



HAMPTON ROADS COAL ASSOCIATION

Criteria for Hampton Roads Coal Association College Scholarship

The *Hampton Roads Coal Association College Scholarship* is awarded to a student who is enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or doctorate degree program at an on-campus or online college or university in the upcoming academic year. The student can be a Regular Member; or a child, grandchild, or dependent of a Regular or Honorary Member who is in good standing the previous year.

The Board of Directors has determined this year's award amount to be: **\$2,000.00**

Application & Essay Process:

1. The student is to...
 - a. access the HRCA website (<http://www.hrcoal.org/>) to download the application for completion and submittal, along with an industry-related essay.
 - b. provide proof of intent to enroll in an accredited institution of higher learning.
 - c. apply a "control number", as the last four digits of his/her Social Security Number, to the top of the essay. It is to be the only identifying mark. The student's name is **not** to appear on the essay.
2. The essay shall be...
 - a. the determining factor in the award.
 - b. of a topic examining an aspect of the coal industry (mining, transportation, use, quality, historical, etc.).
 - c. 500 words or less in length, double-spaced, with footnotes and bibliography.
3. The essay and application are to be submitted via USPS mail or email...
 - a. prior to the deadline of: **midnight December 10, 2022**
4. A student who applied in previous years can re-apply, but only if he/she...
 - a. did not receive the award previously.
 - b. submits proof of a continuing college education.

Scholarship Selection Process:

1. The HRCA Vice President submits all anonymous essays to an *Evaluation Committee*. No other identification of the student is provided to the Committee.
2. The Committee then notifies the Vice President of the winning essay by its control number. The winner will be selected this year by: **December 10, 2022**. The winning and all other essays are returned to the Vice President for retention for a minimum of one year.
3. The Vice President then notifies the *Executive Committee* of the results of the *Evaluation Committee's* selection.
4. The winner receives the award in person at the HRCA's annual *Holiday Dinner* in December.
5. The award is required to be returned in full by the winner to the HRCA if he/she receives a full academic or athletic scholarship, or if he/she fails to attend a college before the next school term commences.