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# LET'S GET STARTED, SHALL WE?

The Mississippi Economic Council and the MEC Public Education Forum have a clear vision for ensuring the futures of Mississippi high school students are as bright as possible — either educational or occupational.

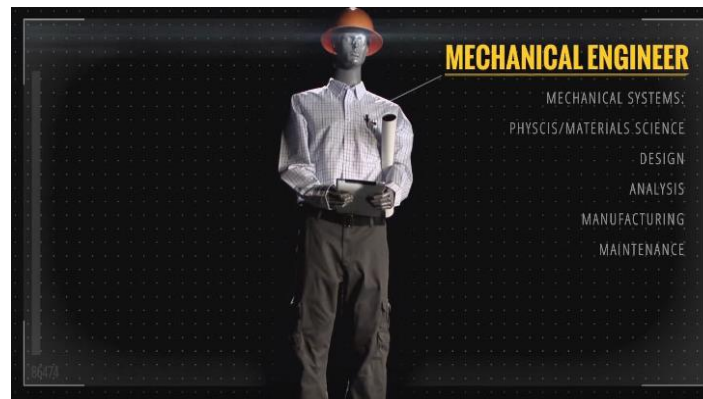
That vision has led to the creation of the Mississippi Scholars and Mississippi Scholars Tech Master programs, as well as Get On The Grid, an initiative of the Mississippi Energy Institute.





# PLANNING ON GOING TO COLLEGE? CHOOSE MISSISSIPPI SCHOLARS.

Mississippi Scholars is a college-prep program designed with STEM-based education in mind, engaging students in science, technology, engineering and math.



**FOUR  
OF THE  
TOP 5  
CAREERS  
IN THE  
USA ARE  
STEM-BASED**

# MISSISSIPPI SCHOLARS CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

- 80 hours for seniors graduating 2022 and later
- 19 for seniors graduating 2022 and later
- 2.5 high school GP on a 4.0 scale
- Three letters of recommendation (one from each of the following – principal, guidance counselor and business/community leader for students with more than 4 in-school suspensions)
- 95% school attendance during high school years
- No out-of-school suspension

## **4 credits**

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

## **2 credits**

- Advanced Electives  
(Foreign Language or  
Higher Math or Science)

## **1 credit**

- Arts

# READY TO JOIN THE WORKFORCE? BECOME A TECH MASTER.

Mississippi Scholars Tech Master is a program where students undergo a more hands-on approach to their high school experience. With a curriculum similar to and just as rigorous as Mississippi Scholars, Tech Master prepares students who wish to begin a career right after graduation by applying the workforce readiness they developed in high school.



# TECH MASTER CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

- 80 hours for seniors graduating 2022 and later
- 19 for seniors graduating 2022 and later or minimum 36 ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test)
- Silver Level WorkKeys required
- 2.5 high school GP on a 4.0 scale
- 95% school attendance during high school years
- No out-of-school suspension
- Must have a passing score, as established by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) on an MDE-approved industry certification assessment.

## **4 credits**

- English
- Career & Technical Courses

## **3 credits**

- Math
- Social Studies

## **½ credit**

- Electives Related to Field of Study

## **1 credit**

- Computer
- Geometry

## **½ credit**

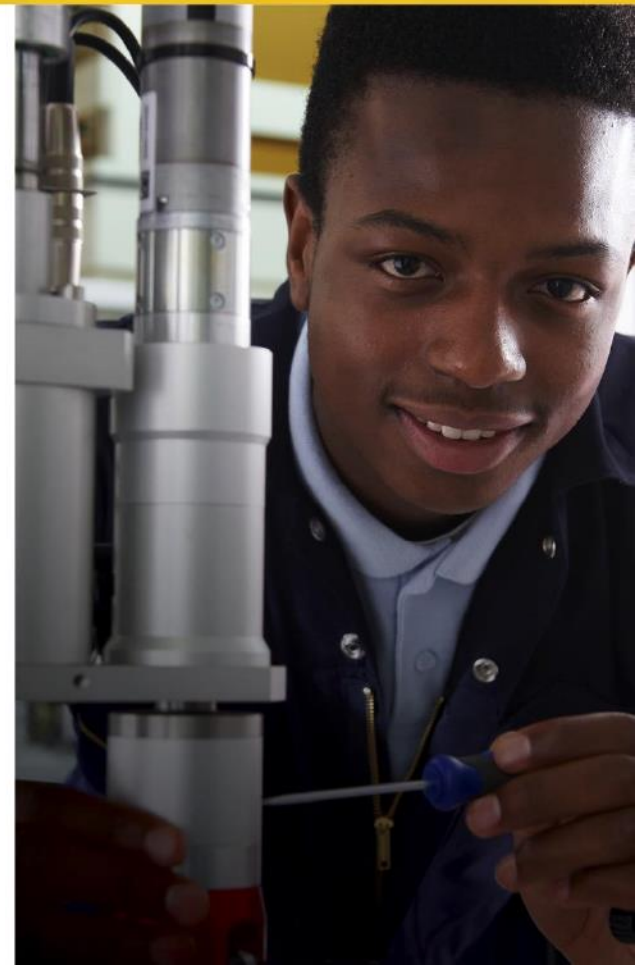
- Health or PE



# WHICH ONE IS BEST FOR YOU?

**Mississippi Scholars** is for students who plan on going to college, or even the military, by taking a rigorous course of study in high school.

