



THE SOCIETY FOR HANDICAPPED CITIZENS  
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H.O.P.E. SCHOLARSHIP  
*Helping Others Pursue Excellence*

## The Society

The H.O.P.E. Scholarship was established to assist Society Members or an unmarried child or grandchild of a Member in their efforts to promote The Society Mission as well as life-long advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person over the age of 18. It gives voting rights in The Society. Annual dues for an Individual Membership are \$20 and a Family Membership is \$40. Additional membership levels range from \$100 to a one time payment of \$1,000 for a Life Membership. Membership levels over \$100.00 are designated for the SHC Foundation. Join today, if you are not already a member.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be a current Society Member or an unmarried child or grandchild of a Member. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 who is interested in advocating for individuals with disabilities. Applicants must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in a disability related field or have volunteer experience with individuals with disabilities.

Applicants will be judged on:

- Volunteer experience
- Essay content and quality (spelling/grammar)
- Letter of reference

Awards will be based on information provided on the H.O.P.E. Scholarship application form.

This is a one-year, non-renewable scholarship.

## APPLICATIONS

Interested applicants must complete the H.O.P.E. Scholarship application form. Forms are available by calling 330-722-1900 ext. 196, or through our website at [www.shc-medina.org](http://www.shc-medina.org). Deadline for submitting a completed application is the end of March each year. Check the current application for submission deadline.

## AWARDS

The H.O.P.E. Scholarship awards up to two (2) scholarships each year. The scholarships for 2020 will be in the amount of \$1,000. The Society Development and Community Relations Department screens all applications for eligibility. The H.O.P.E. Scholarship Committee administers the scholarships which are awarded at The Society Annual Meeting in May of each year. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

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***Annual Dues for General Membership***

**All levels include The Society Membership:**

- The Society Individual.....\$20.00
- The Society Family.....\$40.00

**For SHC Foundation**

- Sustaining Membership.....\$100.00
- Silver Membership.....\$250.00
- Diamond Membership.....\$500.00
- Corporate Membership.....\$750.00
- Life Membership.....\$1000.00 or above  
(Individual or Family)

Please consider an optional donation to  
The Society so we can continue to provide  
needed support for people with  
developmental disabilities.

**Total Amount Enclosed: . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: The Society**

**Return to:**

**Membership Chair  
The Society  
4283 Paradise Road  
Seville, OH 44273**



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### H.O.P.E. Scholarship Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current Society Member?  Yes  No

**or**

Name of Society Member who is your parent or grandparent: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide detailed information for the following: (use additional paper if necessary)

1. What college do you currently attend or are planning to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What will be your intended major or field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why are you choosing that major or field of study? (250 words)



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions 4 – 6, please include only activities you have participated in while 16 or older. List names of organizations, the dates you were involved, and describe your role.

4. What kinds of activities have you been involved in with high school or college (sports, clubs, student government, etc.)

5. What kinds of activities have you been involved in with your community (scouts, volunteer organizations, youth groups, etc.)

6. What kinds of activities/jobs have you been involved in where you have worked with individuals with disabilities?



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please choose one of the following essays to answer (400 words or less). You may answer on a separate piece of paper and attach.

- a) Describe an activity that you participated in where inclusion of individuals with disabilities was successful.
- b) Describe an activity that a community or workplace could organize that would promote inclusion of individuals with disabilities.
- c) How would you explain to someone who is not disabled that including individuals with disabilities is valuable to everyone in the community?
- d) What is a common misconception about individuals with disabilities and what kind of activity would you suggest to show it is not true?

8. Name of person who will be providing a letter of recommendation (not a family member).

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Submit completed application form and all supporting documents to:

H.O.P.E. Scholarship Committee  
The Society  
4283 Paradise Road  
Seville, Ohio 44273

Deadline for submitting application: **Friday, March 26, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

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**For questions, call 330-722-1900, ext. 196.**

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