



Vicksburg
Mississippi

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Event date: Sept. 19, 2025
\$5,000⁰⁰
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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: Red Carpet Bowl
Physical Address of the Event: 1000 Hwy 27 Vicksburg, MS 39180
Mailing Address: Attn: Lester Trotzolas 1900 Cherry St. Vicksburg, MS 39180
Telephone Number: 601 831 4113
Website Address: _____
Primary Contact Name: Travis Vance
Title: Member Telephone No: _____
Email Address: Travis.W.Vance@erdc.dren.mil
Secondary Contact Name: Wayne Roberts
Title: Member Telephone No: 601-831-4113
Email Address: Wayner@dimeco.net
If you are applying on behalf of another organization, please provide contact information for that organization:
Organization: N/A
Contact Name: _____
Telephone No: _____ Email Address: _____

Complete The Following Questions Regarding Your Request For City Sponsorship Consideration

Event Date: 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: \$ 5000

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

To provide college scholarships to graduating high school seniors in the Vicksburg Warren School district and other local students.

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

Football game Warren Central vs. Vicksburg

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

By providing college scholarships the organization helps the youth in our city to further their education.

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

The funds are used to fund the scholarships and provide support for the activities associated with the event.

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
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

8. Anticipated Attendance: 7500

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.


Requestor

7/17/2025
Date

Printed Name of Requestor from Above LESTER B. TRZASKAS

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

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2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ►

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☒ Other (see instructions) ►

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

1900 Cherry St.

6 City, state, and ZIP code

Vicksburg, MS 39180

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

____ - ____ - ____

or

Employer identification number

64 - 0686924

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign
Here

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Luigi P. P. P.

Date ►

7/17/2015

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
 - Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
 - Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
 - Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
 - Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
 - Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
 - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
 - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.



Red Carpet Bowl

"A Mississippi Tradition since 1962"

1900 Cherry Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

July 14, 2025

Mayor and Board of Alderman
P. O. Box 150
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39181

Dear Mayor and Board of Alderman

The Red Carpet Bowl committee is requesting your continued support as a corporate sponsor for the 2025 edition of the Red Carpet Bowl football classic. This year the games will be played at Warren Central High School on Friday, September 19, 2025. As you know, the proceeds from this event, which began in 1962, are used to provide college scholarships in Vicksburg area high school students. In addition to these scholarships, this event showcases our area students, our bands, our choirs, our local school district, and the City of Vicksburg as we kickoff the high school football season in the State of Mississippi. The Red Carpet Bowl is a long-standing tradition in our city and state and we are proud to be able to provide our residents an opportunity to see the local high schools play on one night together for an affordable price and bring the Vicksburg community together. For over 63 years this event has become the State of Mississippi's longest running high school football bowl event on one field that all the participants look forward to.

The corporate sponsorship fee for the Red Carpet Bowl is \$5,000.00, and the City of Vicksburg will receive great exposure through advertising and recognition of promoting an event that strengthens the Vicksburg community. We "THANK YOU" for your past support and look forward to many more years of providing this event to the Vicksburg community. If you have any questions about the Corporate Sponsorship please contact me at 601-831-4113 or Travis Vance at 601-218-8556.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Roberts, Chairman Red Carpet Bowl 2025



"A MISSISSIPPI TRADITION SINCE 1962"

Invoice/ Request for Sponsorship

July 14, 2025

To: City of Vicksburg

Re: 2025 Red Carpet Bowl Football Classic advertisement

Thank you,

Total \$5,000.00

Please send check to the following address:

Red Carpet Bowl Classic

Attn: Lester Tzotzolas, Treasurer

1900 Cherry Street

Vicksburg, MS 39180

2025 The History of the Red Carpet Bowl Classic:

We are celebrating the 63rd year of The **Red Carpet Bowl** Classic.

Welcome to the **Red Carpet Bowl** Classic located in Vicksburg, Mississippi
The Red Carpet City of the South.

The history of the **Red Carpet Bowl** Classic is very interesting.

The **Red Carpet Bowl** Classic was instituted in 1962 as a post-season football game that was played to benefit Mr. Leo Puckett, a local high school athlete that was severely injured during a high school football contest. Mr. Puckett was rendered a quadriplegic as a result of his injuries.

Five gentlemen from Vicksburg had a vision after seeing a need (Leo Puckett) and formed The **Red Carpet Bowl** Classic committee to meet the demands of that need. The founding fathers of the **Red Carpet Bowl** Classic were:

- *Mr. Gene Allen – former Head Coach H. V. Cooper High School in
- *Mr. Harold Baldwin - local businessman
- *Mr. Billy Ray – Vicksburg Evening Post Sports Editor
- *Mr. Ray Roberts, Sr.- Chief Superintendent of Illinois Central Railroad
(grandfather of our Chairman Mr. Wayne Roberts, Jr.)
- *Mr. Travis T. Vance, Sr. – Mayor, City of Vicksburg

The current **Red Carpet Bowl** Classic Committee is comprised of individuals from various walks of life including sports writers from The Vicksburg Post, accountants, bankers, businessmen, doctors, professional engineers, county officials, City of Vicksburg official and other professionals from many different fields.

All of these individuals are leaders in Vicksburg Warren community and all participate on this committee on a completely volunteer basis.

The current committee and ones in past years continue to carry on the rich tradition started by our founding fathers 63 years ago.

Our main goal now is to provide college scholarships for graduating high school seniors. All four primary schools are invited to participate. Applications are delivered to the school's guidance counselors and we receive numerous annually from each school. Our scholarship committee, chaired by Dr. Robert Abraham, selects, on the average, two to four from each school. Currently, the scholarships are \$1,00.00, which are some of the largest given by local clubs and civic organizations.

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The Story of Leo Puckett.

Vicksburg teens, high schools students and adults had big plans the night of Dec. 5, 1953. Many were to attend a charity football game to benefit an injured Jett High School player.

They recall the parade that marched through downtown, a preamble to the game that would benefit Leo Puckett. Some have told their stories and shared their memories of Dec. 5, 1953, and remember plans to attend the game that night — hours after the storm.

Puckett was a 17-year-old running back and an “outstanding athlete,” said his brother-in-law Wallace Goza. Puckett played basketball, baseball and football for the school. On Sept. 21, 1953, his athletic career came to an end.

He and teammates were playing Satartia on Redwood High School’s field. “They gave him the ball, and he runs all the way to the other end of the field,” recalled Goza, who is married to Leo Puckett’s sister, Janice Puckett Goza.

A Satartia player caught up with and in the struggle that followed, Puckett’s spine was broken. The injury left him paralyzed for the rest of his life.

By December of that year, the community had rallied behind the young athlete, and a group of sports fans called the Touchdown Club organized a benefit game at City Park.

All proceeds were to go to Puckett’s medical expenses.

The tornado forced the 1953 game to be canceled.

But in subsequent years, games were played for the athlete, Leo Puckett.

Puckett was later among the beneficiaries of The Red Carpet Bowl, which was begun in 1962 to raise money for underprivileged children and now provide college scholarships for local graduating high school seniors.

Puckett died in 1984 at age 49.