



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: Brideges to somewhere (B2S)

Physical Address of the Event: Alcorn State University The Gold Room 1000 ASU Drive Lorman, MS 39096

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 821778 Vicksburg, MS 39182 Telephone Number: 601-291-1371

Website Address: N/A – Event-based community program

Primary Contact Name: Robert Jones

Title: Event Committee / Community Partner Telephone No: 601-291-1371

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Secondary Contact Name: Alton Butler

Title: Program Chairman Telephone No: 601-451-6263

Email Address: adbutler4089@gmail.com

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

Organization:

_____ Contact

Name: _____

Telephone No: _____ Email Address: _____

Complete The Following Questions Regarding Your Request For City Sponsorship Consideration

Event Date: February 21, 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: \$ 1500.00 Pillars of Progress Sponsor

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

Bridges to Somewhere is a Mississippi-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing education, cultural awareness, leadership development, and community engagement. The organization supports programs that honor historical legacy, promote civic pride, and strengthen communities through educational and cultural initiatives that serve the public interest.

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

The Brother Carter G. Woodson Centennial Honors Brunch is a commemorative community event celebrating the 100th anniversary of Black History Week/Month, founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. The program will honor trailblazing African American leaders who were the first to serve in key leadership roles across Jefferson, Claiborne, and Warren Counties. The event includes a formal program, keynote remarks, historical reflection, and public recognition of honorees and their families.

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

This event furthers a charitable and public purpose by preserving and promoting African American history, honoring civic leadership, and fostering community pride. It serves the public interest by educating attendees about local and regional Black history, strengthening intergenerational connections, and highlighting the City of Vicksburg's role in advancing leadership and opportunity in Warren County.

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

The requested \$1,500 sponsorship will be used to partially support venue-related costs, commemorative program printing, audio-visual services, and logistical support for the Brother Carter G. Woodson Centennial Honors Brunch. These funds will directly enhance the educational quality and public accessibility of the event while ensuring appropriate recognition of the City of Vicksburg as a community partner.

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
Private Donations	x		\$
Coporate Sponsors	x		\$
Community Partners	x		\$
City of Vicksburg	x		\$ 1500
			\$
			\$
			\$

8. Anticipated Attendance: 150

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

As a Pillars of Progress Sponsor, the City of Vicksburg will receive recognition through event signage, stage acknowledgment, printed Souvenir Booklet advertising, and digital promotional materials. The City's sponsorship will be verbally acknowledged during the program and prominently displayed in event marketing, reinforcing Vicksburg's commitment to education, historical preservation, and community leadership across Warren County and the surrounding region.

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

1/30/2026

Date

Printed Name of Requestor from Above

Robert Jones