



Modern Mothers of Marion 2026 Scholarship

Modern Mothers of Marion, established in 2022, is a group of women from the Marion Community who are dedicated to promoting spiritual, mental, physical, and moral development of our children, good fellowship among mothers, friends, and families through engagement in civic and philanthropic work.

Through our fundraising efforts, we will award **at most two scholarships** with a **value of at least \$500** each to a **senior male or female student** who demonstrates the courage and authenticity to share his/her experiences with issues faced by our youth in our community today in a short interview. Applicants must have intentions to further education after high school in some capacity.

On **Monday, March 16 from 5:00-8:00 pm**, candidates will attend a 15 minute panel interview at the Chickasaw Library to answer questions and/or present ideas related to mental health, bullying, substance abuse, peer pressure and/or harmful use of social media. **Feedback received will be kept strictly confidential.** The intent is to further understand the issues local youth face today, allowing MMM to blend the themes into community efforts/fundraising and speaker planning for the current group, future members, and whole community events.

******Along with answering questions related to a topic that you are passionate about, applicants could share any ideas about ways to “teach” parents about helping children with mental health, bullying, peer pressure, etc. This response could include an idea/solution that could be offered to the community or school that would benefit all age groups. MMM is passionate about raising healthy youth–body, mind, and spirit–and wants to implement relevant and helpful ideas into our programming each year to benefit anyone in our community.******



Please return the **signed bottom portion of this form** to Mrs. Dippold by **Friday, February 27** if you plan to sign up for an interview. A signup link for an interview slot will be sent out on Monday, March 9 at 7am from MMM to students returning the signed form to Mrs. Dippold.

Interview time slots will be limited to 10--first come, first served basis.

A MMM member will contact you to confirm your interview time. The recipient(s) will be announced at the senior awards/scholarship banquet in May.

-----Return this portion to Mrs. Dippold by Friday, February 27-----

Name: _____

Intended after high school plans: _____

What youth issue are you most passionate about?

☐ Mental Health ☐ Bullying ☐ Social Media use
☐ Substance Abuse ☐ Peer Pressure ☐ Other _____

CONTACT INFO: **PERSONAL** Email address _____

Cell Phone _____

Parent signature: _____

If there is no parent signature, the interview scheduling link will NOT be sent to you on March 9. No exceptions.



Scholarship Information & Guidelines:

1. The scholarship interview panel/selection committee will consist of 5 MMM members each year. The scholarship committee will select at most two candidates as scholarship recipient(s) based on candidates' answers to interview questions.
2. Dress code for the interview should be business casual with a nice pair of jeans preferred. The committee wants the applicants to be comfortable and appropriate. Your schedules are full and we don't want "dressing up" to deter you from scheduling an interview.
3. MMM member children **are** eligible for the scholarship. If a MMM scholarship committee member has a senior child, a new member will sit on the scholarship selection committee for 1 year in place of the current committee member.
4. The scholarship award(s) will be sent in the form of a check to the scholarship recipient(s) after the Marion Local graduation commencement.
5. If for any reason the scholarship recipient(s) would not be allowed to attend the Marion Local graduation ceremony as decided by Marion Local Schools, the scholarship will be revoked and awarded to the selection committee's next choice.
6. The following school year, MMM will invite the scholarship recipient(s) to a monthly MMM meeting that works in the recipient's schedule to provide a brief update to the entire group about future plans and current activities.
7. A parent signature is required to receive the interview sign-up link via email. There will be no exceptions.
8. **Any scholarship application questions should be directed to Keisha Wolters, keisha_w@hotmail.com.**