2021 VFS-HRC High School Scholarship

**Purpose**
The Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) of the Vertical Flight Society International (VFS) sponsors an annual scholarship to recognize and assist high school seniors who wish to pursue a college education leading to a career in STEM related fields such as engineering, physics, mathematics, or computer science.

**Eligibility**
High school seniors within the Hampton Roads Chapter Area (entire state of Virginia except Washington, D.C. metro area) are encouraged to apply. This includes, but is not limited to:
- Chesapeake, Gloucester, Hampton, Isle of Wright, James City County, Matthews, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Poquoson, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg, York County.
- Private and homeschool seniors are also encouraged to apply.

**Award**
Two scholarships, $1,000 each, will be awarded to qualified recipient(s).

**Application Requirements and Weights**
30% One (or two) essays of 2-3 pages addressing the following topics:

* (Mandatory) What developing technology or potential government policy will help urban air vehicles become a reality in the next ten years?

* (Optional) Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

30% Scholastic achievement (GPA, high school transcripts, and SAT/ACT scores).
25% 2-3 letters of recommendation, written by school faculty, guidance counselors, coaches, work supervisors, leaders of extra-curricular activities, and others the applicant might choose.
15% Leadership potential as demonstrated by extra-curricular activities and awards.

**Application Checklist**
Compile all of the documents below into a single application package:
- This completed application form
- Attachment listing extra-curricular activities and awards, not to exceed 2 pages
- Essay addressing the prompt(s) above
- SAT/ACT score reports (unofficial copies acceptable)
- High school transcripts with official signature and/or seal
- Letters of recommendation with VFS-HRC recommendation forms in sealed envelopes

Mail the completed package in one envelope to:
- Hampton Roads Chapter – VFS
  - Attn: Scholarship Committee
  - PO Box 4249
  - Fort Eustis, VA 23604-4249
Vertical Flight Society – Hampton Roads Chapter
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Applications must be postmarked by **March 5, 2021**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Selection of the winner(s) will be announced on the VFS-HRC website by May 1, 2021. Questions regarding the scholarship application and process should be sent to education@vfshrc.onmicrosoft.com.
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Application Form

**Personal Information**

Applicant Name: _______________________________ Date of Birth: ______________________

Address: ______________________________________

City: ___________________________________________ State: ________ Zip Code: ____________

Phone: __________________________ Email: ________________________________

**School Information**

High School: _______________________________ Graduation Date: _________________

Address: ______________________________________

City: ___________________________________________ State: ________ Zip Code: ____________

Names of individuals writing Letters of Recommendation: ________________________________

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**Scholastic Information**

Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA): ________________ Out-of-a-possible: ________________
(example: GPA: 3.2 Out-of-a-possible  4.0)

SAT/ACT Score: Reading ________________ Math ________________ Writing ________________

**College Information**

Intended College: ___________________________ Major: ____________________________

**Signature**

I certify that all information on this form is accurate and represents my own work, without aid or assistance from others. I authorize the Hampton Roads Chapter of VFS to use my name and photograph in any press releases or web sites announcing the scholarship winner(s).

Applicant: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________

**Extra-Curricular Activities and Awards Attachment**

On a separate attachment not to exceed 2 pages, list your extracurricular activities and awards. Include all activities such as engineering, related STEM fields, liberal arts, athletics, work experience, and volunteer service. Include all awards such as college-level coursework; local, state, and national honors; and similar achievements. For each item, include the dates of participation, leadership positions held (if appropriate), and a short description of that activity or award.
The Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) of the Vertical Flight Society (VFS) sponsors an annual $1,000 scholarship for high school seniors. Each applicant is required to produce at least two references. The applicant may make copies of this Letter of Recommendation Form for each referee.

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________________________

High School: __________________________________________________________________

**Referee Information**

Referee Name: ______________________________________________________________

Referee’s Organization & Position: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: __________

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

**To the Referee:** In your letter of recommendation, please answer the questions below regarding the applicant’s abilities and achievements. When completed, return your letter and this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope for inclusion in the scholarship package. Questions regarding the VFS-HRC scholarship should be sent to education@vfshrc.onmicrosoft.com.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. In what ways has the applicant expressed or demonstrated an interest in a career in engineering or related technical fields?

3. In your opinion, does the applicant possess the capabilities (such as leadership skills, self-motivation, ability to work within a team) needed to succeed in an engineering or technical career?