



The Education Committee of the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$3,000 in funds for scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Orange County.

The Scholarship Program is open to seniors and December graduates of Orange County Schools (Orange High School and Cedar Ridge High School) and private/charter or home school students within the Orange County School District who are seeking to further their education at a four-year or technical institution.

While many factors will influence the decision of the Education Committee, any student with plans to pursue secondary education will be considered, regardless of class rank or academic achievement. Other factors considered include the applicant's personal essay, community service, work experience, and other extra-curricular activities, two letters of recommendation (it is preferred that one letter be from a current Chamber member), and academic performance (school transcript). Scholarship finalists will also participate in a brief interview.

Applications can be submitted through the applicant's Guidance Office or directly to the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce no later than April 29, 2011. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award no later than May 6, 2011. Recipients will be announced at their school's annual Awards Recognition Ceremony and awards will be presented at the Chamber's May 18, 2011 meeting at noon at the Exchange Club.

Please review the Scholarship Requirements and Regulations carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

A current list of Chamber members can be found at: www.hillsboroughchamber.com/directory.

The Chamber's Scholarship Program is funded by proceeds from its annual Golf Classic. The 2011 Chamber Golf Classic is scheduled for October at Occoneechee Golf Course in Hillsborough, NC. More information about the Classic will be available at www.hillsboroughchamber.com.

For additional information you may contact your Guidance Office or the Chamber (919.732.8156 or margaret@hillsboroughchamber.com). We encourage your participation and wish each of you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Libbie Hough, Chair
Education Committee



Scholarship Requirements and Regulations

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior of Orange High School, Cedar Ridge High School, or area private/charter or home schools within the Orange County School District. The scholarship will be a one-time only award and will be made payable to the recipient's chosen educational institution. Awards must be used to pay education-related expenses.
2. The student's application will be considered and measured on the basis of the following items:
 - Financial Need
 - Personal Essay
 - Extracurricular Activities, Community Service and/or Work Involvement
 - Two Letters of Recommendation (preferably one from a Chamber member; letters from family members are not acceptable)
 - Academic Performance (Transcript)
3. Scholarship finalists will also participate in a brief interview to be scheduled on May 3, 2011.
4. The Hillsborough Orange County Chamber of Commerce does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation or sex.
5. The scholarship application must be submitted from the High School Guidance Office or directly to the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce no later than 5:00pm on April 29, 2011.
6. Recipients of the scholarship will be notified no later than May 6, 2011. Recipients will be honored during the school's annual Awards Recognition Ceremony. The award will be presented at the Chamber's May 18, 2011 meeting at noon at the Exchange Club.
7. The student must enroll in an accredited college, junior college, university, technical school or trade school. The Scholarship Committee will require verification of the recipient's acceptance by the post-secondary school. The scholarship award must be used to pay tuition or education-related expenses only. Funds will be paid directly to the recipients chosen educational institution.
8. In 2011, \$3,000 is available to be awarded as scholarships to the recipients; minimum award will be \$500. Recipients will be chosen by the Chamber's Scholarship Committee. The Chamber reserves the right to determine the number of scholarships and the amount thereof or to change the amount in any given school year, or to not grant a scholarship in any given year.
9. The selection of the committee is final.
10. Incomplete applications will not be considered.



Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application

The following information must be fully completed by student.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ GPA: _____ Weighted GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian: _____

Please use additional sheets to answer questions 1-5.

1. Briefly describe your plans for after high school. If you have been accepted to a college, university, or other program, please let us know which one(s) and which you plan to attend.
2. How will you finance your college education? State any personal or family circumstances that may affect your ability to afford a college education.
3. List any honors, special achievements, jobs (paid or volunteer), organizations/clubs, and other community involvement or extracurricular activities.
4. Have you received any other scholarships or grants? Have you applied for any other scholarships or grants but not yet heard back? If so, please list.
5. Write a one-page essay explaining why receiving a Chamber Scholarship would benefit you and help you further your education.
6. Provide two sealed letters of recommendation. It is preferable that one letter come from a current Chamber member. A list of Chamber members can be found at www.hillsboroughchamber.com. Letters from relatives are not accepted.

Student's Signature: _____