



## **DELTA RICE AMBASSADOR CONTEST**

### **GUIDELINES and GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Scholarships will be awarded through Delta Rice Promotions, Inc.  
One scholarship in the amount of \$2500 will be awarded the winner of the Delta Rice Ambassador Scholarship competition who will be attending any Mississippi university, community college, or trade school.
2. Payment of this scholarship will be made in one single payment at the conclusion of the competition.
3. The Delta Rice Ambassador Scholarship payment will be made directly to the community college, college, university, or trade school in which the recipient is attending once the required certificate of enrollment for the current year is received.
4. Contestant must be a resident of or attend school in a rice producing county:  
(Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Holmes, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, and Washington)
5. He must submit a completed application and supporting documents by the established and designated deadline.
6. Contestant must have a sponsor to compete in the Delta Rice Ambassador Contest.  
The sponsor **must not** be a family member.
7. Entry forms, essays, and other required documents are **due** in the **Sharkey County Extension Office, 614 Pine Street, Rolling Fork, MS 39159 OR by email:**  
[ECarter@msstate.edu](mailto:ECarter@msstate.edu) OR [mail@deltaricepromotions.org](mailto:mail@deltaricepromotions.org) **BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2022.**

## DELTA RICE AMBASSADOR RULES & REGULATIONS

The winner of the Delta Rice Ambassador Scholarship Contest is expected to follow the rules listed below.

1. To be eligible to compete for the title of Delta Rice Ambassador, contestant must be a natural born male.
2. Contestant must be a resident of and attend school in a rice producing county.
3. Each contestant must have a sponsor (*who is not a family member*) to participate in the contest.
4. Contestant must be single and have never been married or had a marriage annulled.
5. Smoking, drinking, and illegal drug use will not be tolerated.
6. When attending a Rice Event/Activity, you must have the permission of the Rice Event Coordinator to leave.
7. Arrive at the event/activity with plenty of time to check in with the Rice Event Coordinator.
8. Thank you notes are ESSENTIAL and should be mailed to ALL Delta Rice Ambassador Scholarship Contest sponsors the week following the Rice Festival.
9. You will be expected to participate in requested Rice Events/Activities unless otherwise granted excused absence by the Rice Event Coordinator.
10. NEATNESS and PROFESSIONALISM IS VERY IMPORTANT. Pay careful attention to your attire and appearance.
11. While serving as the Delta Rice Ambassador, you are expected to be a positive role model. Any inappropriate behavior or conduct will not be tolerated and could result in dismissal by the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Board, and loss of scholarship award.
12. While serving as the Delta Rice Ambassador, you will be responsible for your transportation to and from events/activities when called upon. Your time of service will end at the conclusion of the Rice Festival the following year.
13. In assuming the duties of the Delta Rice Ambassador, you automatically give permission to use your photo in advertisements, publicity, social media, etc.
14. The Delta Rice Ambassador Scholarship of \$2500 will be paid to the recipient's community college, college, university, or trade school upon receipt of a certificate of enrollment for the current year.



## **DELTA RICE AMBASSADOR CONTESTANT CONSENT**

I have reviewed and understand the guidelines for the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Rice Ambassador Contest. If I am selected, I will make appearances on behalf of Mississippi rice producers and Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. at events for civic organizations and other events deemed appropriate by the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Board. I will also attend and assist with next year's contest to be held during the Rice Festival.

I further acknowledge and consent that should I be selected as the recipient of the Delta Rice Ambassador Contest, I will support the endeavors and goals of the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. organization during my term.

Contestant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **PARENTAL CONSENT:**

I approve my son participating in the Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. Delta Rice Ambassador Contest and I understand that if selected, he will be expected to participate in events and promotions with Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. I further acknowledge that I have read this entire application and supporting documents, discussed it with my son, understand its contents and agree to be bound by its terms.

Name of Parents or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **DELTA RICE AMBASSADOR CONTEST**

### **SELECTION PROCESS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS/ITEMS**

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection of the recipients using the following criteria:

- **20 points**            **Application and Essay**
- **35 points**            **Interview with Judges**
- **30 points**            **Oral Presentation**
- **15 points**            **Dress/Attire/Appearance**

The following information and materials must be provided and submitted with the contest application:

1. 4 x 6 color photograph of yourself.
2. Essay – 300 words or less:  
***“The Importance of Rice in Mississippi’s Economy”***  
**\*Power point or other visual aids will be allowed for use during the oral presentations of essays.**



**DELTA RICE AMBASSADOR  
CONTEST APPLICATION**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What college, university or trade school do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you decided on a major? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

I am being sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

Has your family ever farmed rice? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**CONTESTANT MUST BE AVAILABLE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, FOR INTERVIEW AND ORAL PRESENTATION.**

**\*PLEASE ATTACH/INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH THIS APPLICATION:**

- List of extracurricular school activities
- List of church or community activities/involvement
- 4 x 6 color photograph of yourself
- Essay - "The Importance of Rice in Mississippi's Economy"