichael Memorial
Graduate Scholarship Application**

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street, P.O.) (City) (St.) (Zip Code)

Name of Current Educational Institution: _____

Name of Next Institution (if transferring): _____

Next Academic Year, I will be a (mark only one):

- First year Graduate Student.
 Second year Graduate Student.

My current GPA: _____ I am a full-time student (circle): YES NO

Number of semester hours currently enrolled: _____

Name of sponsoring athletic trainer: _____

I, _____, do hereby attest that I am a student member
(type or print full legal name)

of the Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association (MATA) and that all of the above statements are true and made without the intention of defrauding or obtaining this scholarship under false pretenses. Should any of the above statements be found to be false, I knowingly forfeit any opportunity to receive scholarship funds from the Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association OR shall return all monies owed to the Mississippi Athletic Trainers' Association.

Signature of Applicant Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20__.

SEAL

(Notary Public)

My commission expires: _____

