

**Vertical Flight Society
Hampton Roads Chapter**

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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
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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.

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Application Form

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?