

**Her Next Step Scholarship Program  
Sponsored by the Hernando County Republican Party**

**Application**

**A. Eligibility and Important dates**

1. Women 24 years of age and older
2. United States Citizen
3. Full-time resident and registered Republican voter in Hernando County
4. Awards will be based on financial need and applicant’s demonstration of the principles documented by the background and mission statement as published on [hernextstep.org](http://hernextstep.org)
5. Application deadline is 06/30/2022

**B. Instructions for completing the Application**

1. Ensure your government issued photo ID is valid. It will be checked should you get to the final selection process.
2. Review your Hernando County Republican voter registration [hernandovotes.gov/Voters/Voter-Lookup-Tool](http://hernandovotes.gov/Voters/Voter-Lookup-Tool) or register to vote as a Republican in Hernando County [hernandovotes.gov/Voters/Online-Voter-Registration](http://hernandovotes.gov/Voters/Online-Voter-Registration) .
3. Complete all items under section “C” Personal Data, and “D” Personal and Professional Background
4. Review and sign the bottom of page 2
5. Complete the Applicant portion of the Academic and Professional Recommendation, page 3.
6. Ask someone in your work, academic, vocational, trade, technical or volunteer network to complete the Professional portion, also on page 3. Give them a self-addressed return envelope with the following address: *Hernando County Republican Party, Attn: Her Next Step Scholarship Program, P.O. BOX 6650, Spring Hill, Florida 34611*

**C. Personal Data**

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

**D. Personal and Professional Background**

Please answer the below questions. If needed utilize one to three separate type written pages. Please do not use less than a 12-point sized font.

1. List school, community activities including job or work functions.
  
2. List awards or recognition you may have received in the past three years, with social or charitable organizations. You may also enter “Not Applicable” or “N/A” after this question.
  
3. List work experience including employer, part/full time, position held, dates of employment, responsibilities (or attach your resume).

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4. Describe the life experiences that have brought you to this point and time?

In addition to the above select at least two of the below questions to answer:

- Why are you applying for this scholarship?
- What are you going to accomplish based on this scholarship?
- How will this scholarship change the trajectory of your life?
- What are your goals in the next decade?
- How will the training or education improve your family or community?

5. Include with this application two personal letters of recommendation. Please include your personal reference's name, address, cell phone and email.

Please sign, date and return application including above documents, letters, pages, and forms by post marked date 06/30/2022 to:

Hernando County Republican Party  
Attn: Her Next Step Scholarship Program  
P.O. BOX 6650  
Spring Hill, Florida 34611

*By my signature below, I affirm that the information provided in this application packet and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Hernando County Republican Party to verify the correctness of these statements to appraise this application.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Professional Recommendation**

**For the Applicant:** Name of Professional Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

In one to two sentences, summarize the nature and extent of your association with the individual you have asked to recommend you. Please note your professional recommendation can't be a family member. Then fill in either one or both of the following tables that apply.

**Academic, Vocational, Trade or Technical**

Academic or other Institution	Course Title/Topic	When Taken	Grade Received

**Other Settings or Activities (Community or Volunteer)**

Setting/Activity	Location	Nature	Time Span

**For the Recommending Professional:**

Please accept our thanks for completing this form as fully and accurately as possible. It will be a key part of our scholarship award process. *The applicant will have provided an addressed, stamped envelope for you to return the completed form.* Please note and keep in mind the deadline indicated on that envelope for us to be able to use it in our decision process.

1. Amplify (if appropriate) the applicant's summary of your relationship and interactions with her that are relevant to your assessment of her qualifications in the context of the attached mission statement.

2. Indicate, relative to others you have interacted with in similar situations and environments, where you would rate the applicant's performance in each of these factors that most employers consider important for their employees to exhibit. For each indicate your rating as:

- Superior (Top 1%),
- Outstanding (Top 5%)
- Excellent (Top 20%)
- Good (Top 1/3)
- Average/Poor (Lower 1/2)
- or Unable to Judge, "Not Applicable" (N/A)

Factor	Top 1%	Top 5%	Top 20%	Top 1/3	Lower 1/2	N/A
Intellect						
Teamwork						
Leadership						
Self-motivated						
Problem Solver						
Professionalism						
Work Ethic						
Positive Attitude						
Dependability						
Maturity						
Self Confidence						
Integrity						
Overall Potential						

3. Sometimes talented people have only marginal academic records. Is it your opinion that this applicant's educational records accurately reflect her abilities? Mark (X). Yes \_\_, No \_\_, No Opinion \_\_, if No, please elaborate.

4. List any instances when the applicant positively influenced a campus or community group or activity in ways that illustrate her commitment and ability to positive impact the purposes and goals of groups she chooses to support.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print \_\_\_\_\_

School/Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_