



**OPERATION HOPE, INC.**

**2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

206 East Rutherford St. Landrum, SC 29356

864-457-2812 ext. 101 [director@operationhopelandrum.org](mailto:director@operationhopelandrum.org)

**APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY**

- Must reside in Campobello (29322), Landrum (29356), or Gowensville (29356).
- Must have attended a school in Spartanburg School District One for grades 1st through 12th grade.
- Obtain a high school diploma at the end of the 2025-2026 school year (May 2026).
- Must enroll for Fall 2026 at a technical/trade school, college, or university.
- Must provide proof of 20 hours of volunteer or community service during your high school years (9th-12th).

**RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS:**

- Recipients must volunteer for 15 hours at Operation Hope, Inc., the summer before beginning the Fall 2026 semester.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE NOTE:**

Applications are available in your Guidance Counselor's office at Landrum High School, Chapman High School or at Operation Hope Thrift Store and online at [www.Operationhopelandrum.org](http://www.Operationhopelandrum.org).

**NOTE: Application package must include all required portions of the applications and must arrive at Operation Hope Inc., on or before Friday, 2/27/2026:**

- Operation Hope does not discriminate against race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.
- Complete application in its entirety.
- Copy of applicants' high school transcript through semester 1 senior year.
- 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.
  - Share how you believe a benevolent ministry impacts a community?

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

- Operation Hope board, volunteers and executive director will review all scholarship applications.
- All applicants must attend an interview with the Executive Director and a board member.
- Scholarships awarded will be based on essays illustrating applicant character, recommendation letters, and interview.
- Additional questions about the criteria, eligibility or process, please contact Dr. Tonya Stone, Executive Director @ 864-457-2812 ext. 101 or [director@operationhopelandrum.org](mailto:director@operationhopelandrum.org)

## **SCHOLARSHIP VALUE UP TO \$500.00**

- Notifications to recipients will be on Senior Awards Night.
- The scholarship money will be sent as a check directly to the tech school, college, or university in July of 2026.