**Mississippi Scholars Tech Master** is for students entering the workforce after graduation, applying the workforce readiness skills they received in high school.





# WHERE GET ON THE GRID COMES IN.

Get On The Grid is a powerful career exploration tool that doubles as a direct portal to the hottest careers in Mississippi's fastest-growing industries, like energy and advanced manufacturing.

Visit our website for more information.

[www.getonthegridms.com](http://www.getonthegridms.com)



# WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A MISSISSIPPI SCHOLAR?

Because nothing affects your future income like your education.

DOCTOR

NURSE

SCIENTIST

LAWYER

ARCHITECT

ENGINEER

TEACHER

ACCOUNTANT



Public Education Forum of MS  
**Mississippi Scholars**



# WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A MISSISSIPPI SCHOLAR TECH MASTER?

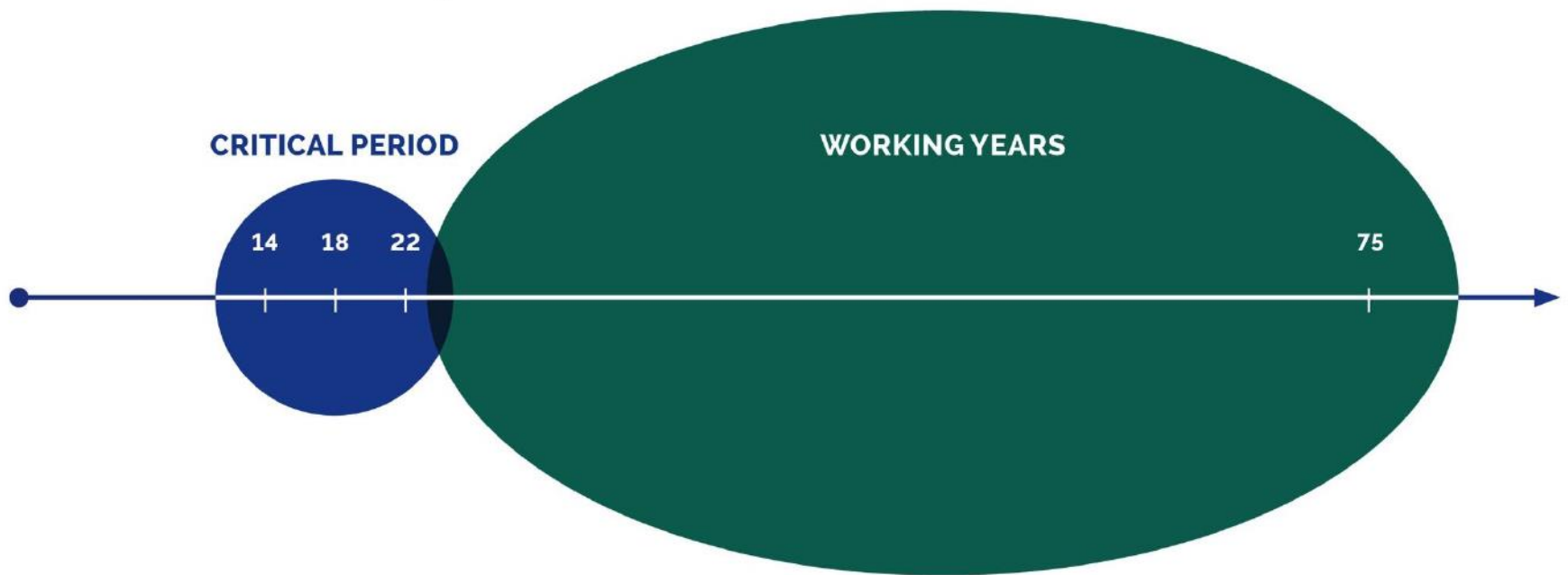


Because it is important to plan for your future now, and learn the skills that will help you adapt in our ever-changing economy.



