



Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship Fund is a non-profit charitable scholarship fund created in 2000 by the Workers' Compensation Section of The Mississippi Bar in association with the Mississippi Bar Foundation to provide financial support for the education of children of employees who either died or were permanently disabled as a result of a work-related accident covered under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Act. Eligibility requirements for each applicant is that he or she be (a) a Mississippi resident (b) between the ages of 17 and 23 (c) who has had a parent killed or permanently and totally disabled in an accident that is compensable under the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Act. The applicant also must demonstrate substantial financial need. The majority of scholarships granted are tuition-only scholarships to vocational/technical schools, colleges or universities. The scholarships awarded are good for one year, but the recipient may apply each year of school as long as they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

Scholarship recipients are selected by the Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship Committee, made up of representatives of the legal community, the medical profession, insurance companies, vocational rehabilitation professionals, self-insured pools and self-insured employers and labor. Tim Crawley, Esq. of Anderson Crawley & Burke currently serves as chair of the Scholarship Committee. Applications must be submitted prior to May 1 of each year; the

form may be printed from several online websites, including The Mississippi Bar¹, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission², the Official Mississippi website³ and the national Kids' Chance⁴.

The Section is also delighted to grant a number of "Buddy Scholarships" each year. The first "Buddy Scholarship" was funded exclusively by the Mississippi Restaurant Association Self-insured Fund in memory of Adam H. "Buddy" Mitchell, deceased, and is an annual gift from the Restaurant Association to fund a scholarship for tuition and other student needs. The first "Adam H. 'Buddy' Mitchell-Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship", was awarded in 2002 to Marion Williams of Hattiesburg, who attended the University of Southern Mississippi majoring in Special Education. After the inception of the scholarship in memory of "Buddy" Mitchell, other supporters have come forward to fund similar "Buddy Scholarships". In 2003, the Administrative Law and Workers' Compensation Section granted not only the "Adam H. 'Buddy' Mitchell-Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship" but also the "Mississippi Trucking Association-Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship", funded wholly by the Mississippi Trucking Association Self-Insurance Fund, and the "Scott Renaldo-Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship" funded by AmFed Companies, LLC and available to children who are otherwise eligible whose parents are employees of companies insured through AmFed National Insurance Company, whose parents are employees of companies insured through the Assigned Risk Plan, or whose parents are employees of companies insured through Builders and Contractors Association of Mississippi, Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Restaurant Association or the Mississippi School Board Association. These 2003 "Buddy" scholarships were awarded to Joshua David VanLandingham of Hattiesburg, who attends Mississippi State University majoring in Mechanical Engineering, Bobby Lamar Ladner of Gulfport, who attends

Belhaven College majoring in Sports Administration and Melissa Von Lang of Belzoni, who attends KC's School of Hair Design studying cosmetology. The newest "Buddy" scholarship is the "Billy Harrington-Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship" funded by Richard Schwartz & Associates, P.A.

Projects to raise funds for the scholarship have consisted of private donations, law firm donations, corporate donations, golf tournaments⁵ and the Section's mediation project. As there is a large number of potentially eligible applicants, funds to establish and maintain the scholarships are always needed. As such, you are invited to become a donor to the Kids' Chance Scholarship Fund with contributions in any dollar amount or as a partner supporting a "Buddy Scholarship". For more information, visit the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission or The Mississippi Bar websites or contact H. Byron Carter, III, Rabalais, Unland & Lorio, Post Office Box 7299, Jackson, Mississippi, 39282-7299 or Commissioner Lydia Quarles, Post Office Box 5300, Jackson, Mississippi, 39296-5300. Checks can be made payable to The Mississippi Bar Foundation or Kids' Chance and mailed to either address. Any donation to the Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship Fund is tax deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your support is greatly appreciated.

H. Byron Carter, III

Liaison for the Kids' Chance of Mississippi Scholarship Fund
to the Administrative Law and Workers' Compensation
Section of The Mississippi Bar

-
1. <http://www.msbar.org/kidchance.html>
 2. <http://www.mwcc.state.ms.us/INFO/kidchance.html>
 3. <http://www.mississippi.gov/frameset.jsp?URL=http://www.msbar.org/kidchance.html>

4. <http://www.kidschance.org/mississippi.htm>

5. You are also invited to play in our four-man scramble golf tournament to be held March 25, 2004 at Annandale Golf Club in Madison. For more information, contact Gary Jones, Esq. at P. O. Box 1084, Jackson, Mississippi, 39215-1084.