



Vicksburg
Mississippi

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 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 Bolls

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

Email Address: kimberlybolls@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: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Email Address:** _____

NOT APPLICABLE

Complete The Following Questions Regarding Your Request For City Sponsorship Consideration

Event Date: Friday, September 18, 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 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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			\$
			\$
			\$

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.

July 10, 2026

Requestor

Date

Printed Name of Requestor from Above

Kimberly Bolles

THE MERGE CLASS OF 1998

VICKSBURG AND WARREN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Subject: Use of Facilities Request - Halls Ferry Park

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen,

On behalf of the Vicksburg High School and Warren Central High School Class of 1998, I am writing to respectfully request approval to use Halls Ferry Park once again for our annual alumni Block Party in the Park, scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2026.

Our event at Halls Ferry Park last year was a tremendous success. The park's layout, accessibility, and environment contributed greatly to a safe, enjoyable, and well-attended community gathering. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from alumni, families, and community members, many of whom expressed appreciation for how well the park accommodated our activities.

This annual event brings together alumni, families, and the greater Vicksburg community for an evening of fellowship, entertainment, and community engagement. In addition to reconnecting classmates, our goal is to support local students through scholarships and mentorship initiatives. Thanks to the success of past events, we have been able to award 9 scholarships and recognition to deserving students, and we are committed to continuing and expanding this impact.

We are seeking to host this event on:

Proposed Date and Time: Friday, September 18, 2026 | 6PM-11:59PM

Requested Location: Halls Ferry Park, Vicksburg, Mississippi

We anticipate a family-friendly event that will include your food vendors, live music, and community activities. Please note that we do plan to charge a small entry fee for attendees; all proceeds from this event will go toward funding our 2027 scholarship for local students. We are committed to ensuring that all park rules, regulations, and cleanliness standards are fully upheld before, during, and after the event.

Please let us know the necessary steps to secure the facility, including any required permits, fees, insurance documentation, or additional guidelines. We would be happy to complete any applications or provide further details needed to move forward.

Thank you for considering our request. It would be an honor to partner with the City of Vicksburg once again and continue building on the success of last year's event at Halls Ferry Park.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at theemergevikingator@gmail.com or via cell at (601)-529-6763.

Sincerely,

Nick Bridges

VHS and WCHS Class of 1998

Block Party in the Park Committee

Attachments

1. 2026 Scholarship Recipients
2. 2026 Recognition Recipients
3. Photos from Scholarship Presentations
4. 2025 Scholarship Recipients

THE MERGE CLASS OF 1998

VICKSBURG AND WARREN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Attachments:

- 2026 Scholarship Recipients (\$500)
 - Jada Erwin | Erin Grace Smith (Vicksburg High School)
 - Ariana Davis | Anna Davis (River City Early College)
 - Landon Lumpkin | Kamryn Kelly (Warren Central High School)



- 2026 Recognition Recipients (Gift Cards)

M. Mclean, L. Ertle, J. Strickland, A. Jones, A. Lyons, E. Ramsey, A. Mandarino, S. Ross, E. McPhearson, J. Powell, C. Harris, E. Wilson, E. Sullivan, T. Hyland, L. O'Bryant, L. Drake, A. Kelly, L. Thomas, A. Green, B. Steed

- Photos from Scholarship Presentations



- 2025 Scholarship Recipients (\$500)
 - Cameron Hill (Vicksburg High School)
 - Alysha Murrell (River City Early College)
 - Amelia Claire King (Warren Central High School)



City of Vicksburg
Parks & Recreation Department
PO Drawer 150
Vicksburg, MS 39181
Telephone: (601) 634-4516 Fax: (601) 631-3763

Application for Field Rental

NAME or NAME OF ORGANIZATION The Merge VHS: WCHS 1998 DATE 10 July 2026
ADDRESS 64 Crestado Lane CITY Vicksburg STATE MS
EMAIL k.mherybuls@yahoo.com CELL PHONE 601.415.2291
GAME TYPE: BASEBALL _____ SOFTBALL _____ SINGLE PLAY _____ OTHER PLAY X
Will the concession stand be required? NO

Use of the concession stand may require an additional contract

Rental Dates	Times	Fields
<u>18 September 2026</u>	<u>6:00 PM - 11:59 PM</u>	<u>Halls Ferry Park (grass area not field)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The fee will be \$75.00 per day, per field.
2. A deposit of \$100.00 is required for and is refundable if the field is cleaned up after use. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Vicksburg.
3. Applications may be returned to the address set forth below:
City of Vicksburg Parks & Recreation Department
600 Army Navy Drive
Vicksburg, MS 39180

Note: The Vicksburg Parks & Recreation Department reserves all rights to cancel any games scheduled due to inclement weather. A full refund will be given if a game is cancelled due to inclement weather.

4. Applicant shall adhere to all local, state, and federal laws.
5. The applicant shall be required either to purchase liability insurance through the City, present proof of insurance coverage in an amount no less than one (1) million dollars or present proof of insurance coverage as required by the Tort Claims Act. Applicant shall hold the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, its successors, employees and any and all other persons so associated with the City, harmless from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, both known and unknown that may arise as a result of this event.
6. The City of Vicksburg does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed or national origin.

Signature of Applicant [Signature]

Date: 10 July 2026

OFFICE USE ONLY
APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT RECEIVED BY [Signature] DATE 7/14/26
APPLICATION APPROVED BY [Signature] DATE 7/14/26
NUMBER OF FIELDS X \$75.00 PER FIELD = \$ TOTAL DUE
RECEIPT# _____ DATE _____ CHECK# _____ CASH _____