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The National Council of Meridianites, Inc.
2026 ROOTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Procedure for Applicant:

1. The completed application must be sent to the National Vice President by May 1, prior to the convention. *See page 2 for the address.*
2. Each applicant must have a copy of his transcript sent by the school to the National Vice President by May 1, prior to the convention.
3. Each applicant should have a letter of recommendation from his high school professional staff, included with his portfolio by May 1, prior to the convention.
4. The complete portfolio must be on file by May 1, prior to the convention.
5. The application is active for only one year.
6. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Grand Ball and each student will be notified by mail that he/she has been awarded a scholarship and the amount by July 10, after the convention.
7. Scholarship recipients will receive awards within 31 days after verification of matriculation at an institution of higher learning.
8. If all instructions have been followed and the scholarship check has not been received by the applicant or the institution within 31 days of attending the first class, the applicant should contact his local Meridianites chapter.

Eligibility

Each Candidate:

1. Must be a senior in high school, graduating before August of the present year.
2. Must have a C+, that is, a 2.5 cumulative academic average or above (all through high school).

Must have a good attendance record.

Must have a positive attitude about school as determined by a high school professional staff person.

No essay is required when applying for the Roots Scholarship.

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**The National Council of Meridianites, Inc.®
ROOTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

National Vice President Alinda Rush Brown
Address 623 – 21st Street
City, State, Zip Meridian, MS 39301

SCHOOL OFFICIAL, please record the date the application is received, student's cumulative average & your signature and title.	Date Received:
	Cumulative Average:
	Signature of High School Official and Title

DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE – TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL

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Local Chapter _____

Applicant's Name _____
Last First Middle

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

High School Attended _____ Date of Birth _____

High School Address _____
Street City State Zip

Name of Guidance Counselor or Principal _____ Phone _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Address _____
Street City State Zip

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN DETAIL
(Attach Additional Pages If Necessary)**

I believe the following information would be helpful to the committee in considering my application for financial aid.

In church, religious or club work outside of school, my activities in the past year include the following:

My involvement in organizations and projects connected with the school during the past year include the following:

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY THAT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

College/University Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I hereby certify that all of the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

**The National Council of Meridianites, Inc.
Jacquelyn Sweetner Caffey
Scholarship Foundation**

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4. The complete portfolio must be on file by May 1, prior to the convention.
5. The application is active for only one year.

Scholarship recipient will be announced at the Grand Ball.

Eligibility

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2. Must have a C+, that is, a 2.5 cumulative academic average or above (all through high school).
3. Must have a good attendance record.
4. Must have a positive attitude about school as determined by a high school professional staff person.
5. **Must write a 500-word essay on a subject selected by the committee.** Three (3) typewritten double-spaced copies of the essay must be submitted with the completed application.

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**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION IN DETAIL
(Attach Additional Pages, If Necessary)**

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College Or University Name _____

Street and No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

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NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Essay Information

Essay Topic: **“Pros and Cons of Military Deployments in U.S. Cities”**

Year: **2026**

Scholarship Amount(s): **\$7,000.00, \$5,000 and \$3,000**

The essay must be entitled: **“Pros and Cons of Military Deployments in U.S. Cities”**

- The essay must be original, neither previously published nor secured by copyright.
- The essay must be 500 words in length.
- THREE TYPEWRITTEN double-spaced copies of the essay must be submitted.
- The name and address of the applicant must appear on the first page immediately under the title in the following manner:

NCM/JSC SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY

Essay Topic: “Pros and Cons of Military Deployments in U.S. Cities.” ”

An Essay By: _____

Address
: _____

High School Name: _____

Meridianites' Chapter Sponsor: _____

The manuscript must be submitted along with the completed application to the Vice President by May 1, prior to the convention.

Rules

- The manuscript must present an adequate treatment of the essay topic.
- Applicants submitting manuscripts thereby grant to the NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Fund, the right to use the manuscript in promoting the scholarship.
- Applicants will be required to furnish written proof of enrollment in their respective high schools at the time the essays are submitted.
- The award will be announced at the Grand Ball and the decision of the judges is final.
- The award will be submitted to the winner upon verification that the individual has enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

- The award must be claimed within 12 months after the announcement date to be valid.

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NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation Essay Contest

Please Note: “*The Essay Topic Will Change Annually*”

Rating Criteria for Essay

1. DEVELOPMENT OF TOPIC/THESIS

Topic well developed covers and develops major points, supplying enough information for understanding.

2. PROGRESSION

Composition progresses from beginning to end, in a logical flow of information.

3. READABILITY

Concise prose which sticks to the topic and does not ramble (holds reader’s attention).

4. GRAMMAR

Agreement of subject and verb; proper tense; correct sentence construction; and paragraphing including transitional phrases linking same.

5. SPELLING

Use a standard dictionary to check spelling. Computer spell and grammar checks may not be accurate.

6. PUNCTUATION

Use correct punctuation.

Note: The essay is required of NCM/JSC Scholarship Foundation applicants only, and should not be submitted by Roots Scholarship applicants.

