Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in applying for financial aid through the Scholarship Committee of the Indian River County Habitat for Humanity. We want you to succeed in your chosen field and ease some of the monetary burden of further education, whether in a college, or workforce certification program. Attached is an Application Form that must be submitted as you decide on a course of study. Funding will be available at the start of the academic year or training program and may be renewed on certain conditions (see below). The application, including essays, a character reference and a picture must be received by the Scholarship Committee. The committee will meet to discuss all Applications received. The specific amounts of the scholarship awards will be in the complete discretion of the Scholarship Committee and will be subject to funds available.

Effective May 1, 2021, scholarships will be available only to those students attending a publicly funded institution or an accredited workforce certification program.

To be eligible for scholarship funding, you must be a Habitat homeowner, homebuyer at 60% or one of their dependents. Homeowners must have been approved for a Homestead Exemption. Dependents are those listed on the original Habitat for Humanity application. Stepchildren, dependents born after the application was submitted and others will be considered on a case by case basis after a thorough examination of the legal and familial status of the applicant. To be eligible for scholarship funds, Habitat homeowners must be current on their mortgage.

Funding will be available throughout the year and may be renewed on certain conditions.

Scholarships are awarded to pay for the costs of tuition and instructional materials only. You must have a GED or high school diploma. The maximum scholarship award is $2,000 for a course of study totaling twelve credit hours or more. If the hours are less than that, the amount is $167 per credit hour. You may apply for additional scholarship funding each semester or training period.

To re-apply you must:

1) Have documented proof of community service hours previously set by the Scholarship Committee. The specific number of hours and timelines for completion will be given at the time of the scholarship award. The hours must be completed at an approved non-profit 501(C)(3) location. Approved 501(C)(3) organizations are charitable, educational, or religious organizations.

2) Be in good standing within the program.

3) Maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, if in an academic program. Submit most recent transcripts.

Please completely and accurately fill out the Application Form. It has additional requirements that must be met.

DEADLINE to APPLY: 1 month prior to the first day of classes.

If you need help with the application process, please contact Elba Ortiz at the Burnham Center and she can refer you to a member of the Scholarship Committee who will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Elba Ortiz
Elba Ortiz
Family Services
O: 772-562-9860

Indian River Habitat for Humanity Scholarship Application

1) PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Homeowner Name: _____

Dependent Name (if applying): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone # cell: _____

Phone # home: _____

*How did you learn about the Scholarship Program?

Word of mouth _____ Pamphlet _____ Advertisement _____ Parent _____

Other (please explain) _____

2) REQUIREMENTS:

***Applicant must be a current Habitat homeowner or dependent and have successfully completed high school, received a GED or currently be a college student.

***Applicant must apply for their scholarship at least 4 weeks prior to the 1st day of class.

***The scholarship committee of Indian River Habitat for Humanity will interview all applicants in person and conduct periodic interviews.

***If requesting a scholarship, you must submit a copy of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This report may offer you additional information on grants and scholarships to make your education more affordable.

***Applicant must complete and verify community service hours performed at a non-profit, 501 (C)(3) organization. Eligible organizations are charitable, educational, or religious. Hours are typically assessed at 5 hours for every $500 awarded.

***Applicant must provide a copy of their most current transcript (high school, GED or college.)

 ***Applicant must answer three essay questions (see below #5); provide a character reference and a recent acceptable photo for potential Indian River Habitat for Humanity publications.

3) EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Name of college, university, workforce certification program or online program.
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Is the school or program regionally and/or nationally accredited? (required) Yes____   No ___

Name of accrediting agency: _____

Have you applied for or received any other scholarships, grants, loans or financial aid? Please disclose here (date, description, and amount awarded):
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Anticipated degree or certification: _____

Expected graduation or completion date: _____

Student ID Number: _____

4A) REQUIRED APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY:

Your scholarship application must include:

a) A copy of your completed and submitted FAFSA report.

b) A copy of your most recent transcript (high school, GED or college.)

c) A copy of next semester's class schedule.

d) Verification of qualified 501 (C)(3) **non-profit** community service hours performed (if applicable). Eligible organizations are charitable, educational, or religious.

e) Answers to essay questions (for first time applicants (see #5 below).

f) A character reference (for first time applicants) (see #6 below).

g) A recent photo of yourself (headshot preferred).

h) The application must be signed by the homeowner and dependent (if applicable) and dated. Use separate sheets as necessary to complete the application and to sign and date each sheet.

i) If re-applying for an academic scholarship, you must have previously maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

4B) REQUIRED APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR WORKFORCE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM:

Your scholarship application must include:

a) A description of the program you are seeking to undertake

b) A copy of your completed and submitted FAFSA report.

c) A copy of your most recent transcript (high school, GED or college.)

d) A copy of next semester's class schedule

e) Verification of qualified 501 (C)(3) **non-profit** community service hours performed (if applicable). Eligible organizations are charitable, educational, or religious.

f) Answers to essay questions (see # 5 below).

g) A character reference.

h) A recent photo of yourself (headshot preferred).

i) The application must be signed by the homeowner and dependent (if applicable) and dated. Use separate sheets as necessary to complete the application and to sign and date each sheet.

j) If re-applying for a workforce certification program scholarship, you must have previously maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

5) ESSAY QUESTIONS: (Minimum of **250** words per question. Please use a separate sheet for each question)

a) What are your plans for the future and how will this scholarship further those plans?

b) What interests (other than home, children, work and school) do you have or wish you had time to pursue?

c) What person has had the greatest positive influence on you and why?

6) CHARACTER REFERENCE: (someone you know well who can describe your essential qualities).

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

7) IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

    a) Scholarship amounts will be determined by the previous semester's grades and the number of hours enrolled for the next semester. Amounts awarded are in the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

    b) If the student withdraws from or fails any credit hours, their next scholarship award amount will be reduced based on the previously paid scholarship dollars for withdrawn or failed credit hours.

    c) Scholarship funds are sent directly to the Institution from Indian River Habitat for Humanity and deposited into the students' financial aid account. Funds awarded are to be used solely for tuition and instructional materials.

    d) Applicant must submit all items in the relevant application package before the scholarship check is processed. Please use separate sheets as necessary. Please make sure the application is complete.

DEADLINE to APPLY: 4 weeks before the first day of class.

I hereby certify that all of the information contained in this application is accurate and complete. As information is verified, if Indian River Habitat for Humanity finds any inaccuracies or fraudulent data provided within this application, it could result in a denial of the current scholarship request as well as all future scholarship applications, depending on the severity of the misrepresentation.

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          Homeowner Signature   Date

_____   _____

          Dependent Signature   Date