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Event date: 9.19.2025
- Halls Ferry Park -



Vicksburg
Mississippi

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

SUBMIT TO

City of Vicksburg
Attn: Office of the City Clerk
P. O. Box 150
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0150

Or email:
dnickson@vicksburg.org

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMITTEE

Organization Name: The Merge VHS and WCHS Class of 1998

Physical Address of the Event: Halls Ferry Park (Pending Committee Approval)

Mailing Address: 257 Halls Ferry Park Road Vicksburg, MS 39180

Telephone Number: 601-636-3411

Website Address: vicksburg.org/recreation

Primary Contact Name: Kimberly Bolts

Title: Committee Member Telephone No: 601- 415-2291

Email Address: kimberlybolts@yahoo.com

Secondary Contact Name: Nicholas Bridges

Title: Committee Member Telephone No: 601-529-6763

Email Address: N/A

If you are applying on behalf of another organization, please provide contact information for that organization:

Organization: NOT APPLICABLE
Contact Name: NOT APPLICABLE
Telephone No: NOT APPLICABLE Email Address: NOT APPLICABLE

Complete The Following Questions Regarding Your Request For City Sponsorship Consideration

Event Date: Friday, September 19, 2025

(Must be between October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025)

1. Is your request for:

(Check all that apply)

☒ In-Kind Sponsorship (specify in question 6)

☐ Cash Sponsorship Amount Requested: \$ _____

2. Briefly state your organization's mission and purpose.

The VHS and WCHS Class of 1998 is dedicated to fostering community unity and supporting educational advancement in the Vicksburg area. Their primary mission is to raise scholarship funds for deserving students from the three local high schools, helping to provide financial assistance for higher education opportunities.

3. Describe the event in which funds are being requested to support.

The annual "Block Party in the Park" is a community event where alumni from Vicksburg High School and Warren Central High School come together to celebrate fellowship following the River City Classic football games. This family-friendly gathering is designed to unite residents and alumni in a positive environment, featuring entertainment, food vendors, and activities. The event was held downtown last year at Washington Park, but this year proposed at Halls Ferry Park to accommodate attendees with improved space and access.

4. Explain how your organization and/or event further a charitable cause, economic or community growth, or serve a public interest?

The block party directly supports a charitable cause by raising funds to award scholarships to high school students. This not only promotes educational growth but also strengthens community investment in youth development. Economically, the event benefits local vendors who participate, creating opportunities for small businesses and stimulating economic activity in the area. Additionally, it generates public interest and goodwill by encouraging community participation in a safe and celebratory setting.

5. Provide detail on how the requested funds will be used support the event partially or in full.

While the organization does not request monetary funds from the city, it relies on in-kind services such as the use of Halls Ferry Park, an extension of the park's operating hours, and police presence to ensure safety and smooth operations. These supports are essential for the event's continued success, enabling the organizers to host a well-managed, enjoyable, and impactful gathering for the community.

6. Select all in-kind services the organization is requesting for the event:

- ☒ a) Park and facilities fees
- ☐ b) Park Personnel (maintenance and building attendants)
- ☒ c) Police Personnel
- ☐ d) Fire Personnel
- ☐ e) Other services not listed (please specify) _____
- ☐ f) Not requesting in-kind services

7. Identify and provide all other funding requests for this event. Provide attachments if needed.

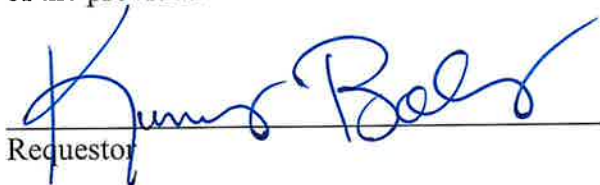
Source	Pending	Approved	Dollar Amount
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			\$
NOT APPLICABLE			
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8. Anticipated Attendance: 250

9. Explain in detail how the event, program, or exhibition marketing plan will promote the City of Vicksburg. * Document Attached

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The information provided in this application is for the purpose of obtaining sponsorship funding from the City of Vicksburg on behalf of the undersigned. Each undersigned representative warrants the information provided within this application and its attachments are true and complete until a written notice of change is provided to the City of Vicksburg. The City of Vicksburg is authorized to make all inquiries necessary to verify the accuracy of the provided information.


Requestor

July 18, 2025

Date

Printed Name of Requestor from Above Kimberly Bolls

THE MERGE CLASS OF 1998

VICKSBURG AND WARREN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Honorable Mayor Willis Thompson
Board of Aldermen
City of Vicksburg
1401 Walnut Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

Subject: Request for Approval of The VHS and WCHs Class of 1998 "Block Party in the Park"

Dear Mayor Thompson and the Board of Aldermen,

On behalf of the Vicksburg High School and Warren Central High School Class of 1998, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your continued support of our community-building efforts. Last year, the approval of our block party at Washington Street Park helped us host a successful and unifying event that brought residents together in a positive and family-friendly environment.

We are writing to request your permission to hold this year's annual block party on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Halls Ferry Park, as we believe this location will provide improved crowd control, more space for attendees, and easier access for entry and exit. Our goal remains the same: to raise scholarship funds for students from the three local high schools. We are proud to share that, through last year's efforts, we were able to award scholarships to three deserving students during their respective academic awards nights.

We are aware of the park's standard operating hours and respectfully request that they be extended until 11:59 p.m. on the evening of the event. Gates will open at 6:00 PM, 1 hour prior to kickoff, to allow community residents to watch or listen to a live stream of the Red Carpet Bowl. This extension will allow attendees to arrive following the conclusion of the high school football games and to enjoy the festivities in a safe and celebratory atmosphere. We are committed to working with city departments to ensure all safety and noise guidelines are followed.

This event has become a cherished gathering that promotes community unity, positivity, and educational advancement. Attached you will find an image of one of last year's scholarship recipients, as well as a proposed event flyer, pending official approval.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your continued support in helping us make this a meaningful tradition in the City of Vicksburg.

Attachments:

1. 2025 Scholarship Recipients
2. Proposed Event Flyer (Pending Approval)

Sincerely,



Kimberly Bolls

Committee Member

VHS and WCHS Class of 1998

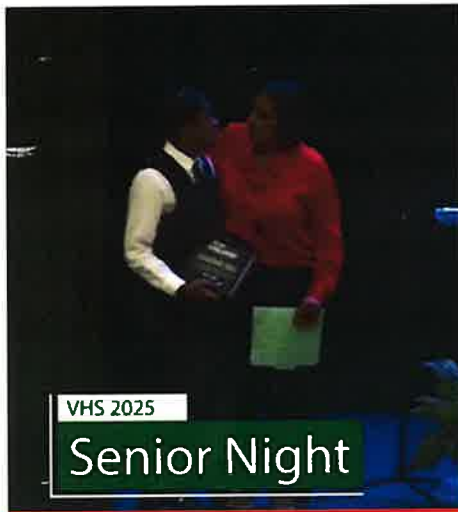
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Attachments:

1. 2025 Scholarship Recipients

- Cameron Hill (Vicksburg High School)
- Alysha Murrell (River City Early College)
- Amelia Claire King (Warren Central High School)



2. Proposed Event Flyer (Pending Approval)