# A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR LIFE

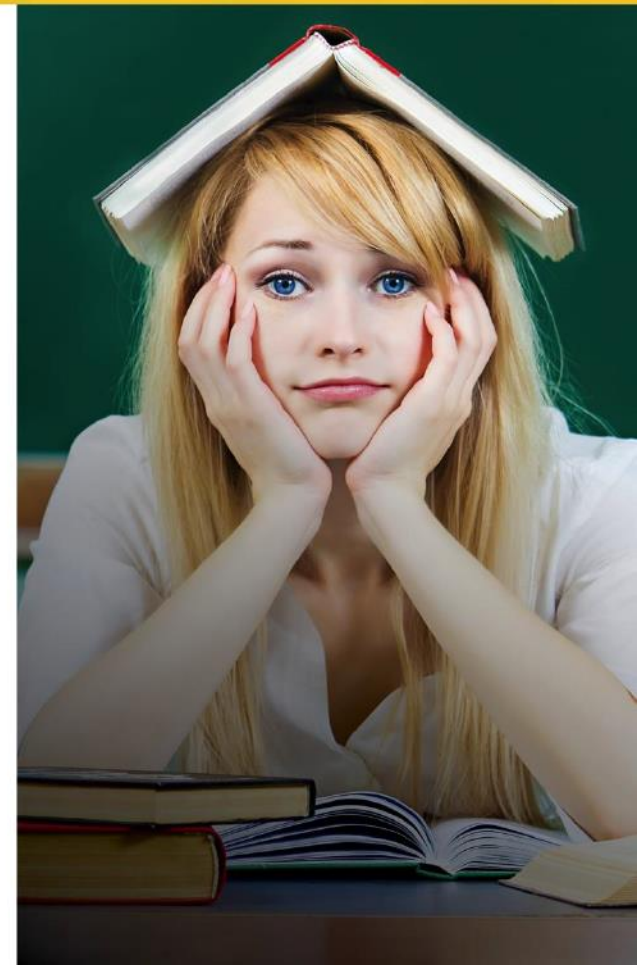
You are in your most critical years right now, and the decisions you make during this period will inform the rest of your life.





# MORE THAN ONE PATH

Earning a degree from a four-year university is not the only way to a great career. Many of the most cutting-edge and highest-paying jobs only require a high school diploma and job-specific training.



# SALARIES

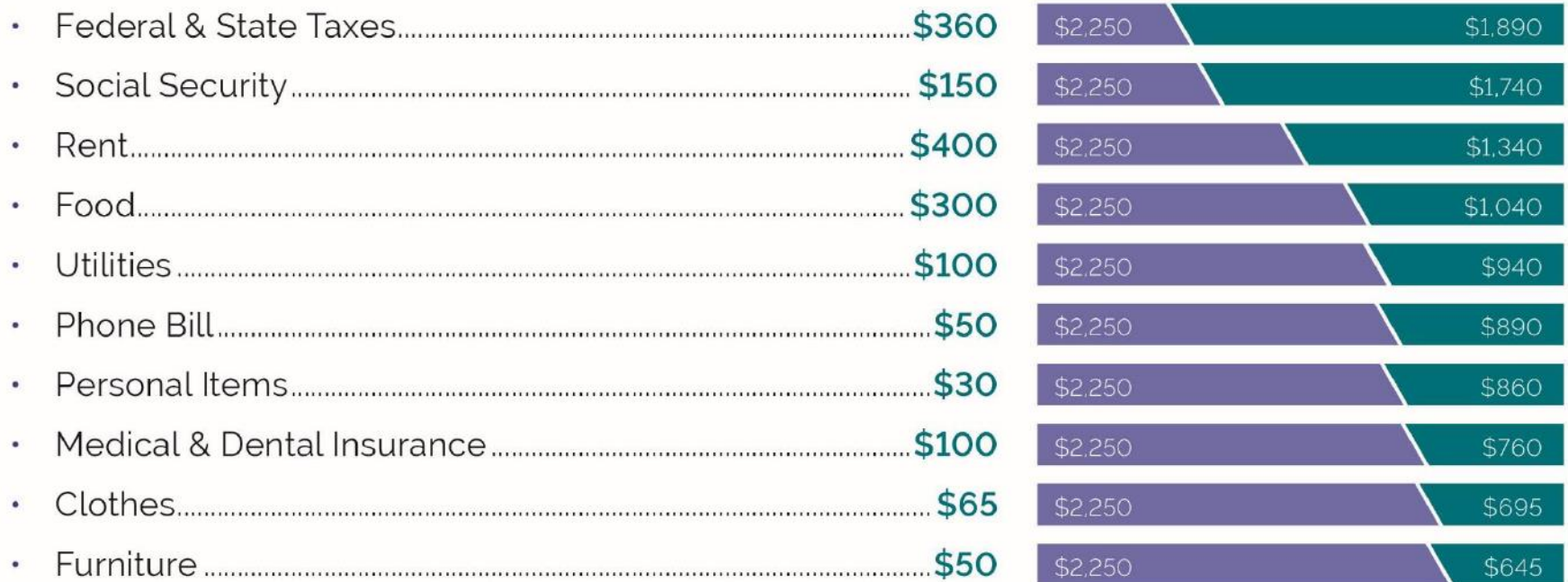
Let's say you earn \$13 an hour right out of high school. That's a little more than \$2,250 a month, \$27,040 annually.

