

Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Overview

Our Mission - The Hoover Chamber provides networking opportunities for our members to meet other business people in the Chamber. We encourage our members to conduct business with other members. We constantly strive to promote our members to the public, Hoover-area communities, residents, visitors, other businesses and government agencies.

The scholarships awarded by the Hoover Chamber are a way that our membership reinvests in our community. We are looking for individuals that have participated in or benefited from Commerce from the Hoover Area. As our above Mission Statement reflects, networking with others and supporting local Chamber businesses is what we are all about.

When choosing a student for this scholarship we will be looking for someone who is looking to better the community in which they live through their future aspirations of higher education and entrepreneurial spirit.

Hoover Area Chamber Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Eligibility

1. The applicant must be employed by or parents employed by a Hoover Chamber Member or City of Hoover. A rising senior in high school for college applicants OR pursuing a vocational career for Vo-Tech applicants.
2. The applicant must be enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an undergraduate course of study during the 2020-2021 academic school year at an accredited 2- or 4- year college, university, or vocation-technical college in the State of Alabama.

Application

1. Scholarship applications and accompanying documentation must be completed in full and returned to the Hoover Chamber office by the submission deadline of Friday, March 6, 2020. to be considered for scholarship.
2. Please type or neatly print applications in black or blue ink.
3. All information provided to Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce with the scholarship applications will remain confidential. No materials will be returned.

Selection

1. Applications will be reviewed by the Chamber Scholarship Committee.

2. Finalists will be asked to meet with the Scholarship Committee for an interview between March 16 and March 26, 2020.
3. Recipients of the Scholarship shall be notified no later than March 27 and are expected to attend the Scholarship Awards Luncheon, scheduled for April 16, 2020.
4. All decisions concerning the scholarship award will be the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee, and all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Payment

1. Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce intends to award 4 Scholarships. Final dollar amount of scholarships are dependent on funding and are estimated to be \$4,000 each.
2. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to the institution of the recipient's designations no later than August 2019.
3. Recipients of the scholarship must provide Hoover Chamber of Commerce with proof of enrollment at the intended school named on the application. Such proof would be a course schedule, receipt from registrar's office, etc.
4. Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarships are non-recurring awards.

Please list all volunteer, community service, or philanthropic activities in which you participated

Name of Organization	# of months/ years participated	Description

Please list any other extracurricular activities: church, social group, held etc while in High School

Name of Activity	# of months/ years participated	Offices Held, Honors, Awards

Please list all employment you have had

Name of Employer	# of months/ years participated	Paid / unpaid / comments

Please complete the attached **Statement of Need Form & the Personal Statement form.**
 Submission of these forms are

Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Personal Statement Form

In your own words, Please attach a typed, signed statement responding to the following prompts. Typed responses should be double spaced, use the 12 point font, and not exceed three pages.

Respond to the following prompts:

Describe how you believe the Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce benefits Hoover Area Businesses and how you and or your family have benefited from a local business. Incorporate your education and career goals into this statement and if awarded this scholarship, how will it help you attain these goals?

The attached statement contains my own, original thought. The information given is true.

Student's Signature

Date

required for scholarship consideration.

NOTE: A résumé and letters of recommendation may be included with application. While these items are often helpful, they are not mandatory.

Comments: Any additional information about yourself that you would like to share that could aid the selection committee in evaluating your application:

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Statement of Need

Father's Employment _____

Mother's Employment _____

Other immediate family members in college next year _____

Percent of other family members' college costs the family expects to pay next year _____

Number of brothers and/or sisters living at home next year _____

Total amount of education loans your parents have secured to date for you and your other immediate family members who will be in college next year: \$ _____

Have you received notification of other scholarship awards? If so, in what amount?

Approximate total college expenses anticipated for next year for all college students in your family \$ _____

Please provide a general breakdown:

Tuition/Fees _____

Room & Board _____

Books _____

Misc expenses _____

Total: _____

Please provide a copy of the source for the above costs. For example, provide a cost summary from the college catalog or web site or other sources of estimated costs.

In the space provided below or on an attached sheet, please provide a full and clear statement of your financial need for the coming academic year. Explain why an investment in your college education will provide positive returns. This statement is a major consideration of the selection committee. Attach additional sheets if needed.

The statement and figures noted above are true to the best of my knowledge

Student's Signature

Date