

2020-2021

The Hart & Home Scholarship Program

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County will award a \$2,500 scholarship to a college-bound child or adult from a Habitat home. The winner of the scholarship will have met specified criteria.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Applicant must be enrolled, accepted, or intended to enroll in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at an accepted university, college, or vocational program, for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Applicant must enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester.
3. Applicant must exhibit commitment to excellence and community.
4. Applicant must be an adult living in a Monroe County Habitat home, or be a child from a Monroe County Habitat home.
5. Applicants and recipients may apply each year. If you reapply, you can improve your odds for consideration by submitting new essays rather than resubmitting what you have written in previous years. Go the extra mile and be proactive in asking for other essay questions if you have applied more than once, so your answers do not look redundant. Applying for this scholarship, and any other, is like other things you will apply for in life: jobs, promotions, and opportunities. It is your time to present yourself in the best possible way. Do that by writing from your heart, unpacking your thoughts; showing your enthusiasm and passion for your ideas; letting people see who you are through your words and showing them why you want the opportunity.

Scholarship award disbursement:

1. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school where the recipient is enrolled.
2. The scholarship will be paid in two equal disbursements, one per semester (fall and spring).
3. A recipient who drops out before the second/spring semester will forfeit the remainder of the scholarship to an alternate. The alternate will be pre-determined by the selection committee.

Award winner(s) commitment

1. By April 30 of the year after winning the scholarship (after being in school for two full semesters), the award winner will submit an up-to-500 word essay summarizing his/her past year in school. The essay should reflect upon the winner's experiences at school, including balancing work and academics if applicable; challenges; strengths; surprises; favorite experience of the year and plans for the next academic year.

Application instructions:

1. All parts of the application must be completed and signed. Incomplete or unsigned applications will be deemed ineligible. All information in the application will be treated as confidential.
2. A completed application consists of:
 - Most recent transcript or GED certificate
 - Completed, signed application plus responses to the two essay questions (up to 500 words each). Please see note above if reapplying.
3. Submit the application to:
Attention: Poverty Elimination, Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County
213 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN 47408

Deadline: Application deadline for the 2020-2021 school year is **January 27, 2020.**

Notification: The Winner will be announced by March 1, 2020

Selection criteria:

Application Form 40 points

Essay 60 points (two questions, up to 500 words each)

Hart & Home Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

High school grade point average: _____

If currently enrolled in college, grade point average: _____

School to be attended during the next academic year:

Enrollment status: freshman sophomore junior senior graduate school

Going toward what degree or certificate program: _____

Planned field of study: _____

Expected degree completion date: _____

Choose 5 words that best describe you:

What are you most proud of?

List activities; extracurricular including athletics; employment; other responsibilities:

List community service and volunteer work (include dates of involvement):

List any honors or awards received:

How would your favorite teacher describe you?

What's the best advice you've ever been given?

How would you like to be notified of the decision: phone email u.s. mail

How would winning this scholarship affect your educational plans?

Two essay questions, up to 500 words each (type and submit your answers with the application). If you are reapplying and wish to request new essay questions, please allow yourself and the selection committee plenty of turnaround time in order to meet the deadline:

1. How has your Habitat home affected your life?
2. How do you think higher education will benefit you, and how will you use it to benefit others?

I hereby attest that all of the information I have provided for this application is true and accurate. If selected as a recipient, I understand that any misstatement or omission of fact on this application may result in the termination of my award.

I am a Habitat eligible candidate from a Monroe County Habitat home.

I will be enrolled in an accredited university, college or vocational school during the upcoming academic year.

I understand Habitat will use my name and photo for public relations purposes if selected as a recipient.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Please be sure to include your most recent transcript or GED certificate with your application**