

**Habitat Charlotte Region “Build Your Career” Scholarship Program
2021 – 2022**

THE PROGRAM

The Kenney Family has established a scholarship program to assist students who have resided in a home secured by a Habitat Charlotte Region (HCR) mortgage for the past 12 months and who plan to continue their education in a college or vocational school program. Renewable scholarships may be offered for study at an accredited institution of the student’s choice upon approval.

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist with the student’s education for “building their career.”

This scholarship program is administered by the Scholarship Committee, of which the Kenney Family is a member. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be high school seniors or graduates, students with a GED certificate, current postsecondary undergraduates or nontraditional students.
- be eligible and plan to enroll a minimum of 3 credit hours (or equivalent) per term for the 2021-22 academic year in an undergraduate degree or certificate program of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- be a full-time resident of a home secured by a Habitat Charlotte Region mortgage for 12 months.
- be the mortgage holder, or spouse, child, or someone in the legal guardianship of the mortgage holder. The mortgage holder must be in good standing with all terms of the Habitat Charlotte Region mortgage agreement.
- provide proof of financial need by submitting their application and any college financial aid eligibility determination and/or award letter (*letter from your school’s financial aid office*) with the application.

Only the first 5 qualified applications received will be considered for a scholarship award.

AWARDS

Scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year will be up to \$2,000. Award amounts will be based on the student’s financial need, the annual comprehensive cost of attendance of the recipient’s school of choice, and other gift aid (grants and scholarships) the student has been awarded. Scholarships are not to exceed tuition, fees, books and supplies.

Scholarships may be renewable with new application for up to three years or until a diploma, degree or certificate is earned, whichever occurs first, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance (minimum 2.5 GPA or equivalent), minimum enrollment of 3 credit hours per term and the mortgage holder continuing to be in good standing with all terms of the Habitat Charlotte Region mortgage agreement. Scholarships are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail/email it along with their 2021 Build Your Career Application, college financial aid eligibility determination and/or award letter and a current, complete transcript of grades to Habitat Charlotte Region Build Your Career Scholarship- postmarked no later than March 30, 2020. The Application must contain your name and your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) if applicable. Online transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Grade reports are not acceptable.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Committee. **The first five qualified applicants will be considered for a scholarship award.**

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SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside reference.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Committee. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final. Habitat Charlotte Region will inform all applicants of decision. The first 5 qualified applicants will be considered for a scholarship award. Students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Habitat Charlotte Region processes scholarship payments on behalf of the Scholarship Committee. Payments will be made on August 1 (unless otherwise specified differently by the institution. Checks are mailed and are made payable to the school for the student's benefit. The Mortgage holder must continue to be in good standing with all terms of the Habitat Charlotte Region mortgage agreement for the scholarship payment to be issued to the school.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to the Kenney Family or Habitat Charlotte Region. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship Committee of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

The sponsors reserve the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region Build Your Career Scholarship Program

PO Box 220287 Charlotte, NC 28222 Phone: 704.896.8957

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Application Checklist & Instructions

Your application submission should include:

- Completed Application Form
- An essay of up to 900 words, based on the prompts in the Application Form
- Your High School Transcript (or current college/postsecondary transcript if already enrolled)
- Your official SAT or ACT Scores, if applicable
- Student Recommendation Form from teacher, coach, minister, mentor, employer who knows you well (not a relative). This form is on the last page of the application. Please provide it to your reference and ask him/her to complete and submit directly to Habitat Charlotte Region on your behalf.

Applications may be submitted by mail, email, or in person to:

Email: bmoose@habitatcltregion.org (please attach all documents as PDF files)

Mail: Build Your Career Scholarship, Habitat for Humanity Charlotte Region, PO Box 220287, Charlotte, NC 28222

Application Questionnaire

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Educational Information:

Name of High School Attended: _____

Address: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

College/University/Trade school you plan to attend _____

Intended Major/Program of Study: _____

List academic awards and honors (provide up to 5): _____

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List any community service, extracurricular activities, or leadership positions (provide up to 5):

List any employment or internship experiences you may have (list up to 5):

In 900 words or less, submit a typed essay in response to at least one of the following prompts:

1. Explain how your major of study and degree will positively contribute to our society.
2. The lessons from obstacles in life can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you and what did you learn from the experience?

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: if applicable _____ Date: _____

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Student Recommendation Form

Applicant’s Name _____

Dear Educational Professional/Coach/Mentor/Employer/Family Friend/Pastor:

The above-named student is applying for a scholarship from the Habitat Charlotte Region Build Your Career Scholarship. Your candid recommendation of this student is an important part of our decision-making process.

Please evaluate the applicant using the scale of 1-4 on each quality listed in the chart below. Evaluate the application in comparison to the twelfth-grade students attending your school. Thank you for your time.

(4= Advanced, 3= Proficient, 2= Basic, 1= Below Basic)

Applicant’s Qualities Evaluation

Community Service/Integrity/Contribution	
Performance Leadership Skills/Abilities	
Academic Initiative	
Disciplined Work Habits	
Verbal Communication Skills	
Written Communication Skills	
Emotional Maturity	
Character Social Skills	
Overall Student Evaluation:	

Comments: We would appreciate any additional comments regarding the applicant’s academic strengths, leadership ability, awards, honors, extra-curricular activities or community service. A typed letter may be attached to this document if more space is needed.

Evaluator’s Relationship to Student: _____

Evaluator’s Name (Print) _____ Title _____

Evaluator’s Signature _____ Date _____

Instructions: Forward your confidential evaluation directly to Habitat Charlotte Region Build Your Career Scholarship Program, PO Box 220287 Charlotte, NC 28222 or email to mmorris@habitatcltregion.org