



SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

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 Class of 1998 - Warren Central and Vicksburg High School

Physical Address of the Event: 3701 Drummond Street Vicksburg, Mississippi (Football Field)

Mailing Address: Not Applicable

Telephone Number: 601-529-0642 / 601-415-2291

Website Address: Not Applicable

Primary Contact Name: Septima Johnson

Title: Committee Member Telephone No: 601-529-0642

Email Address: septima.johnson@vwsd.org

Secondary Contact Name: Kimberly Bolls

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

Email Address: kimberlybolls@yahoo.com

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: May 16, 2026

(Must be between October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026)

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 Merge Class of 1998 - Warren Central and Vicksburg High School, is a collaborative alumni group committed to uplifting, supporting, and celebrating the youth of Vicksburg and Warren County. Our mission is to foster unity among local schools, encourage academic achievement, and create community-centered initiatives that prepare students for success beyond graduation. We aim to demonstrate to students that their community stands behind them as they transition into adulthood.

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

The Senior Send-Off Picnic for the Class of 2026 will be held on May 16, 2026. This event will honor graduating seniors from all public and private high schools in Vicksburg and Warren County. This event will celebrate the accomplishments of all graduating seniors in a unified gathering. The Senior Send-Off Picnic includes lunch, commemorative T-shirts, and a College Readiness Giveaway to equip students with essential items as they enter college, the military, or the workforce.

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

This event will provide free resources such as bedding, appliances, gift cards, and dorm essentials to students who may not otherwise have access to these items. This reduces financial barriers for families during a major life transition. The picnic will also promote educational achievement and celebrates the next generation of community leaders. By investing in students' readiness for college and careers, the event will foster long-term workforce development in Vicksburg.

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

Donations will support three primary areas:

1. Sponsorship T-Shirts - Gold (\$500) and Silver (\$250) sponsors will receive logo placement on T-Shirts; Bronze (\$100) sponsors will be recognized on the event banner.

2. Senior Lunch - Funds will cover catered meals for all attendees, ensuring every student can participate at no cost.

3. College Readiness Giveaway - Funds or donated items will provide small appliances, bedding and bath items, and other essentials such as gift cards and laundry supplies.

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
Not Applicable			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

8. Anticipated Attendance: 100-150 (Graduating Seniors, Volunteers, School Representatives)

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

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.

Septimia Johnson
Requestor

04/13/2026
Date

Printed Name of Requestor from Above Septimia Johnson

THE MERGE CLASS OF 1998

VICKSBURG AND WARREN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Dear City of Vicksburg Mayor and Board of Aldermen,

The Merge Class of 1998 is pleased to announce the Senior Send-Off Picnic for the Class of 2026, scheduled for May 16, 2026. As alumni committed to supporting our community, we are bringing together seniors from Vicksburg High School, Warren Central High School, Porter's Chapel Academy, St. Aloysius High School, and River City Early College for a unified celebration of their achievements.

To make this event truly impactful, we are seeking monetary donations or in-kind sponsorships to cover the costs of three key areas:

11. Sponsorship T-Shirts

We aim to provide each senior with a commemorative T-shirt. Sponsors contributing at the Gold level (\$500) or Silver level (\$250) will have their business logo printed on the shirts. Bronze level sponsors (\$100) will be recognized on the event banner.

12. Senior Lunch

Your support will help us provide a catered meal for students to enjoy together as one community.

8. College Readiness Giveaway

We welcome donations of high-quality items to help seniors as they transition into college or the workforce.

Requested items include:

- Small appliances (microwaves, mini-refrigerators, coffee makers)
- Bedding and bath items (comforters, sheets, pillows, towels)
- Essentials (gift cards, laundry supplies, desk lamps)

Why Sponsor?

Your contribution provides visibility for your business while demonstrating to local students that their community is invested in their future. The Senior Send-Off Picnic will highlight the City of Vicksburg on event banners, T-shirts, signage, and recognition during event announcements and in printed material. The City of Vicksburg will also feature on press releases to local media outlets and through social media campaigns on Facebook. By supporting an event that celebrates academic achievement, the City of Vicksburg reinforces its image as a place where young people are valued and encouraged to succeed.

Important Deadlines:

All monetary donations and physical items should be submitted or scheduled for pickup by May 9.

How to Contribute:

Monetary Donations: Please make checks payable to VHS & WC Class of 1998 by May 9.

Item Donations: To arrange pickup, contact us at 601-415-2291 by May 9. A committee member will gladly assist.

We would be honored to include your business in this meaningful event. A committee member will follow up next week, or you may reach us at theemergevikingsator@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting the Class of 2026!

Warm regards,

The Merge Class of 1998

Senior Send-Off Committee

Attachments:

1. Event Flyer

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