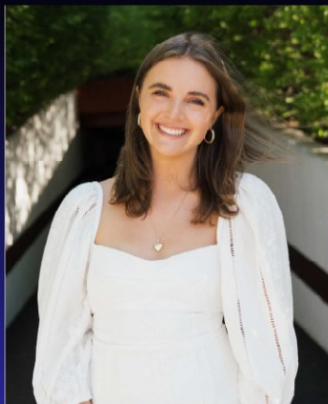




The Hampton Roads Utility and Heavy Contractors Association Memorial Scholarship Foundation



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2024 Scholarship Recipients

2025 Scholarship Application

Application Deadline

Friday, May 23, 2025

General Information about the HRUHCA Memorial Scholarship

Each year, the Hampton Roads Utility and Heavy Contractors Association (HRUHCA) awards one or more college scholarships through its Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

The scholarships are given in memory of industry friends, relatives, and loved ones. Those people who have been memorialized include: Sam Archbell, Harry Breakfield, Mike Corbin, W. Preston Fussell, Howard E. Gibbs, Dave Hawley, Cole S. Hilfiger, George Hunt, C. Roger Malbon, Dave McSweeney, Buggs Moran, Douglas W. Talbot, Clinton Teets, Ruth and Elmer Womack and Tidewater Utility Construction, Inc.

Eligibility is available for any applicant who is a HRUHCA member, the employee of a HRUHCA member firm, or a child whose relative works for a HRUHCA member firm who will be enrolling in, or is currently attending a full-time academic or technical institution and studying a degree that will lead to employment in the utility and heavy construction industry.

The successful applicant(s) will be judged on a number of different criteria, including but not limited to: 1) Grades in high school/college/technical college; 2) Participation in extracurricular activities and community activities; 3) Interest in working the construction industry; and 4) Financial need.

The Hampton Roads Utility and Heavy Contractors Association (HRUHCA) Memorial Scholarship Foundation, a tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, is the official administrator of the scholarship program. All decisions made regarding the selected applicants are final and are made at the sole discretion of the foundation selection committee.

The HRUHCA Memorial Scholarship Fund depends entirely on the charitable contributions of our members.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

In an effort to better evaluate all scholarship applicants, the HRUHCA Scholarship Foundation has changed the application format.

The new application requires the student applicant to prepare a formal submission using Microsoft PowerPoint. Please develop a PowerPoint presentation that provides the Foundation Selection Committee with the requested information in the following format and length.

Application Submission Requirements (PowerPoint Presentation)

Section 1 Introduction of Applicant

The introduction section should include a brief biography of the student applicant. The applicant is encouraged to include a few pictures of himself/herself as well as any family pictures that will help the committee better understand the applicant's maturity process. This section should be no longer than 5 power point pages and pictures should be low resolution in order to keep the power point presentation from becoming too large.

If the applicant is already in college, he/she should also include a brief biography and some pictures of yourself and your family.

Section 2 High School/Academic Achievements/Extracurricular Achievements

This section should include the name and location of the high school that the applicant attended as well as the student's current grade point average, the student's SAT or ACT scores taken, and should include any extracurricular activities which could include: a) athletic accomplishments, b) artistic or musical accomplishments, c) social or honorary clubs, or any other community or religious-based volunteer program that provides benefit and that the committee should have knowledge of in order to better understand the applicant's "goodwill" and potential to successfully integrate into a college environment. This section should be no larger than 5 power point pages.

If the applicant is already in college, he/she should name the college/university attended and include current major, college grade point average, and should include any extracurricular activities undertaken while at college or university.

Section 3 Letter(s) of Recommendation

The Scholarship Foundation requires all applicants to have a minimum of two letters of recommendation. The first letter **MUST** be from someone from the HRUHCA member firm that the student is affiliated. The second letter **MUST** be written by someone from the applicant's high school (teacher/guidance counselor/coach, etc.) who can attest to the applicant's academic and extracurricular abilities.

If the applicant is already in college, the first letter of recommendation would be similar to the above, but the second letter **MUST** be written by someone from the applicant's college or university who can attest to the applicant's academic and extracurricular abilities.

Section 4
Applications/Interests/Motivations

Please indicate to the Committee the colleges or universities to which you have made application. If you have already made your college choice, please list that institution in this section of your PowerPoint.

Please indicate your intentions as to the course of study you would like to pursue at the college or university of your choosing and your motivations for wanting to pursue the selected course of study. (NOTE: If you are unsure as to what major you wish to pursue, that is "OK" for purposes of this application. Just indicate that you are currently undecided.)

If the applicant is already in college, indicate the college or university at which you are currently enrolled. Indicate your current degree of study and list why you are motivated to seek this degree.

If you have an idea of what profession you would like to enter at the end of college/university, then please indicate that in your PowerPoint and explain how you feel your degree will help you obtain your professional goals.

Please limit your PowerPoint presentation to no more than 5 pages for this section.

Section 5
Presentation "Wrap-UP"

If there is anything else that you would like to say to the Committee in your PowerPoint presentation, you are welcome to include it in this final section. If you have any special financial needs for a scholarship, please make sure that you indicate it in this section. Please limit this section to 5 Power Point Pages. Please include all your contact information.

Official Transcript

In addition to your PowerPoint presentation, you must forward to HRUHCA an official copy of your high school or college transcript. Please understand that this process may take a week or two to complete so DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. SEE YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AND ORDER AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please have your school official send your transcript to the following address:

HRUHCA Memorial Scholarship Foundation
Attention: Ms. Stephanie Rogers
5911 Harbour View Blvd., Suite 220
Suffolk, VA 23435

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applications must be received via mail, courier, or email attachment by the close of business on Friday, May 30, 2025. Applications received after this due date will not be considered. Transcripts and all 3 letters of recommendation must be included to complete your application. Please send mailed applications to the HRUHCA Office at: 5911 Harbour View Blvd., Suite 220 Suffolk, VA 23435.

Additional Information

Applicants may be asked to appear before the Scholarship Committee for an interview.

Notification

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified via email and written letter as soon as the selection process has been completed. Scholarship recipients and their parents/family will be invited to the HRUHCA June Engineers'/Scholarship Dinner Meeting on June 11, 2025 and will receive a commemorative plaque recognizing their accomplishment.

Questions

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact HRUHCA Executive Director Stephanie Rogers by email at srogers@hruhca.com or by telephone via the HRUHCA office at (757) 484-7500.

***Good Luck
and Thank You
in advance
for your interest
in the HRUHCA
Scholarship Program!***