



Hearts With Hope Scholarship

Hearts with Hope is a 501C(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping Woonsocket High School Alumni in times of need. Our mission is to raise money to benefit Woonsocket High School Alumni and/or their immediate families who have been diagnosed with a serious medical condition or suffered a catastrophic life event and have demonstrated a need for financial assistance.

Founded in February of 2012, Hearts with Hope was the result of classmates from the Woonsocket High School Class of 1988, coming together and organizing fundraising efforts for fellow classmates diagnosed with cancer. Through their efforts to raise money to help pay for medical expenses, they were over-whelmed with the support they received from the community, both Novans and non-Novans alike.

Soon after, organizers were made aware that there were other Novans in need and it was decided to formally organize and attempt to help as many graduates of Woonsocket High School as possible.

Our organization is run solely by volunteers and community. We plan and run several events throughout the year in our efforts to raise funds and give back to our Novan community.

In 2022 we awarded our first ever Hearts with Hope scholarships and we are happy to announce that we will be awarding another scholarship in 2026. The scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to a graduating senior of Woonsocket High School who embodies our core values. We encourage any graduating senior who has been involved in their community and has shown a passion for volunteering to apply.

In a brief essay (approximately 500 words) or a 3-minute video tell us how you have exhibited the same values and love of community that we are looking for. Be sure to include documentation of any and all community service you have completed as well as 1 letter of recommendation from either a teacher, guidance counselor, school administrator or member of the community organization where your service hours were performed.

We believe that it is essential to lead by example and serve one's community. We hope to encourage others, particularly students, to do the same. The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose essay/video best describes their experienced commitment to community service and what their experience with community service has played and will play in their future plans.



Details and Guidelines for the Hearts with Hope Scholarship

Qualifications

All applicants must be a current full-time student at Woonsocket High School. The student must show a commitment to volunteering and community service. Our Scholarship is not based on a minimum GPA. Student must show that they have been accepted to a post-secondary institution beginning no later than the Fall semester following high school graduation.

Selection Process

All applications must be received/postmarked no later than **May 1st**. Only applications that are 100% complete will be considered. You must submit the following:

1. 500-word Essay OR 3-minute Video explaining how community and volunteering is part of your core values and fits into your future plans.
2. Documentation of any/all community service you have performed.
3. A letter of recommendation from either a teacher, guidance counselor, school administrator or member of the community organization where your service hours were performed.
4. Copy of your high school transcript that will serve as proof of attendance and status in good standing. (Please note our scholarship does not require a minimum GPA so transcripts will only be used to confirm attendance at Woonsocket High School).
5. Proof of acceptance to a post-secondary institution to begin Fall semester following graduation.
6. All applications must be signed to be considered complete.
7. Feel free to include any other materials that you feel will be beneficial for the selection committee to review.

All completed applications should be sent to:

Hearts with Hope
PO Box 365
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Attn: Scholarship Committee

Video files can be included on a flash drive or emailed to: heartswhope@gmail.com – please include “Scholarship Committee” in the subject line.

If you require assistance or have any questions you can reach out to our President, Jennifer Wholey, via email at heartswhope@gmail.com or phone 401-300-7756.

Notification

The committee will notify the scholarship recipient by mail and/or at senior awards night in June. A check for the award amount of \$500 will be issued directly to the recipient.



Hearts with Hope Scholarship Application

General Information:

Student Full Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Academic Information:

Institution Attending in the Fall: _____

School Activities/Clubs: _____

Volunteer Programs/Community Involvement: _____

Essay: Please include either a 500-word essay or a 3-minute video explaining how community involvement and volunteering has played an important role in your life and will be part of your future plans.

Some prompts that may assist you in writing your essay/video:

- How do you plan to stay involved and give back to your community after high school?
- What have you personally gained from being involved in your community?
- How have you assisted others in your community?

I, _____, certify that the information provided as part of this application is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of information to confirm or verify this application.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____