

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Youth Education Services

RICHARD BUCKINGHAM 2026 COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Goal:

(This scholarship is NOT for persons pursuing a career in Public Service, Law Enforcement or Fire Service)

To grant a high-impact scholarship to enable a person to obtain an education (2-year, 4-year, technical, or trade school) that they may not be able to do on their own or with the means at hand.

Scholarship Terms:

- This scholarship is only open to **Hernando County High School Seniors**.
- This is a competitive scholarship, not all applicants will receive funding.
- This scholarship will weigh applications based on demonstrated need, program of study, as well as the other information requested in the application.
- This scholarship may be applied to a new enrollment or to allow a student to complete a program already in progress.
- Only one scholarship per year per candidate will be awarded.

Application Requirements:

- Completed applications containing all information must be returned to **no later than May 1, 2026.**

Application must contain:

- A copy of your transcript;
- One (1) current letter of recommendation from teachers, advisors or organization that you volunteered with;
- A brief (no more than 2 pages) autobiography to include your reasons for applying for this scholarship, any work experience, your proposed field of study and future career plans; your interests, and any leadership positions you have held.



**RICHARD BUCKINGHAM
COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP 2026
APPLICATION**

NAME: _____
Last First Middle Initial

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State & Zip

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OCCUPATION: _____

PHONE: _____
(Area Code)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **AGE:** _____

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL: _____ **GPA:** _____

VOLUNTEER SERVICE INFORMATION: (You may attach resume instead)

<u>Name of organization or school affiliated program</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>	<u># hours to date</u>
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Where do you plan to continue your education after high school:

College/University _____

Community College _____

Trade School _____

Other _____

Scholarship is open to all career fields: Please note what major you will pursue?

IMPORTANT: Along with your application you will need:

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All applications must be received at the Sheriff's Office by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2026.* Bring application to 18900 Cortez Blvd. or mail to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 10070, Brooksville, FL 34603 (Attn: Youth Education Services)

Receipt of applications will not be acknowledged. The Youth Education Services Selection Committee will determine the scholarship recipient. The recipient will be notified by the Committee and a check will be sent to an accredited institution for deposit to the student's account.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

***Applications will not be accepted after May 1, 2026.**