



Pinnacle of Hope

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SCHOLARS OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Scholars of Hope Scholarship (SOHS) was established to acknowledge and reward under-served high school seniors with a dream of furthering their education and who exhibit a strong work ethic, dedication to their community and who has demonstrated the tenacity to overcome obstacles in life. We believe in the core values of hard work, integrity, respect, perseverance and commitment and we want to support students who embody those values.

SOHS not only fosters the development of high school graduates' but places a greater emphasis on the student's determination to succeed rather than just the academic record and test scores. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 each. Deadline for the submission of application and required materials is March 30, with an award date of April 30th each year.

The Scholars of Hope Scholarship is administered by Pinnacle of Hope, a faith based 501(c) (3) non-profit organization located in Miami-Dade County, Florida, whose mission is to empower and educate children and families with the tools needed to fulfill their purpose in life. Since 2010, Pinnacle of Hope has unselfishly supported educational and social endeavors that have enriched the lives of children and families both in Haiti and the United States.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements listed below are encouraged to submit a scholarship application. The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must reside in Miami-Dade or Broward County.
2. Must be a United States citizen or non-citizen who has a current lawful presence in the United States.
3. Applicants must have a letter of acceptance from an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning (college, university or trade school).
4. Demonstrate a financial need.
5. Has a strong work ethic, involvement in community/extracurricular activities, leadership skills, takes initiative and who has overcome hardship to accomplish their educational goals.
6. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCEDURE:

Each Applicant Must Submit:

- Completed application packet via email, mail or online through our website before or on the March 31, 2022 deadline. Only applications received during this time frame will be reviewed.
- Unofficial high school transcript showing your most recent course work.
- Two letters of recommendation from your high school faculty/staff, religious leader or a community service agency.
- A one page typed essay depicting the following: (a). Describe your career and education goals (b). Tell us what obstacles you have faced in the past and how you have overcome them (c). Describe the qualities you have developed that will help you succeed in obtaining your goals.
- A copy of the page containing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA application or proof of free/reduced lunch, which is located on your transcript/report card. (Only the page displaying your EFC is needed)
- A professional photo for use to identify winners in all publicity documents.

Review and Award Information: Packets will be reviewed by our Education Committee who will select winners based on the content of their essay with a focus on community service hours, financial need, recommendation letters and GPA.

- Upon selection of the scholarship winners, an official notification will be sent via mail and/or email.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the educational institution and can be used for tuition, housing, or other educational expenses. (Funds will be released after proof of enrollment is received).

Below you will find various methods for submission of your completed application packets and required documents:

SCHOLARSHIP MAILING ADDRESS:

Pinnacle of Hope, Inc.
Attn: Education Committee
19821 NW 2nd Avenue #242
Miami Gardens, FL 33169

TO SUBMIT BY EMAIL:

Please send to
pinnacleofhope@gmail.com

SUBMIT via WEBSITE:

The application is also available on our website at **www.pinnacleofhope.org/scholarships** along with the ability to upload the required documents.

Note

Rules of eligibility and all requirements governing the Scholars of Hope Scholarship are available at www.pinnacleofhope.org/scholarships page.

Additional Information

- In the event that an applicant is selected who no longer meets the criteria set forth; funding will not be awarded and the next runner-up will be selected.
- Relatives of the Pinnacle of Hope Board or the Education Committee are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Students are expected to commit to civic/social responsibility.
- Zero tolerance for violence or substance abuse.



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Scholars of Hope Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information:

(Please type or print in blue or black ink.)

Student Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Other: _____

Email: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Gender: Male ____ Female ____ Legal Status: US Citizen Permanent Resident

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(If different from above)

School Information:

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Grade Point Average _____

I have applied to the following college(s) / university (ies) or trade school(s).

Anticipated Field of Study _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that all the information in this application is, to the best of my knowledge and understanding, true, complete, and accurate. I understand that if I have provided as part of this application any inaccurate information of a substantial nature, my application will be disqualified. I further certify that I am either a U.S. citizen or have permanent resident status. I also grant my high school permission to release any information concerning my records that is necessary for administration of the scholarship including grades.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____