**But is that really enough?**



# WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

## \$2,250 Monthly Salary After...



**And these are just the necessities!**

# WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

## CONTINUED...

**You have \$645 left, until you pay for...**

- Car Insurance/Gas ..... **\$500**
- Internet/Cable ..... **\$80**
- Entertainment ..... **\$40**
- Savings ..... **\$25**



**You've got NO money left over,  
so what do you do?**





# STUDENTS WANT TO SUCCEED, AND WE WANT THE SAME THING.

**95%**

OF TEENAGERS VIEW  
GRADUATING AS  
"CRITICAL TO THEIR  
FUTURE SUCCESS."

**94%**

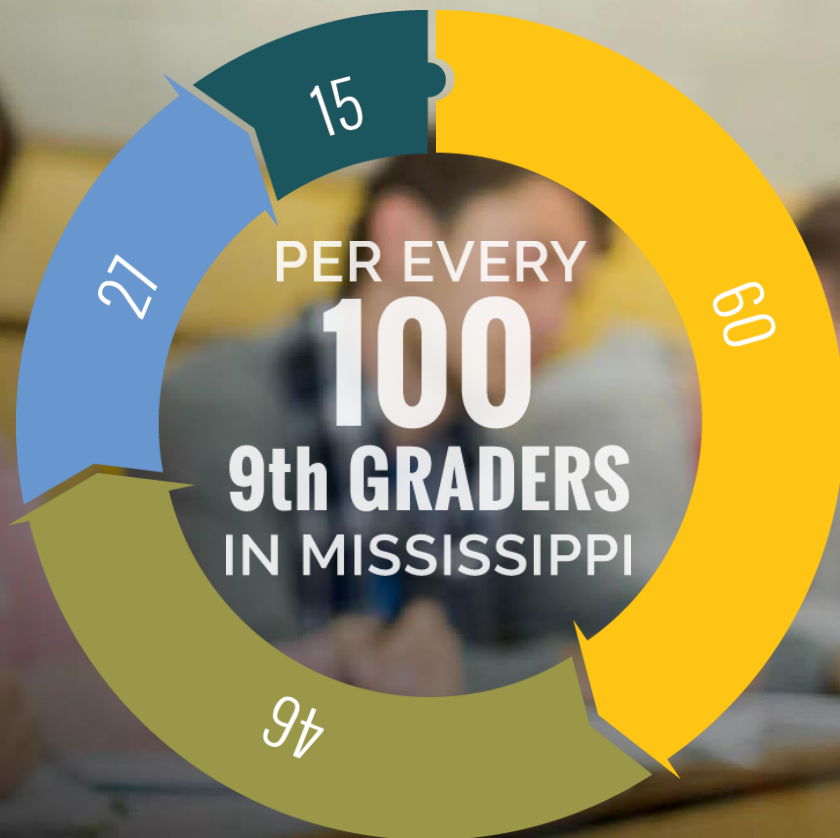
OF HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS PLAN  
TO GO TO A TWO-  
YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR  
INSTITUTION.

**93%**

OF MIDDLE SCHOOL  
STUDENTS HAVE  
NO INTENTION OF  
DROPPING OUT OF  
HIGH SCHOOL.

# YOUR FUTURE IS UP TO YOU.

You can change this  
— with our help.



Graduate from High School



Enroll in College



Go Past Sophomore Year



Earn a College Degree



# THE CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR EDUCATION AND YOUR FUTURE

**Important workplace skills are developed at school.**



# WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?



**MORE**  
CHOICES  
OF EDUCATION  
AFTER HIGH  
SCHOOL



**MORE**  
CHANCES  
FOR GOOD  
JOBS



**MORE**  
MONEY  
TO AFFORD  
YOUR  
LIFESTYLE



**MORE**  
CONTROL  
OVER YOUR  
FUTURE



# ACHIEVEMENT

**Upon completion of Mississippi Scholars and Mississippi Scholars Tech Master you will receive:**

- A Seal Placed on Your High School Transcript
- A Medallion to Wear at Graduation
- A Certificate Award for Completion of Your Chosen Program



# YOU CAN DO IT!

Your teachers and your community believe in you. We are all behind you.

All you need to do is say **YES** to Mississippi Scholars or Mississippi Scholars Tech Master, and get ready to Get On The Grid.



# FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you're interested in becoming a Mississippi Scholar or a Mississippi Scholar Tech Master, visit your guidance counselor. They can answer any questions you might have.

## GET STARTED TODAY!

