



JAMES O. THOMASON SCHOLARSHIP
Criteria and Eligibility

- This scholarship consists of \$2,000 annually, for up to four (4) consecutive years, to help a student further their education in print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications. Scholarship dependent upon available funding.
- The applicant must be a full time resident of South Carolina and a senior in a public or private high school in South Carolina.
- The recipient must attend an institution of higher learning in South Carolina.
- The recipient must declare a major in electronic, print or photo journalism, advertising, public relations or mass communications to qualify.
- Payment will be made to the successful applicant's chosen institution for four consecutive years of college related to a major in the above disciplines. Scholarship dependent upon available funding.
- The recipient must maintain a GPR of 2.5 or above for a given academic year to receive funds for the following year. If the GPR falls below the 2.5 average for any academic year, the student will not receive any further funds, and a new recipient will be sought.
- Return both pages of the completed application, essay on a topic selected by the Hampton Fund, personal essay and autobiography, transcript of high school grades, college board scores, rank in high school class and a recent photograph **no later than January 30, 2026** to:

HAMPTON FUND SCHOLARSHIPS
Post Office 2641
Columbia, SC 29202

The Board of Directors of the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund will make the final approval of the recipient and notify the winners.

Applications will be available by September 15, 2025 at:

www.HamptonWildlifeFund.org/scholarship.html
via email at bebe@hamptonwildlifefund.org
by phone at: 803-269-2470

*****TOPICAL ESSAY:** The applicant will write a 1,200 word (approximate) essay on the following topic: Invasive plant and animal species are on the rise in S.C. What are some of the reasons behind the increase, what is being done to prevent it and what can we as citizens do to combat this trend?

*****PERSONAL ESSAY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY:** On separate paper, the applicant will write a brief autobiography to include a description of his/her career ambitions in the fields, why he/she desires a college education, plus explain his/her interests in wildlife, natural resources, the environment, coastal resources or related topics and why he/she will be good investment if awarded this scholarship. (No more than two pages typed).