

HOPE FOR A BETTER SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Hope for a Better South Carolina Foundation Scholarship Committee awards college scholarships to graduating Junior Civitans in South Carolina.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

The Hope for a Better South Carolina Foundation Scholarship is a competitive program. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic merit, commitment to the goals of Junior Civitan showing exemplary service to community, and potential to succeed in the student's chosen educational field. Award winners must have a strong showing of academic merit and accomplishment in Junior Civitan. Selections are based on information received from the application and the additional requested materials received with a postmark of no later than February 28, 2026. Information received is subject to verification by school officials.

Scholarships shall be awarded on an objective and non-discriminatory basis with neither race, creed, nationality, color, sex, age, nor disability being considered.

Decisions of the Hope for a Better South Carolina Scholarship Committee are final. Justification for recipient selections will not be released.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

The applicant must meet the following criteria for eligibility:

1. Completed at least one full year of continuous and current dues paying membership in an active Junior Civitan Club in South Carolina that is in good standing with Civitan International as of January 5 of the year in which the award will be made.
2. Be a senior in high school and planning to attend an accredited public or private college or university located in the U. S. as a full-time student in the fall of the year the award is made.
3. Have a minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
4. Plan to earn a recognized undergraduate academic degree in the time normally prescribed for satisfactory progress.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SELECTIONS

The Hope for a Better South Carolina Scholarship Committee will select the winners. An email will be sent to the winners on or before April 30, 2026 and winners will be published on the Foundation website.

AWARDS

Awards are made as follows:

1. At least one new scholarship will be offered per year.
2. A one-time scholarship award of between \$500 to \$2,000.
3. Information must contain the name of the college or university the student will attend.
4. Scholarship check will be made payable to the college or university the student will attend.
5. Funds not used pursuant to these rules must be returned to The Hope for a Better South Carolina Foundation.

QUALIFYING INSTITUTIONS

In order to qualify as an eligible institution, the college or university must be an accredited public or private college or university located in the United States. The recipient's school of choice must be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code. Funds will not be issued for any scholarship unless the school maintains that exemption. Scholarships are awarded for undergraduate work only. Any changes in plans for college after notification of receipt of the scholarship must be given in writing to the Hope for a Better South Carolina Foundation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PACKET:

APPLICATION FORM

Complete ALL fields on the application form. Note that if you have completed the Shropshire Scholarship application you may submit a legible and complete copy of that application along with your letters of recommendation. Since the Shropshire application is online you will need to save a screenshot or similar copy of that application before submission. Visit <https://juniorcivitan.org/shropshire-scholarships> for more information on Shropshire Scholarships.

TRANSCRIPT

Have your high school counselor submit a copy of your transcript through the fall semester. Your transcript must include your:

grades, cumulative GPA through the Fall 2024 semester, SAT/ ACT scores, class rank

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor on school letterhead as well as a letter of recommendation from the applicant's advisor.

ESSAY

Submit a one-page essay about your Junior Civitan experience, and how it has affected or will affect your college plans, career goals, and your community service goals.

ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ONE ENVELOPE.

The application form, transcript, letters of recommendation, and essay must be submitted in one envelope. If your counselor or teacher chooses to seal your transcript or letter of recommendation, you must include the sealed information in a large envelope along with the other required materials.

The official signed application and accompanying materials must be submitted to the The Hope for a Better South Carolina Scholarship Committee with a postmark no later than February 28, 2026.

QUESTIONS AND ALL MATERIALS MUST BE DIRECTED TO:

The Hope for a Better South Carolina Scholarship Committee
c/o Richard Gay
430 Rogers Lane
Lancaster, SC 29720

or via email to Hope4abetterSC@gmail.com. Please use "scholarship application" as the subject line.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME OF APPLICANT:

HIGH SCHOOL:

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

COUNSELOR NAME:

ADVISOR NAME:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
STUDENT WILL ATTEND:

JUNIOR CIVITAN
MEMBERSHIP DATES:

LIST JUNIOR CIVITAN OFFICES/ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Attach additional pages if needed including essay page

By completing this application, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information that I have provided in this application is accurate. I also give the Hope for a Better South Carolina Scholarship Committee permission to contact my school to verify any information deemed necessary to make an informed decision regarding the scholarship selection.

Signature of Applicant

Date