** OPERATION HOPE, INC.**

 **2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

 211 West Rutherford St. Landrum, SC 29356

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**APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY**

* Reside within the Spartanburg School District One area; and, enrolled in either a public or private school, or home-schooled.
* Obtain a high school diploma in May/June 2025.
* Recipients must be accepted/enrolled for Fall 2025 at a technical/trade school, college or university.
* Additional consideration will be given to applicants if they a first-time immediate family member furthering their education beyond high school.
* We understand not everyone tests well so applicants may apply for the scholarship no matter their GPA; or teachers/administrators may reach out to Tonya Stone at Operation Hope to make a professional recommendation.
* Recipients are required but not limited to volunteer 10 hours at Operation Hope, Inc. the summer before beginning their Fall 2025 semester.
* Operation Hope does not discriminate as to race, color, religion, gender or national origin.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

***NOTE:*** Applications may be obtained from the Guidance Counselor office at Landrum High School and Chapman High School, Operation Hope facility or online at www. Operationhopelandrum.org.

***NOTE:*** **Application package must include and be received by Operation Hope** **on or before Friday, 2/28/2025:**

* Completed application in its entirety
* Copy of applicants’ high school transcript
* Recommendation letters from two of the applicants’ current or former high school teachers
* A 200+ word double-spaced essay using 12-font Times New Roman authored by the applicant:
	+ Describe your hopes and dreams for your future,
	+ Describe people who have been influential in your life,
	+ Share about your faith journey,
	+ What do you believe are your gifts or talents?
	+ What are your hobbies? What do you do fun?
	+ Share how you have helped others in your life; or, how someone has helped you,
	+ What areas of Operation Hope Outreach Ministries intrigue you?

**SELECTION PROCESS**

* Operation Hope board, volunteers and executive director will review all scholarship applications and meet with the applicants. A few Operation Hope representatives will meet with high school representatives to determine each schools' finalists.
* Scholarship recipient(s) will be determined based on essays illustrating applicant character, recommendation letters, and in-person or virtual meeting.
* If anyone has questions about the criteria, eligibility or process, please contact Tonya Stone @ 864-457-2812 or director@opertationhopelandrum.org

**SCHOLARSHIP VALUE $1,000**

* There will be four scholarships awarded between CHS and LHS applicants. Each recipient will receive $1,000 paid directly to the school they will be attending.

**Operation Hope ~ created to make a difference ~ believes the way forward is to offer people a hand UP in life!**