



Dear Counselor and or Program Coordinator,

We are pleased to announce our 2024 STAR Education Celebration event and timeline. **The event will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, MS. The STAR Student, STAR Teacher along with their family and friends will have an opportunity to celebrate this momentous occasion.**

As we prepare for the **2024 STAR Education Celebration**, we urge you to meet with seniors as soon as possible to discuss the STAR Student requirements. Please emphasize that the ACT **must be taken before December 31st** and only scores on file in the school office will be considered in the STAR Student selection. **Please do not notify students or make any advance announcements confirming your STAR Student until you receive notice from our office. After we receive your STAR application, and the grades are certified you will receive a notice in writing.**

Selection of STAR Student

The student must have an ACT score of at least 25 and an overall average of 93 or above in selected subjects in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and first-semester twelfth grades. **Only permanent record label ACT scores on file in the high school office are to be considered. We cannot process your application without the documentation below. Please do not add extra points for Dual Enrollment classes. We will not use ACT Super Scores for the selection of the STAR Student.**

Your package MUST include the following documents:

- *STAR Student Biographical Information Form (complete numerical grade column(s) – 2 semesters or 1 unit complete both columns and list final grade twice.
- *One semester or one-half unit list final grade once.
- *Please submit 9th - 12th grade completed coursework listed on your STAR form along with the high school transcript. If the 12th grade is not listed on the high school transcript, please submit a report card to verify 12 grade coursework.
- *Permanent record label ACT scores.
- *STAR Student Grade and Photo Release Form
- *STAR Teacher Photo Release Form
- *Photos of both STAR Student and STAR Teacher

Please check your packet before sending to the address below:

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TIMELINE

- December 31** Last accepted test date for consideration in the 2024 STAR Education Celebration
- February 4** Deadline for submitting STAR Student and STAR Teacher information (including photos for both student and teacher)
- March 4** Deadline for submission of attendee list from both STAR Student and STAR Teacher
- April 4** STAR 2024 Education Celebration
- Location** Clyde Muse Center
515 Country PI Pkwy, Pearl, MS 39208
- Registration** 8:00 AM

For your convenience, you may download the STAR forms from the STAR website at www.msmec.com/star-forms or www.msmec.com and click on the STAR-Student Achievement Recognition Program link.

9:00 AM Opening and Welcome

Click on the link below for directions: <https://musecenter.org/contact-directions>

The STAR Student and STAR Teacher **MUST BE** a U.S. citizen to receive the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. Foundation scholarships and awards respectively.

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