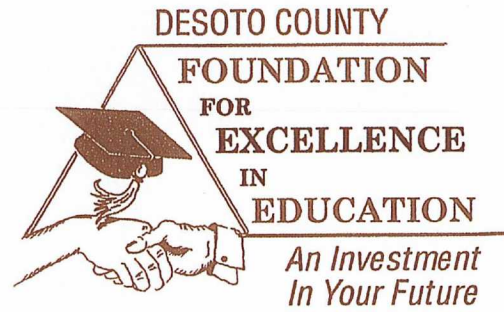


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*The DeSoto County  
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*Presents*

the  
*Ben Flanagan Freedom Scholarship*  
For  
High School Seniors  
(Student may attend any high school,  
but **must reside in DeSoto County, MS**)

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# **Instructions to apply for the**

## **Ben Flanagan Freedom Scholarship**

Student will be a high school senior and may attend any public, private, or home-schooled establishment in the area, **but must be domiciled in DeSoto County, Mississippi.**

Please type the entry essay as this aids the selection committee in making a decision. Unreadable essays may not be considered.

Please do not have anyone do your work for you. Your own voice and passion should be heard.

There are no rules on the length of this essay, but careful thought and research should be made obvious in your paper. An interview with the Founder of this scholarship may be needed if more than one essay is of superior quality.

The Scholarship Essay must be submitted not later than **April 1** of each year to the following address:

**Deborah Morgan, Office Administrator  
DeSoto County Foundation for Excellence in Education Inc  
316 West Commerce Street, Hernando, MS 38632**

**The Annual Scholarship Amount is \$500.**

**Please submit an essay on one of the following topics:**

- 1. According to the Bill of Rights, there is one source for the rights of each United States citizen. Please identify that source and explain what the role of government is in regard to these rights, according to the United States Constitution.**
- 2. Write an essay about the character and accomplishments of one of the Southern Christian Generals of the American Civil War.**
- 3. Research and write an essay on William Wallace, the Scottish Warrior. Explain how his life and sacrifice planted seed for our own freedoms in the United States of America.**
- 4. Write an essay on the 2nd amendment to the United States Constitution explaining its meaning, scope and the interpretation intended by our Founding Fathers.**

# Ben Flanagan Freedom Scholarship

## Student Information Form

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Guardian Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College / University to be attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of College / University:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Check will be made payable to the college/university of your choice)

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Hernando, MS 38632  
Phone: 662-429-4414

## An Introduction to *Ben Flanagan*

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James Bennett Flanagan, Jr., (Ben) was born March 15, 1989, with a complex congenital heart defect in which only two chambers of his heart functioned. He had many surgeries during his life, but his condition could not be repaired. As a result, Ben struggled for oxygen everyday of his life. Though the heart within his chest was deformed, Ben was really born with a warrior's heart. He loved his country, the United States of America, and was well educated in her history. He admired the courage and bravery of her

Founding Fathers and the character and faith of our Southern Generals. Ben would read for hours and hours about history, the military and aviation. As a result, he knew every weapon and airplane in the United States arsenal, past and present.

Ben was passionate about truth, honor, valor and justice. He believed that a true soldier put God and country before himself. Ben knew the meaning of suffering and sacrifice. Like the Scottish warrior, William Wallace, Ben fought hard, but the victory would not be realized on earth but in heaven with his Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Brave Soldier, Ben, died March 17, 2005.

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