***Scholarships***

***Awarded***

 **Delta Rice Queen**

 **$2500**

 **Delta Rice Ambassador**

 **$2500**

**Dr. James Smith**

**Memorial Scholarships**

**1st Runner-Up Queen**

**$250**

**1st Runner-Up Ambassador**

**$250**

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 ***Important Dates:***

* ***September 13, 2024***

 *Applications due*

* ***September 17, 2024***

 *Judges interview*

* ***September 19, 2024***

 *Delta Rice Festival*

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***Contest applications, guidelines, rules, and regulations, and required forms are available at***

**deltaricepromotions.org**

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The

Delta Rice

Scholarship

Contests

**at the**

**34th annual**

**National Rice Month**

**Celebration**

***(Delta Rice Festival)***

**September 19, 2024**

**4:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Merigold, MS**

**For Graduating**

**High School Seniors**

Delta Rice Promotions, Inc. is offering ***$2500 scholarships*** to a female (Queen Contest) graduating senior and a male (Ambassador Contest) graduating senior who attend school in a Delta rice producing county (Bolivar, Coahoma, DeSoto, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, and Washington).

**In addition**, each Runner-Up in both the Queen and Ambassador contest will receive a $250 Dr. James Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Judging is based on two criteria:

1. A submitted written essay:

***“The Importance of Rice to Mississippi’s Economy”***, and

1. An interview session and presentation based on the content from the submitted essay.

The essay should be no more than 300 words in length ***(single-spaced, Times New Roman font no smaller*** ***than 11)***. Correct grammar is essential.

There will be an in-person interview with the judges in which the contestants will give their presentation on “The Importance of Rice to Mississippi’s Economy.” Visual aids, including Power Points, are encouraged. However, judges’ gifts are not acceptable. Following the oral presentation, judges will ask contestants questions taken from their essay and oral presentation.

Interviews may be recorded for later judging, if needed.

**Entry form, essay, contestant’s photograph, supporting documents and**

The Delta Rice Queen and Delta Rice Ambassador and the Runners-Up were announced at the 2023 Delta Rice Festival held in Merigold on September 21st.

Pictured (from left to right) are the 2023 Delta Rice Queen, Keeton Murrell; Runner-Up, Leah Walker; Runner-Up Delta Rice Ambassador, Mac Sullivan, and the 2023 Delta Rice Ambassador, Holt Fortner.

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***2024 Delta Rice Festival***

***September 19, 2024***

***4-9 p.m.***

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 **September 13, 2024**

**2023**

**Delta Rice Queen &**

**Delta Rice Ambassador**

**Contest**

