



## **Swalm Scholarship Program Brookhaven High School and Brookhaven Academy**

### **Scholarship Qualifications**

- 1) 3.0+ GPA upon graduation from high school
- 2) Recipient must be an entering freshman
- 3) Recipient must pursue a technical degree
- 4) Financial need will be a consideration

### **Scholarship Award**

The award will be \$10,000 for four years or \$2500 per year, \$1250 per semester. The scholar must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at MSU to remain eligible for the continuation of funding. This award can be forfeited if the scholar changes to a non-technical major, falls below the 3.0 GPA or enrolls for less than 12 hours per semester at MSU.

### **Scholarship Selection**

To be considered for the Swalm Scholarship, a student must be admitted to MSU. The application for admission can be found on the web at [admissions.msstate.edu](http://admissions.msstate.edu). A resume for scholarships must also be completed online at [admissions.msstate.edu](http://admissions.msstate.edu). Lastly, an application for the Swalm Scholarship must be completed (this application can be found in your high school counselor's office or by calling The Office of Admissions and Scholarships at 662-325-2224). The priority date for scholarships, including the Swalm Scholarship Program is February 1, 2009.

Recipients will be determined by a review committee comprised of Brookhaven residents and a representative from Mississippi State University. Twenty (20) scholarships will be awarded to Brookhaven High graduates and five (5) will be awarded to Brookhaven Academy graduates.

### **Please return application to:**

Office of Admissions and Scholarships  
P.O. Box 6334  
Mississippi State, MS 39762

## **The Benefactor Behind the Scholarship Program**

Dave C. Swalm believes in giving back to his community and challenging others to invest in the futures of students in their own communities.

Through a recent \$5 million commitment to his alma mater, the 1955 Mississippi State University chemical engineering graduate hopes to set an example for others while providing significant assistance for students from his hometown who are beginning their higher education. He has established a scholarship fund for Brookhaven students choosing to major in a technical field at Mississippi State.

After having worked his way through MSU, he was hired by Dow Chemical following graduation. He subsequently held positions at Texas Butadiene and the Steuber Co. before investing his entire savings of \$6,000 to found his own company in 1968. He sold Texas Olefins, the largest privately owned petrochemicals raw materials producer in the United States, for \$500 million in 1996.

His earlier contributions to Mississippi State are used to support scholarships, faculty development programs and laboratory equipment. A generous commitment from him made possible the 100,000-square-foot chemical engineering building in the school of chemical engineering that now bears his name. Mr. Swalm has made contributions to Mississippi State totaling more than \$20 million.

Through the Swalm Foundation he created in 1979, Swalm also has provided more than \$30 million to support programs for early childhood education, victims of child abuse and survivors of domestic violence, among others.

Mr. Swalm resides in New Ulm, Texas, with his wife Beth. He was recognized for his many contributions with an honorary doctor of science degree from Mississippi State in 2000.

# **Swalm Scholarship Program Application**

## **Brookhaven High School and Brookhaven Academy**

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

High School \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (at end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester senior year) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, alien registration number \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a college or university? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where \_\_\_\_\_

How many semester hours did you earn? \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to major in \_\_\_\_\_ at Mississippi State University.

Describe in 100 words or less any hardships or circumstances in your life that would make you an excellent candidate for this scholarship.

Describe in 100 words or less your career goals following graduation from Mississippi State University.

The information I have submitted on this application is correct and complete. I understand that failure to give complete and accurate information could result in ineligibility for consideration for scholarship.

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Signature