

2026
HARRISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS
AND
APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Harrison County Solid Waste Authority feels that the education of both students and the general public is an important step in eliminating solid waste management problems. Through the scholarship program, it is our goal to provide financial assistance to you, the student, in the hopes of producing knowledgeable and responsible solid waste professionals for the future.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

I. DEADLINES

June 30 – All completed application forms and back-up documentation must be received by the Harrison County Solid Waste Authority. A teleconference call/interview with the applicant may be scheduled upon receipt of completed application.

July/August – Submitted to the HCSWA Board for review and announcement of the Scholarship winner(s).

II. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A. Eligibility

To be considered for an award the candidate must be a full-time student in Harrison County, in good standing at the time of the recommendation pursuing an education in the areas of Litter Control, Recycling, Pollution, Solid Waste Issues or in a related applied science (i.e, Environmental Science, Biology, Ecology, etc.). Further, HCSWA pledges to uphold the policy that all persons shall have equal access to this program, regardless of race, color, age, sex, marital status, creed, religion or disability.

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors; graduate equivalent certified candidates or currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning that have been accepted for enrollment in a junior college, four-year college or university, or an accredited trade school.

B. Awards

Four \$2,500.00 awards may be given annually. Beginning July 1, 2027, the HCSWA will be limiting the number of times a candidate can receive scholarships to two years. These two years may or may not be consecutive years. When possible, consideration may be given to awarding the applications in a method that represents the entire membership area. The HCSWA reserves the right to award varying amounts depending on the number of qualified applicants and the funds that have been approved for the year. If no submissions or a lack of qualified submissions are received, the

HCSWA Scholarship Committee reserves the right to carry over the designated monies to the subsequent years scholarship fund.

III. SCORING OF APPLICATIONS

Graduating High School Senior

1. Academics 50%
 - a. GPA
 - b. ACT and/or SAT scores
 - c. Academic achievement awards/honors
2. Community Activities 20%
 - a. Student organization participation
 - b. Volunteer activities
 - c. High school ROTC., military, etc.
3. Extracurricular 20%
 - a. Athletics
 - b. Music, drama, debate, etc.
 - c. Employment
4. Quality of the written discussion 10%
 - a. Clarity and organization of the work
 - b. Grammar
 - c. Accuracy and originality

IV. COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Each applicant will be required to submit the completed application form and assure that all back-up documentation is sent to the HCSWA by June 30th, including:

1. SAT/ACT Achievement Test Scores
2. Current grade point average
3. High school transcripts and attendance records
4. Acceptance to an accredited institution
5. Minimum college semester requirement (hours needed to be considered full-time)

The back-up documentation should be sent in sealed envelopes to the Harrison County Solid Waste Authority Scholarship Committee Chairperson.

Applicants have the responsibility for verifying that the Scholarship Chairperson has received their back-up documentation. Please leave sufficient time for the institution to process and mail your requested

documentation. Be aware that if you miss the deadline of June 30th for submittal of your application and back-up documentation, you will be disqualified.

Illegible applications or applications without proper signatures will not be accepted. If more space is required to document awards, citizenship qualification or extracurricular activities, these forms may be copied.

All scholarship recipients must be present in the offices of the Harrison County Solid Waste Authority at an agreed upon time for the presentation of their check and consent to the publication of their names and photographs from this presentation.

Note: Applicants who received a scholarship in the previous year will need only to update application and are NOT required to complete the entire application. A modified application is attached (Attachment A) for your convenience and must be filled out in its entirety. This is the only form you need to fill out. An overall GPA of 3.0 or greater must be maintained to qualify for scholarship.

V. SUMMARY

With this document, HCSWA has attempted to outline the application requirements for the HCSWA Scholarship Awards Program. We realize, however, that there will always be questions that cannot be answered on paper. If any questions or problems should arise, please feel free to call your Scholarship Chairperson.

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1. Applicant's full name _____
2. Applicant's address and telephone _____

3. High school name, address and telephone _____
4. High school attendance records _____
5. Please have a complete transcript, SAT/ACT Achievement Test scores and a copy of your college/university acceptance mailed to the Scholarship Chairperson.
6. Current Grade Point Average _____ SAT/ACT score _____
7. What college/university do you plan to attend? _____
8. What major are you considering at this time? _____
9. Please attach a one-page discussion of your views on solid waste management: what it is, who participates, what are the current issues facing the profession, and your thoughts on its future direction.
10. Please submit a short statement of any personal obstacles you have had to overcome and your financial needs, listing any other scholarships or educational funding awarded to date for the coming year in context with estimated tuition and related expenses. If applicable, please attach a copy of your Free Application for Financial Student Aid Student Assessment Report.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

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Documentation of Academic Achievement Awards and Honors

Please include name of award, date of award and the name/phone number of award official or advisor

Award	Date of Award	Name/Phone of Official/Advisor
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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I, _____ verify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

This form may be copied if more space is needed.

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**Documentation of Citizenship Qualifications (student organizations,
volunteer organizations, High School ROTC and Military)**

Please include name of activity, date of involvement and the name/phone
number of coordinator

Award	Dates	Name/Phone of Coordinator
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Documentation of Extracurricular Activities Qualifications
(athletics, music, debate, yearbook, student paper, employment, etc.)**

Please include name of activity, date of involvement and the name/phone number of coordinator/employer

Award	Dates	Name/Phone of Coordinator/Employer
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Attachment A

Modified application for previous recipients
Complete ONLY if you received this scholarship the previous year

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1. Applicant's full name _____

2. Applicant's address and telephone _____

3. College/University name, address and telephone _____

4. Current Grade Point Average _____ Attach Transcript

5. What college/university do you plan to attend? _____

6. What major are you considering at this time? _____

7. Please submit a short statement of any personal obstacles you have had to overcome and your financial needs, listing any other scholarships or educational funding awarded to date for the coming year in context with estimated tuition and related expenses. If applicable, please attach a copy of your Free Application for Financial Student Aid Student Assessment Report.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____