

# **Hoover Historical Society Scholarship Award Information & Application for 2021**

The Hoover Historical Society offers an educational scholarship for \$1,000 paid to an accredited two-or four-year college or university for tuition or other expenses. This one-time scholarship furthers our mission of promoting an increased awareness and knowledge of history.

- This collegiate scholarship is awarded to a deserving student at each of the two high schools in Hoover, AL—Hoover High School and Spain Park High School
- Letter describing the scholarship and application is sent to the College Guidance Counselors and Social Studies departments of both HHS and SPHS.
- The manner of selection involves screening by the Social Studies departments at each school, submitted to the guidance counselors, and forwarded to the Hoover Historical Society Scholarship Committee. This committee selects the finalist for each school.
- CRITERIA for selection:  
Academic performance;  
community service; *e.g.*, involvement in organizations & activities; and  
a typed, double-spaced 1,000-word essay-using topic ‘prompts’ on the application.

The essay should include a title or topic; good grammar and spelling; and a citation of sources.

**Application must be submitted to the student’s Counselor’s office by Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, or the Friday before Spring Break.**

**The HHS Scholarship Committee meets in April to select recipients of the Scholarship Award for this year. The scholarships are sponsored by individuals and businesses in the Hoover community and are named on the winner’s Certificate of Award.**

**Winners and counselors will be notified during April. If possible, awards will be noted at Honors Day ceremonies. Application form and ‘prompts’ are attached.**

**The Hoover Historical Society  
Scholarship Award Application 2021**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT/SAT Score:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Service:** (may attach a resumé listing your work) \_\_\_\_\_

**Where do you plan to attend college\*?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Accepted at this college or university?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your planned major (area of study)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID\*\* #** \_\_\_\_\_ **(not your SS #)**

**Your email and home addresses: (print legibly)**

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The past year — 2020 and continuing into 2021— the world has existed in a state of Pandemic—with shelter-at-home, lockdowns, and other governmental orders to slow the spread of COVID-19. You have lived through a unique, historical experience. Reflect upon your experience(s) and write your essay from one of these viewpoints:

- While under shelter-at-home orders, your daily activities changed dramatically. Education, home life, part-time jobs, extracurricular activities, sports, etc., had to ‘retool.’ What positive things came out of this experience? What positive things do you think will continue when the pandemic ends?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of virtual learning? Describe your experiences, giving examples.
- How have you been able to safely interact with your school, friends, and other activities?
- Ten years from now, how do you think you will describe this (Pandemic) experience? Will it change your life?

(Prompts developed by Dr. Marlene Rikard with the HHS Scholarship Committee)

I give my permission to publish excerpts of my essay and photograph on the HHS Web site and/or Facebook page, newsletter, and/or local publications. Your story about your Pandemic experience will be archived at the HHS office.

PRINT your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Scholarship amount is sent directly to the college of your choice; please notify the HHS if your choice changes.

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\*\*Please provide a recent photo to the HHS via e-mail—either address.