

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 Application

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Current Address _____

Relationship to the Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce _____

Phone _____ GPA _____ High School Attended _____

ACT Score _____ SAT Score _____ Year of High School Graduation _____

Institution in which you expect to enroll for Fall 2017 _____

Have you received notification of admittance to the above institution? _____

Course of study/Major you intend to pursue _____

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

Name of Activity	Number of months and of years of participation	Offices Held, Honors, Awards

Please complete the attached **Statement of Need Form**. Submission of this form is required for scholarship consideration.

Please complete the attached **Personal Statement Form** Submission of this form is 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:

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

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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

Hoover Area Chamber Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a Hoover Resident; 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. Adults meeting these criteria are also eligible.
2. The applicant must be enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an undergraduate course of study during the 2017-2018 academic school year at a regionally accredited 2- or 4- year college, university, or vocation-technical college in 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 10, 2017 by 4 p.m.** 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 may be asked to meet with the Scholarship Committee for an informal interview, during the week of April 10th.
3. Recipients of the Scholarship will be notified no later than April 28 and are expected to attend the Scholarship Awards Luncheon, scheduled for May 18, 2017.
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. The Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce will be awarding Scholarships for 2017.
2. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to the institution of the recipient's designations no later than August 1, 2017.
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.