



2023-2024 Scholarship Program

Scholarships Available

Guidelines

The Community Resource Opportunity Project (C.R.O.P) Foundation, Inc., a non-profit, 501(c)(3) community-based organization, announces the **2023-2024 C.R.O.P Foundation Scholarship Awards Program**. Under the Program, up to five (5) \$1000.00 scholarships and up to two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to seniors attending a public high school in Hampton Roads, VA (including the Cities of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Hampton, and Newport News).

In addition, one separate award for at least \$1000.00 will be available for a student to pursue post-secondary studies in science and engineering. **Applicants may be considered separately for this award.**

Available Scholarships: Up to five (5) \$1000.00 scholarships and up to two (2) \$500.00 scholarships, are available for high school seniors attending any Public High School in the Hampton Roads, VA area.

One additional separate award, the Dr. Charles E. Harris scholarship for science and engineering in the amount of at least \$1000.00 will be awarded to a recipient specifically to further science and engineering post-secondary studies.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

* Seeking graduating seniors with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities as well as participation in extracurricular school activities.

* Applicants for all awards must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, provide their family annual income and number of persons living in the home on the application and plan to attend a two (2) or four (4) year college or technical school (to include skilled apprenticeship programs). Priority consideration will be given to those at or below a household income of \$82,000/year based on the prior year's IRS tax submission.

* Scholarship funds will be paid ***in August 2024 or January 2025 for the second semester of the student's first year directly to the college*** and not to the student. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Foundation at that time information indicating the student ID number/or student account information and college information for payment.

* Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program. ***The C.R.O.P Foundation strongly suggests that each participating high school present this opportunity to the strongest applicants that match this program's guidelines.*** Application deadline is **May 3, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.** to be received from the Foundation. Late applications are not accepted.

E-mail one pdf file of a completed application package and supporting documents (*This includes application with signoff by Guidance Department, essays, resume, and school transcript*) to the

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C.R.O.P Foundation Scholarship Committee at cropfoundationscholarships@gmail.com by the aforementioned due date for consideration.

The applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected by a committee consisting of volunteers from the C.R.O.P Foundation. Academic merit demonstrated community service/involvement, and family need (as determined by family income) are the selection criteria for this award. Priority consideration will be provided to applicants with a household income below \$82,000/year based on the prior year's IRS tax submission. The scholarships will be awarded in May or June 2024.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the C.R.O.P Foundation Scholarship Committee at chesapeakecropfoundation@gmail.com. Please submit any questions to: chesapeakecropfoundation@gmail.com or visit our website at <https://www.chesapeakecropfoundation.org>.

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THE C.R.O.P FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023-2024

Please type your answers.		
1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.	
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ____ NO ____	
7.	Name and location of High School attending:	
8.	(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9. Applicants may attach separate pages to address this question.) A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:	

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	<p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p>
9.	<p>A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:</p> <p>B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:</p>
10.	<p>List Family Gross Annual Income from your 2023 Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22:</p> <p>\$ _____</p>
11.	<p>Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):</p> <p>(Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)</p> <p>Name(s) :</p> <p>Street:</p> <p>City: State: Zip:</p> <p>Contact phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:</p> <p>Email:</p>

Are you also applying for the Dr. Charles E. Harris Science and Engineering Scholarship also?

YES ☐ NO ☐

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12. In a separate pdf file, submit a written essay (500-750 words) answering the question below:

Please describe your academic and career goals and explain how you plan to achieve those goals. Also, discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.

In a separate pdf file, submit a written essay (250-500 words) answering the question below:

Describe your current efforts to serve your local community. Discuss the importance of community service to you and how you plan to use your talents to benefit others.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Foundation's scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the C.R.O.P Foundation Scholarship policy, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony, preplanned surprise, or reception in May or June 2024 to receive my scholarship award (accommodation may be made for planned travel).

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the C.R.O.P Foundation Scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to remit to the Foundation the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution for my second semester in December 2024/January 2025, should additional award funds become available.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant (typed name indicates signature):

_____ **Date:** _____

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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to the C.R.O.P Foundation Scholarship Program (a signed letter of recommendation may be submitted in lieu of this document).

Name of Guidance Counselor submitting the application:

High School:

Contact information (email and phone): _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____

Date: _____

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Application Checklist

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- ☐ Application
- ☐ Essays (2)
- ☐ Resume/Activity Sheet
- ☐ Guidance Counselor signature or letter or recommendation
- ☐ School Transcript

E-MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE FOUNDATION AT:

cropfoundationscholarships@gmail.com;

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the Foundation's Office is:

May 3, 2024, 11:59 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!