HCHEC Hardship/Adversity Scholarship

Application required - deadline is March 1

This scholarship is awarded annually to Horry County high school seniors who plan to attend Coastal Carolina University who have persevered through hardship and/or adversity.

Hardship/Adversity Scholarship Requirements

- Achieve a minimum 2.5 high school GPA through the junior year;
- Be an Horry County resident and high school senior (the Horry County high school must be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools);
- Be admitted to Coastal Carolina University;
- Complete and submit the scholarship application to Coastal Carolina University by March 1; and
- Provide documentation of being employed during the school year and provide a letter of recommendation from your employer;
- Attach a brief essay (typed) describing a hardship and/or adversity you have endured and how that has impacted your life; and
- Be recommended by the high school principal or appointed school official.

Award Amount: $2,500 annually for up to four years or eight semesters (renewal criteria must be met annually) and a computer. Recipients must be enrolled full-time at Coastal Carolina University.

Renewal Criteria:

- Be enrolled fulltime;
- Complete a minimum of 30 credits annually (includes summer terms if needed); and
- Maintain a cumulative CCU GPA of 2.5.

Beginning each December, applications may be obtained from your high school counselor, or from CCU’s Financial Aid & Scholarships webpage. Applications will be reviewed by the HCHEC Scholarship Committee. The number of new awards may vary annually.
Horry County Higher Education Commission and Coastal Carolina University

HARDSHIP/ADVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP
2017-2018

APPLICATION

Deadline: March 1, 2017

Name ____________________________________________

Social Security number (last four digits) XXX - XX - ________________

Address ____________________________________________

Street __________________________ City __________ State _______ ZIP code ________

Email address ____________________________________________

Telephone: Home_________________________ Cell __________________________

College major ____________________________________________

Name of high school ____________________________________________

High school cumulative GPA __________________________ as of (month/year) ________________

CERTIFICATION: By signing this application, I certify that I am a resident of Horry County and the information contained in this application is complete and accurate.

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Hardship/Adversity Scholarship: A brief essay (typed) should accompany this application. The maximum length is two double-spaced typed pages. The essay should describe a hardship and/or adversity you have endured and explain how it has impacted your life. The essay will be evaluated for content, as well as for spelling and grammar.

In addition, provide documentation of employment during the school year (i.e. paystub, W-2, letter from employer, etc.) and a letter of recommendation from your employer.

Employer Name ____________________________________________

Dates of Employment __________________________ From ________ To ________

Supervisor Name ____________________________________________

Employer Name ____________________________________________

Dates of Employment __________________________ From ________ To ________

Supervisor Name ____________________________________________

Completed application must be returned VIA EMAIL by March 1, 2017, to ABS@COASTAL.EDU
RECOMMENDATION FORM

THIS SECTION (ONLY) TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

Name of applicant __________________________________________

Social Security number (last four digits) XXX - XX - ___________ Term/Year ___________

Telephone __________________________ Email __________________________

To the applicant: Complete the above information and give this form to an appropriate high school principal, teacher or coach.

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, TEACHER OR COACH

Please answer the questions below in a specific and candid manner noting any instances that illustrate the applicant’s leadership, community service and/or volunteerism within the last 24 months.

Use additional sheets of paper if needed.

1. How long have you known the applicant? Years__________ Months__________

   Under what circumstances?

   ____________________________________________________________

   ____________________________________________________________

2. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, how would you rate his/her academic skills and potential to succeed at Coastal Carolina University?

   ____________________________________________________________

3. Check (below) how you would rate the applicant’s characteristics and motivation:

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4. A formal letter of recommendation expanding upon the applicant’s qualifications must accompany this form.

   Name (print) __________________________ Title __________________________

   Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

   Telephone __________________________ Email __________________________

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