

MISSISSIPPI ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

October 14, 2008

Dear Fellow Athletic Trainer and Students of Athletic Training,

This letter is criteria for application for a one time non-renewable \$1000 graduate scholarship to be awarded to one (1) student in Mississippi who is enrolled at a two or four-year institutions of higher learning. This \$1000 scholarship is to be awarded to a student who is either a graduate level athletic training student. Enclosed please find the material necessary for applying for this graduate scholarship from the Mississippi Athletic Trainers Association. **DEADLINE for this scholarship application is May 1st 2009.**

Students who are seeking to receive this scholarship need to be aware this is a one time non-renewable graduate scholarship that will be awarded by the MATA to one (1) student who has shown scholarly work in academics and is active in further his/her career experiences. 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. Applicants must have the required grade point average for consideration **AND** be sponsored by a Licensed Athletic Trainer who is a current member of the MATA. As a student, if **YOU** are NOT a member of the MATA or if your supervising athletic trainer is NOT a member of the MATA.....**JOIN!!!!** Only students who are members of the MATA will be considered for this undergraduate 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. Award of scholarship will be announced by personal letter to the recipient, the next MATA newsletter and at the next official meeting of the MATA. Recipients are encouraged to attend the MATA Symposium to receive a plaque honoring their award.

Good luck!!!!



Gerald Jordan, MEd, ATC
Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

Mississippi Athletic Trainers Association (MATA) Scholarship Committee Criteria for Awarding of the Kim McMichael Memorial Graduate Scholarship

A one time non-renewable graduate scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to one (1) outstanding student in athletic training enrolled in graduate studies (Masters or Doctoral studies) at an institution of higher learning in the State of Mississippi. These institutions must employ a sponsoring LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINER who is a current member of the M.A.T.A. This graduate scholarship will be awarded prior to the fall academic year. The awarding of this scholarship will be determined on the following criteria.

Applicants must:

1. Be a full-time graduate student enrolled in graduate studies at a Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning.
2. Be a BOC Certified Athletic Trainer, or be BOC 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. Submit an MATA graduate scholarship application.
5. Submit a professional resume.
6. Submit a type written, double spaced 250-300 word essay stating "Why I wish to become an Certified Athletic Trainer" if the applicant is not currently a BOC Certified Athletic Trainer OR "Why I became a Certified Athletic Trainer" if the applicant is a BOC Certified Athletic Trainer.
7. Be a full member or student member of MATA and enrolled as a full-time graduate student at the time of application and for the time the scholarship will be used.
8. Use and apply scholarship monies toward the achieving 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 MATA, send a letter of endorsement on the student's behalf to the MATA Scholarship Committee separate from the application.
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.

Application, letters of recommendation, official transcripts, and essay must be posted marked by May 1st 2009 to:

**MATA Scholarship Committee
C/O Troy Armstrong ATC, LAT
1300 S. Fifth St.
Cleveland, MS 38732**

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Mississippi Athletic Trainers Association
Kim McMichael Graduate Scholarship Application

1. Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

2. Address _____
(street, P.O. box) (city) (state) (zipcode)

3. Name of Institution _____ .

4. Next academic year I will be a : First year graduate student
(check one only) Second year graduate student

5. Current GPA: _____ Full-time Student (circle response) YES NO

6. Number of Semester Hours Currently Enrolled In: _____

7. Name of Sponsoring Athletic Trainer: _____ .

8. Statement: I, _____ do hereby attest that I am a
(type or print full legal name)

Member or Student Member of the MATA and that all 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 ____ .

Notary Public

My commission expires

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