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**COAST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ANNOUNCES \$1000
YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Mississippi Gulf Coast – Coast Young Professionals recently announced a \$1000 scholarship opportunity for area college students.

Interested students must be a resident of Harrison, Hancock or Jackson County, be enrolled in a graduate level program or higher, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, be enrolled in at least three hours and are a member of Coast Young Professionals.

Applications may be downloaded on CYP's website, www.coastyoungprofessionals.com. In addition to the application form, applicants must submit a professional resume, two letters of reference, and an essay about how their continuing education will benefit the coast.

All applications are due by May 29th, 2009, and the scholarship will be awarded prior to the Fall 2009 semester. A recipient will be chosen by the board's scholarship committee prior to the fall semester. This new scholarship will be in addition to one awarded to one local high school senior from CYP.

CYP is an organization of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce committed to developing young leaders on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

For more information about CYP, visit the website at www.coastyoungprofessionals.com or contact Christen Hartley at 228-604-0014.