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## **3 Miss. students win Alger scholarships**

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Three Mississippi high school students will receive the Horatio Alger Association's Mississippi State Scholarship, a \$5,000 award.

The scholarship winners are Joseph Ashley of Wiggins, Ariel Novak of Gautier and Marlon Floyd of Burnsville. The students were chosen for the scholarships because they overcame adversity while also demonstrating excellence in academics, character and community contributions.

"The Mississippi scholars have overcome great obstacles and we are proud to present this award," said David L. Sokol, president and chief executive officer of the Horatio Alger Association. "Through this scholarship program, we celebrate their accomplishments and help them reach their future goals."

The Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs range from \$2,500 to \$10,500 and are offered in 29 states. In 2009, the programs are awarding more than 600 state scholarships to students throughout the country.