2023 VFS-HRC High School Scholarship

Purpose
The Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) of the Vertical Flight Society International (VFS) sponsors an annual scholarship to recognize and assist high school seniors who wish to pursue a college education leading to a career in STEM related fields such as engineering, physics, mathematics, or computer science.

Eligibility
High school seniors within the Hampton Roads Chapter Area (entire state of Virginia except Washington, D.C. metro area) are encouraged to apply. This includes, but is not limited to:
   - Chesapeake, Gloucester, Hampton, Isle of Wright, James City County, Matthews, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Poquoson, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, York County.
   - Private and homeschool seniors are also encouraged to apply.

Award
Three scholarships, $1,000 each, will be awarded to qualified recipient(s).

Application Requirements and Weights
30% One (or two) essays of 2-3 pages addressing the following topics:
   - (Mandatory) What developing technology or potential government policy will help eVTOL vehicles become a reality in the next ten years?
   - (Optional) Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

30% Scholastic achievement (GPA, high school transcripts, and SAT/ACT scores).
25% 2-3 letters of recommendation, written by school faculty, guidance counselors, coaches, work supervisors, leaders of extra-curricular activities, and others the applicant might choose.
15% Leadership potential as demonstrated by extra-curricular activities and awards.

Application Checklist
Compile all of the documents below into a single application package:
- This completed application form
- Attachment listing extra-curricular activities and awards, not to exceed 2 pages
- Essay addressing the prompt(s) above
- SAT/ACT score reports (unofficial copies acceptable)
- High school transcripts with official signature and/or seal
- Letters of recommendation with VFS-HRC recommendation forms in sealed envelopes

Mail the completed package in one envelope to:
   Hampton Roads Chapter – VFS
   Attn: Scholarship Committee
   PO Box 4249
   Fort Eustis, VA 23604-4249
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Applications must be postmarked by March 3, 2023. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Selection of the winner(s) will be announced on the VFS-HRC website by May 1, 2023. Questions regarding the scholarship application and process should be sent to education@vfshrc.onmicrosoft.com.
Personal Information
Applicant Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ______________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: ________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: _________________________________

School Information
High School: ___________________________ Graduation Date: ______________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: ________________
Names of individuals writing Letters of Recommendation: _________________________

Scholastic Information
Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA): _______________ Out-of-a-possible: _______________
(example: GPA: 3.2 Out-of-a-possible 4.0)
SAT/ACT Score: Reading _______________ Math _______________ Writing _______________

College Information
Intended College: ___________________________ Major: ___________________________

Signature
I certify that all information on this form is accurate and represents my own work, without aid or assistance from others. I authorize the Hampton Roads Chapter of VFS to use my name and photograph in any press releases or web sites announcing the scholarship winner(s).

Applicant: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Extra-Curricular Activities and Awards Attachment
On a separate attachment not to exceed 2 pages, list your extracurricular activities and awards. Include all activities such as engineering, related STEM fields, liberal arts, athletics, work experience, and volunteer service. Include all awards such as college-level coursework; local, state, and national honors; and similar achievements. For each item, include the dates of participation, leadership positions held (if appropriate), and a short description of that activity or award.
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Letter of Recommendation Form

The Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) of the Vertical Flight Society (VFS) sponsors an annual $1,000 scholarship for high school seniors. Each applicant is required to produce at least two references. The applicant may make copies of this Letter of Recommendation Form for each referee.

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: ________________________________

High School: __________________________________________

**Referee Information**

Referee Name: ________________________________

Referee’s Organization & Position: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City: ________________________________ State: ________ Zip Code: _____________

Phone: ________________________________ Email: ________________________________

**To the Referee:** In your letter of recommendation, please answer the questions below regarding the applicant’s abilities and achievements. When completed, return your letter and this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope for inclusion in the scholarship package. Questions regarding the VFS-HRC scholarship should be sent to education@vfshrc.onmicrosoft.com.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. In what ways has the applicant expressed or demonstrated an interest in a career in engineering or related technical fields?

3. In your opinion, does the applicant possess the capabilities (such as leadership skills, self-motivation, ability to work within a team) needed to succeed in an engineering or technical career?