



# The Joe & Chesta Hembrooke “Reach for the STARS” Scholarship 2022 Application

All applications, with supporting documents, must be submitted to [STARSofofWO@gmail.com](mailto:STARSofofWO@gmail.com) by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022

## “Reach for the STARS” Scholarship Requirements

1. Student must be graduating from an OCPS high school student at the end of the 2018-2019 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 9:00pm on April 8, 2022 to [STARSofofWO@gmail.com](mailto: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 school work through the first semester of the current school year must be submitted, to include UNWEIGHTED cumulative grade point average and class standing for grades 9<sup>th</sup>- first semester 12<sup>th</sup>. **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 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm to [STARSOFWO@gmail.com](mailto:STARSOFWO@gmail.com).

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

***All participants will be invited to attend the STARS 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Giving and Volunteer Recognition Event to be held on April 29, 2022. Participants will be recognized and winners will be announced at 1pm. Scholarship money will be distributed, upon confirmation of proper documentation, beginning June 1, 2022.***