

HCHC Hardship/Adversity Scholarship

Application required - deadline is March 15

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 published deadline;
- 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.

Applications will be available to all accepted CCU students via [WebAdvisor](#). After logging into WebAdvisor, click on the link 'Apply for Application-based Scholarships' to apply. Applications will be reviewed by the HCHC Scholarship Committee. The number of new awards may vary annually.

Completed application must be returned VIA WebAdvisor by March 15

HARDSHIP/ADVERSITY Scholarship

APPLICATION

Deadline: March 15

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 _____

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Horry County Higher Education Commission and Coastal Carolina University

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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:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Disagree
Positive attitude/cooperative				
Exceptional aptitude				
Is highly motivated				

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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