



GIVING TO OLE MISS FIRST



As Chancellor Robert Khayat has said, "Students are the heart of, as well as the first beneficiaries of any effort to build, a great university. No university can realize greatness unless it has the capacity to attract and develop the finest students into reaching their potential."

That capacity to recruit and retain the brightest students only exists because of private support from alumni and friends like you. Your gift to Ole Miss First helps the university achieve its goal of providing a scholarship for every deserving student, and it ensures that Ole Miss continues to build on its reputation as a great university.

ESTABLISHING AN OLE MISS FIRST SCHOLARSHIP

Each Ole Miss First scholarship is based on a pledge of \$5,000 per year for five years, for a total of \$25,000, to cover eight semesters of tuition for an undergraduate student. Donors have the opportunity to name the scholarship in honor or memory of a person or persons. The scholarship criteria is also determined by the donor.

For example, an Ole Miss First scholarship may be designated for a student

- with a specific major
- with a specific personal or professional interest
- from a specific geographical area

The selection process will be administrated by the Office of Financial Aid and; scholarship awards will be made on the basis of merit and/or need. A student must have at least a 3.0 grade-point average to qualify for consideration and must maintain this minimum average throughout tenure at The University of Mississippi. A student must be registered full time (12-hour minimum) to be eligible. A student must complete both The University of Mississippi Academic and General Endowed Scholarship Application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

MENTORING AN OLE MISS FIRST SCHOLAR

Donors (or persons designated by donors) are encouraged to mentor Ole Miss First scholars. Through this unique facet of Ole Miss First, each scholar enjoys a meaningful relationship with an involved adult, which means someone is there to encourage each scholar to take chances, to explore opportunities and to make a difference both at Ole Miss and in the world.

Ole Miss First scholars are also part of UM's Leadership-Mentorship Collaborative, which joins them in an academic and service partnership with Ole Miss Women's Council scholars and Trent Lott Leadership Institute scholars. In this forum, Ole Miss' top students take part in leadership retreats, "red-plate" suppers featuring nationally known speakers and one-on-one mentoring with faculty. What better way to motivate students than allowing them to talk politics with U.S. Senator John McCain, a recent visitor, for example?

If you are interested in the Ole Miss First scholarship initiative and would like additional information, please contact Jill Waycaster at The University of Mississippi Foundation:

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