

# 2024/2025 Tennis Foundation of MS Grant Recipients

Name (Ages 8-18)	Notable Achievement	Quote
Ashton Cannon	Played in more tourneys this year to move to a high confidence rating.	I want to be one of the top players in the state. My shoulder injury caused a minor setback but I'm willing to put in the work for a chance to earn a college scholarship.
Brandon Zhu	Top 20 in MS in Boys 14s; Won L7 in Vicksburg; 2nd place L6 Hattiesburg and RHC WTN	Tennis is a way to build confidence and make friends. I can also have a healthy body by playing tennis.
Cody Zhu	Top 15 in MS in Boys 12s; 2nd place in L6 Brandon and Hattiesburg, 4th place L5 Jackson	Tennis for me is a way to build confidence and make friends. I also want to play college tennis if possible.
Daniel Wu	Top 5 in MS in Boys 12s; 1st Place L5 Doubles in Oxford, 1st Place L6 Brandon, L6 Vicksburg, L6 Hattiesburg	Daniel has a passion to improve his tennis. He also encourages other kids in the community to love tennis, helping to develop their skills, set tennis goals, and practice together.
Kahari McNeal	1st in flight at WTN in Wesson	This grant allows me to play in bigger tournaments. It's a lot to ask my mom to pay for lessons, buy proper equipment, accommodations, & fees for tournaments, so I'm very appreciative of the help we receive.
Kaleb Phillips	Played in 1st tournaments; brought grades up to honor roll with discipline & skills he learned through tennis	I'm learning everything I can about the game. This grant will help me get the experience I need to accomplish my goal of becoming a professional tennis player.
Nylah Randolph	#2 in MS in Girls 12s, 1st in flight L4 Pelham, 1st in flight L5 Memphis; Played Ozaki Cup, 2 Singles Wins	Tennis is more than just a sport, it's my passion and a place where I can truly be myself. Tennis has taught me discipline, patience, and how to keep pushing forward even when things get tough.
Matias Orozco	Top 10 in MS in Boys 14s; 3rd place L5 Ridgeland, 1st place L6 Mobile	Tennis is a lifestyle. What you learn in tennis you can apply in your own life: self confidence, commitment, responsibility, integrity, honesty, capacity to resolve problems, etc.
McClellan Cooley	#2 in MS in Girls 14s, 1st Place Dbls L5 Ridgeland & L5 Rome, 1st Place Flight L4 R'land, 1st Place L5 Niceville; Won MHSAA 5A Girls Singles Ind. Champs	At the age of 10 I made a commitment to become the number 1 player in my state. I am proud to say that I accomplished that goal in my age group. I love the challenge and seeing my improvements.
Nathan Davis	Top 50 in MS in Boys 14s; 2nd place L7 Vicksburg, 3rd place L6 Vicksburg	To me, tennis is a way of life. Tennis is discipline, tennis is structure, tennis is fun, tennis is challenge, a challenge that I enjoy.
Elle Gianola	Top 10 in MS in Girls 16s; 1st place Dbls L5 Ocean Springs, 1st place L6 Wiggins, 2nd place L4 Jackson, 3rd place L5 Jackson	Tennis gave me confidence in myself and a healthy outlet to navigate my parents' divorce. I'm forever grateful that I found this sport as I've transformed from a shy little girl to a young woman with confidence and aspirations.



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