



The Joe & Chesta Hembrooke “Reach for the STARS” Scholarship 2023 Application

All applications, with supporting documents, must be submitted to STARSofofWO@gmail.com by midnight on Friday, April 14, 2023

“Reach for the STARS” Scholarship Requirements

1. Student must be graduating from an OCPS high school student at the end of the 2022-2023 school year and must live in one of the following (West Orange County) zip codes: 32703, 32704, 32712, 32805, 32808, 32811, 32818, 32835, 32836, 32835, 34734, 34740, 34760, 34761, 34777, 34778, 34786, or 34787.
2. **The completed application, transcript, essay, letters of recommendation, test scores and acceptance letter/proof of application must be emailed by midnight on April 14, 2023 to STARSofofWO@gmail.com.** A confirmation email will be sent within 3 business days of your application being received.

The Scholarship Review Committee will determine the scholarship winner(s) based on funding and the quality of applications submitted.

Scholarships will range from \$250 - \$1000.

Scholarship winners must send proof of acceptance into a post-secondary institution before scholarship money is released.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print

Applicant: _____ **Current Age:** _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Parent/Guardian Name (that student lives with): _____

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip

Telephone: (_____) _____ **Email:** _____

High School you will graduate from: _____

Names of References (please print/type):

Academic Reference: _____

Position: _____ **Location:** _____

Personal Reference: _____

Relationship (Non-Family): _____

My signature below indicates that all information contained in the full application is complete and factually correct.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

****Please Note **** Failure to provide any of the below could disqualify applicant.

A. Official Transcript

An official transcript of schoolwork through the first semester of the current school year must be submitted, to include UNWEIGHTED cumulative grade point average and class standing for grades 9th- first semester 12th. **ONLY an official transcript will be accepted.**

This document cannot be an academic involvement or subject/grade printout.

B. Recent Test Scores– PSAT, SAT, ACT, TABE, or PERT scores accepted.

C. Application Packet

The application packet should include:

1. An **essay**, of no more than 800 words, responding to either question:
 - a. How have you made an impact in your community?
 - b. How will continuing education benefit yourself and your community?
2. An **acceptance letter from your desired institution**. If you do not have a letter of acceptance yet, please submit your application and then send in the acceptance letter ASAP.
3. A **list** of your outside activities, such as church or community involvement, offices held and/or paying jobs you have had outside of school hours.
4. A **list** of your membership in any school clubs and organizations.
5. A **list** of any academic and service honors received.

D. Reference Letters

One letter of academic recommendation **and one letter** of personal reference (non-relative) are required.

All applications must be submitted no later than Friday, April 14th at midnight to STARSoFWO@gmail.com.

It is suggested that all information be submitted simultaneously however, *letters of reference* and *transcripts* may be emailed separately.

Scholarship money will be distributed, upon confirmation of proper documentation, beginning June 1, 2023.