



MERIDIAN FIRST LADIES CIVITAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Application Period: April 1- May 1, 2025

The Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club announces its 2025 Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to graduating high school/college students who demonstrate academic proficiency, leadership ability, and financial necessity.

Scholarship Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a 2025 graduating high school senior or a continuing education college student with a positive record of good attendance, community and/or civic work, and extracurricular activities.
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate academic and personal motivation, good citizenship, and potential for successful matriculation in post-high school education.
- Be accepted as a full-time student at a college/university.
- Attest to financial need.
- Provide verification of enrollment no later than September 30, 2025, to receive the scholarship if selected.

Mail or Email one copy of a completed application package to:

Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club

P.O. Box 4598

Meridian, MS 39304

Email: meridianfirstladies@gmail.com

Applications must be received by May 1, 2025, to be considered for the scholarship.

Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club Scholarship

The Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club, a member of the worldwide Civitan International, was chartered in October 1980. This organization is dedicated to serving the people of our local community. Civitans help whenever the need arises, to providing washers and dryers to a local school or donating special playground equipment for the disabled children in our community. Civitans strive to promote the principles of fellowship, knowledge, and service to humanity. The values that make up the heart of Civitan members are service, inclusion, respect, fellowship, courage, and leadership.

In the 1950's, Civitan adopted a special emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. The Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club offers this scholarship to students who demonstrate the ability to impact the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in the community and who views education as a means to accomplish this task.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

Please type/print the entire application.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: City: State: Zip Code:	
3.	Home Telephone Number: () Applicant Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	Gender:
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)	
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ____ NO ____	
7.	Name and location of High School/ College currently attending:	
8.	(The following answers may be typed or written using Section I-IV formatted pages as a guide.) A. List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school in Section I. B. List your extracurricular activities (school, community and religious) in Section II of this application. C. List your current and former community service, hobbies or outside interests in Section III.	
9.	A. List the names of any colleges/universities you have applied to in Section IV of this application.	
10.	Anticipated College Major:	
11.	Are you a relative of a member of the First Ladies Civitan Club? Yes _____ No ____	
12.	Name and address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2. Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Email address of parents/guardian:	
13.	Please state how this scholarship will assist your financial need for your post high-school or continued college education.	

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ESSAY

On a separate sheet, compose and type a minimum of 250-words essay on the following questions.

Why is there a need for special education in the educational system? What changes pertaining to people with special needs would you like to see in your community? How would you use your academic skills and abilities to impact people with special needs in your community?

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all information in this application provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

If awarded the scholarship, I give the Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club permission to use my name and image in reports, materials, press releases, the organization's website, and at activities associated with the Scholarship Award. I hereby understand that if chosen as a recipient, I agree to be present at any potential awards ceremony or reception on the requested date to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, it is my responsibility to provide to the Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club official verification of enrollment to receive the scholarship payment.

I hereby understand that if this application is submitted without all required information, it will not meet the eligibility criteria and will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR TEACHER

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club.

Name of Guidance Counselor/Teacher endorsing the applicant:

High School/College: _____

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor/Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Checklist/REQUIRED ITEMS

- ☐ Completed and Signed Application with Essay
- ☐ Recent High School Transcript
- ☐ Guidance Counselor/Teacher Signature
- ☐ Two Reference Letters (one personal and one academic)

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Section I: Provide a list of any academic distinctions, awards, and memberships you attained during your high school or college education.

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Section II: Provide a list of your current and previous extracurricular activities, including the dates of participation and any positions you have held. Include activities from high school, the community, and religious organizations.

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Section III. Provide community service history and dates.

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Section IV. Provide a list of the colleges and universities to which you have submitted applications for admission. Include the city and state in which they are located.

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