



JAMES O. THOMASON SCHOLARSHIP
Criteria and Eligibility

- This scholarship consists of \$2,000 annually, for up to four (4) consecutive years, to help a student further their education in print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications.
- The applicant must be a full time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school in South Carolina.
- The recipient must attend an institution of higher learning in South Carolina.
- The recipient must declare a major in electronic, print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications to qualify.
- Payment will be made to the same person for four consecutive years of college related to a major in the above disciplines.
- The recipient must maintain a GPR of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPR falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.
- Return both pages of the completed application, essay on a topic selected by the Hampton Fund*, personal essay and autobiography**, transcript of high school grades, college board scores, rank in high school class and a recent photograph **no later than February 26, 2021** to:

HAMPTON FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, PO Box 2641, Columbia, SC 29202

- The Board of Directors of the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund will make the final approval of the recipient and notify the winners. Their decision is final.
- Applications are available at:
www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org
via email at jim.goller@hamptonwildlifefund.org
by phone at: 803-600-1570

*****TOPICAL ESSAY:** The applicant will write a 1,200 word (approximate) essay on the following topic:

“Each year, the U.S. population grows by more than 1,700,000 people. South Carolina is no different, growing to over 5 million with a growth rate ranked sixth fastest in the country. Statistically, each additional person requires an additional acre of land and highways. This rapid influx of people has increased the demand for urbanization, resulting in a troubling rise in deforestation as we seek to find more land on which to build. What does this mean for farmland, biodiversity and animal habitats in the Palmetto State?”

*****PERSONAL ESSAY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY:** On separate paper, the applicant will write a brief autobiography to include a description of his/her career ambitions in the fields, why he/she desires a college education, plus explain his/her interests in wildlife, natural resources, the environment, coastal resources or related topics and why he/she will be good investment if awarded this scholarship. (No more than three pages typed).