

RUFUS T. JONES SCHOLARSHIP

The Rufus T. Jones Scholarship was established to recognize Rufus Jones' years of outstanding service and dedication to Mississippi Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

The scholarship is given yearly to one FBLA High School member and one FBLA Collegiate member who has shown dedication to Future Business Leaders of America through outstanding service and leadership.

The Mississippi FBLA-PBL Foundation Board of Directors is responsible for the coordination of the scholarship. A committee composed of Foundation Board members and former FBLA members will make the selection of the scholarship recipient.

Each local chapter that has met the criteria for receiving Foundation disbursements is eligible to nominate one member.

Funding for the scholarship comes from the Mississippi FBLA-PBL Foundation. The Foundation Board sets the scholarship amount yearly—this amount varies and is dependent upon the Foundation funds available for disbursement.

The scholarship check will be sent directly to the recipient. Procedures for scholarship disbursement will be supplied to the recipient. In order to receive scholarship disbursement, the recipient must provide the following:

1. Proof of enrollment
2. Proof of FBLA Collegiate membership—If the postsecondary institution does not have an active FBLA Collegiate chapter, the recipient should make efforts to form or re-activate a chapter. If this is not possible, the recipient should join the virtual chapter and provide evidence of membership.
3. Proof of major area of study

If the scholarship recipient does not continue his or her education, the second-ranked person will receive the scholarship.

RUFUS T. JONES SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

FBLA High School

In order to be eligible for scholarship consideration, the nominee must meet the following criteria:

1. must be a senior;
2. must be planning to major in a business field (such as accounting, business education, business administration, business and office technology, computer information systems, etc.);
3. must have a “B” or better grade point average;
4. must have at least one year's membership in Future Business Leaders of America (including current year);
5. must be planning to continue his or her involvement with FBLA through membership in FBLA Collegiate (local chapter or virtual chapter); and
6. must be planning to continue his or her education at a Mississippi community/junior college, college, or university.

Nominees must submit:

1. Completed application blank (with essay)
2. Unofficial copy of high school transcript
3. Letter of recommendation from local chapter adviser—adviser should include specific examples of the nominee's service to FBLA Collegiate

NOTE:

No other materials will be accepted. If other materials are submitted, the nominee will be considered ineligible. Likewise, if all the items listed above are not submitted, the nominee will not be eligible for consideration.

Selection will be based on the following scale:

FBLA Offices Held and Conferences Attended	5 percent
FBLA-Business Related Honors	5 percent
Participation in Local Chapter Activities	40 percent
Essay	35 percent
Other Extra-Curricular Activities and Honors	10 percent
Grade Point Average	5 percent

Mail or email scholarship documents to:
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APPLICATION FOR RUFUS T. JONES SCHOLARSHIP
FBLA High School

Please type or print clearly.

Name _____

Permanent Home Address _____

School Presently Attending _____

School Planning to Attend Next School Year _____

Proposed Major _____ Grade Point Average _____

Years of Membership in FBLA _____

FBLA Offices Held _____

FBLA Conferences Attended _____

Participation in Local FBLA Chapter Activities _____

FBLA and Business-Related Honors _____

Other Extra-Curricular Activities _____

Other Honors _____

Where do you think you will be ten years from now (in terms of your career)?

On a separate sheet, state what FBLA means to you (include how you think FBLA will help you in your future career and what your future plans are concerning FBLA). Limit your essay to one 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper.