

Grow Our Own Scholarship Application



2020 Scholarship Program

The Hope Renewed Youth Conference created a scholarship program to combat the growing trend of local talent leaving the Peoria area and to promote and the lack of diversity in Peoria County's educational institutions and law enforcement community. We seek to reverse these trends by providing students with financial support and an incentive to return to the community that helped make them successful. The goal of this program is to help the community have more officers and teachers who reflect the students and community. This up to \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded annually for four (4) years to the recipient on the condition they meet all the requirements. This program is based upon availability of funds and is subject to review on a regular basis. This program can be discontinued at any time.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Seeking graduating seniors with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities, participation in extracurricular school activities, and a commitment to diversity in the Peoria metro committee.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have full time acceptance and enrollment at a 4-year accredited institution.
- Applicants must have a total family annual income under \$60,000.
- Applicants must be enrolled in an education or law enforcement discipline.

Application Criteria and Required Submission Materials

- Application Deadline: April 1, 2020 [Late applications are not accepted]
- Completed Application
- Letter of Intention to attend 4-year accredited college or university with enrollment in an education, law, or law enforcement discipline.
- Resume
- Two letters of Recommendation – one must from a teacher at your current high school. No letters from parents or family members.
- Official high school transcript.
- For every scholarship awarded, a one-year commitment of employment as a full-time employee in Peoria metro area is required upon graduation.
- Applicants must maintain a 3.0 GPA during the life the scholarship. Applicants will be required to provide their transcripts annually.

Mail one copy of a completed typed application package to:
(This includes application, Letter of Intention, essay,
resume, recommendation letters and school transcript.)

Hope Renewed Youth Conference, Inc.
c/o Sherry Cannon
P.O. Box 6396
Peoria, Illinois 61601

The applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected by the Grow Our Own Scholarship committee.

Please submit any questions to: cannon095@gmail.com

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2020

Please type your answers.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender: _____
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript is required.
6.	Are you the first person in your family to go to college? YES ___ NO ___
7.	Name and location of High School attending:
8.	(You may use a separate page if necessary) A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:
9.	A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name: (Letter of Intention to Attend is required)
10.	List Family Gross Annual Income from your Income Tax Form 1040 Line #22: \$ <i>(If selected, recipients may be asked to verify annual household income is under \$60,000 by supplying pg. 1 of their IRS Income Tax Form)</i>

11. On a separate sheet please write an essay (250 - 500 words) answering the questions below:

Describe how volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today and what community service has taught you. Also, discuss the challenges you see in achieving diversity in Peoria County's educational institutions and law

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enforcement community and upon your return to Peoria after receiving your degree what steps you will take to expand diversity in Peoria County's educational institutions and law enforcement community.

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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Committee's scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony or reception to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

I have read the terms and conditions of the Grow Our Own Scholarship. I affirm that I plan to pursue a career in education or law enforcement in the Peoria, Illinois metro area as defined in application criteria. Failure to follow the application guidelines or meet the application criteria may result in the revocation of the scholarship and repayment of the scholarship funds. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- Application
- Letter of Intention to Attend 4-year, accredited, college/university
- Essay
- Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Official School Transcript

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE COMMITTEE AT:

**Hope Renewed Youth Conference, Inc.
P.O. Box 6396
Peoria, Illinois 61601**

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the Committee's Office is:

April 1, 2020

NO EXCEPTIONS!